

**NATIONAL RBA TELECON**  
**Wednesday, February 24, 2010**

**PRESENT:**

Mike Gonzales  
Dennie Rose  
Mark Brock  
Phil Bolyard  
Frank Gentile  
Charlie Henderson  
Bob Mercer  
Bill Missal  
Bill Mounger  
Bob Prehara  
Tom Ronk  
Dennis Scarfeo  
Reed Wiglesworth

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**Linda's Travels**

Linda is at a grievance meeting in Kansas City so she will not be on today's telecon.

**Membership**

Flight Standards gained two new members last week from Western Pacific.

**MOU in Western Pacific**

Mike Gonzales briefed RBAs on an MOU in the Western Pacific region that allows employees to get medical services from the doctor of their choice with the agency paying up to \$100. This MOU was negotiated back when Linda was the AWP RBA; however, medical recently decided it was no longer going to honor it. Several grievances later, the region and medical backed down and created a modified process to enable the continued use of what PASS had negotiated almost 15 years ago. This will be something PASS negotiates nationally in the new contract so all affected BUEs can take advantage of this PASS win.

**AWS Grievance**

Dennie received confirmation from the FLRA regarding the AWS case. The FLRA upheld the arbitrator's decision in favor of the agency.

**Biohazard Suits**

A manager from the accident investigation division briefed Mike on new biohazard suits AVS has purchased for accident investigations. The suits were purchased from 3M and have hoods so there will be no need to use respirators.

### **Legislative – FAA Reauthorization**

An email has been sent out from the PASS national office regarding the Senate version of the FAA reauthorization legislation. It is critical that all PASS members contact their senators and encourage them to make passing FAA reauthorization legislation a priority this year. If you have questions or did not receive the email, contact the national office.

### **Legislative – Member Activity**

Bob Mercer updated the RBAs on two representatives from his region attending an event with President Obama and Sen. Bob Bennett (D-Colo.). He also reported that Rep. James Oberstar (D-Minn.) will be traveling to Denver and a PASS representative will be attending that event as well.

### **RBA Meeting**

Linda sent out a message to RBAs asking for feedback regarding possible dates in April for the RBA meeting. ACTION ITEM for RBAs to respond to Linda's email.

### **Western Pacific**

Paul Joly briefed RBAs on the possibility of a couple of certificates from the Southwest region moving to the Western Pacific region. The acting manager sent a letter to Paul regarding this matter. There was nothing to negotiate.

### **OJT Guide**

Steve Brown, PASS POC for AFS-500, contacted Mike regarding concerns about the new OJT guide, such as when it will become an official document, whether it is mandatory to follow, etc. If you field offices have concerns, there is a share point for program managers, OJT instructors, field office managers and employees to send in questions to be answered online. The OJT guide is a pending document that is only procedural guidance until it goes through signatory offices and is eventually incorporated into the Flight Standards training order.

### **Boston FSDO**

PASS has been notified that the Boston FSDO is on a list to be re-located from current locations to the New England regional office. PASS has requested a formal meeting with the agency to discuss impacts. More information on this to come as it develops.

### **Time-Tracking Tool for Grievances**

Serge Cote has completed an automated grievance checklist that tracks the Article 5 timelines. Much thanks to Serge for taking and completing this tool for grievances. ACTION ITEM for Mike to post it on the website.

### **Upcoming Meetings/Training/Events**

- February 23 – 24: ACE quarterly grievance meeting as well as AEG and briefing on office moves
- February 25 – 26: Executive Board meeting
- March 8 – 12: Linda to join Bill Missal in Fairbanks for all-hands meeting and quarterly grievance meeting; Linda will then go to Anchorage to conduct rep training.
- March 15 – 16: Linda to join Frank Gentile for quarterly grievance meeting

- March 17 – 19: Linda to join Art Muzzicato and Paul Joly for the AWP quarterly then travel to OAK for a briefing and training
- March 22 – 23: Linda to join Dennis Scarfeo for the quarterly grievance meeting
- March 24 – Linda and Mark Kimmel to conduct all-hands meeting in INDY FSDO
- March 25 – Linda to join Mark Kimmel at quarterly grievance meeting in ORD for AGL region
- March 29 – 31: Linda to join Bill Mounger for quarterly grievance meeting
- April 1: Linda to meet with John Allen

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## **Summary of ACTION ITEMS**

### **New ACTION ITEMS**

- ACTION ITEM for RBAs to respond to Linda's email regarding possible dates in April for the RBA meeting.
- ACTION ITEM for Mike to post the time-tracking tool for grievances on the website.

### **Open ACTION ITEMS**

- ACTION ITEM for Linda to bring the issue up with John Allen about the impact of recent actions regarding first 40 and the pros/cons.
- ACTION ITEM for PASS to ask the agency why PASS has not received formal notification regarding the AEG and BOS FSDO moving to the region. Mike Gonzales is working this issue and has assisted both AEA and AWP with providing notification to the agency regarding their proposed move of those two offices.
- ACTION ITEM for Frank to get an example regarding training on new LDR codes.
- ACTION ITEM for Frank and Linda to modify existing enroute order and present a draft to the agency.
- ACTION ITEM for Colleen to provide Bob Prehara with job hazard analysis information.
- ACTION ITEM for Bill Missal to work air cards for Alaska with Bob Prehara.
- ACTION ITEM for Mark Kimmel to report back to Linda regarding issue of Great Lakes canceling all Jeppesens.
- ACTION ITEM for Linda to work with Mike Gonzales to ensure MOA is on website regarding the requirement for any member getting a temporary promotion to fill out an 1187.
- ACTION ITEM for Linda to work with Charlie to put together a proposal to AFS-100 to authorize AQS to inform computer specialists to put this on each computer as it is set up.
- ACTION ITEM for Linda to look into the difference between someone acting in a detail versus acting, i.e., George will be detailed as a manager for the next 30 days versus George will be acting until next Wednesday.
- ACTION ITEM to send any suggestions for a PASS POC on blood-borne pathogens to Colleen.
- ACTION ITEM for Colleen to give presentation on expectation of hearing conservation effort.

### **Ongoing ACTION ITEMS**

- Ongoing ACTION ITEM for RBAs and/or assistants to start contacting members who dropped out of union, as well as any new members on a continuous basis. After you get in touch with these individuals, pass the information on to Linda so she can follow up.
- Ongoing ACTION ITEM to get any information on a member who dropped due to an administrative error to Emily and copy Linda and Dennie.
- Ongoing ACTION ITEM for all RBAs to talk to regional TSA POCs in order to ensure that field inspectors are receiving security briefings.
- Ongoing ACTION ITEM for anyone who has had problems with workers' comp to get the information to Colleen via email or fax.
- Ongoing ACTION ITEM for Linda to work on getting Jessica out in the field to help familiarize with her with Flight Standards as she works on developing new articles for the newsletter.
- Ongoing ACTION ITEM to continue to make contact with your members of Congress regarding issues that are important to you, educating them on what you do and what you need to continue protecting aviation safety. Please keep Abby and Kori informed of any action/response. Linda said that she has heard that the FAA is getting tired of this so the strategy is obviously working!

**Note: All current and archived RBA notes are available on [www.passnational.org](http://www.passnational.org).**