

NATIONAL RBA TELECON
Wednesday, March 10, 2010

PRESENT:

Linda Goodrich
Mike Gonzales
Dennie Rose
Frank Gentile
Charlie Henderson
Paul Joly
Mark Kimmel
Bill Missal
Bill Mounger
Art Muzzicato
Bob Prehara
Tom Ronk
Dennis Scarfeo
Colleen Stevens
Susan Traugott

Membership

Flight Standards gained three new members last week: one from Great Lakes and two from Western Pacific.

On-Demand Operators

The House Aviation Subcommittee is holding a hearing next week on on-demand operators. While PASS is not testifying at the hearing, we did brief the subcommittee on Monday on the issue and they have requested a white paper on the subject. The national office has received some information from Linda, Mike Gonzales, Frank Gentile and Bill Missal, but more information is needed. Specifically, we are looking for details on training for Part 135 inspectors and, the complexity guide and the development of a risk-based oversight system for on-demand operators. If you have any information on these issues, please contact Jessica at the national office at your earliest convenience.

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. The Senate is expected to move on this soon so it is imperative that you contact your senators as soon as possible. If you have questions or did not receive the email, contact the national office.

Credit Card Issues

Mike briefed on an issue regarding the AFS-50 PASS POC, Jeff Richardson, who filed a grievance regarding the maximum limit set on his government credit card. When he was trying to

check out of a hotel, the credit card maximum limit had been reached even though he had requested a higher limit. There are several of these types of issues occurring throughout the country and PASS will continue to monitor and address this unacceptable situation. Charlie Henderson, as our PASS POC for AFS-100, has been leading the charge along with Art Muzzicato and will continue to work it nationally and through grievances until we are able to get it resolved.

Part 145 Rating System

Susan Traugott briefed the RBAs on the workgroup for revising the rating system for Part 145 repair stations. She said the transition from the existing repair station rating system will be a gradual process. The new system will not have class ratings and there will be no more limited ratings, although there will be limitations to a rating. In addition, everyone will be required to have and maintain a capability list. We are unclear at this point if there will be any impact on ASI grades, but PASS will continue to work it through Susan and Mike Gonzales and address all issues that may impact working conditions.

AQS

Bob Prehara informed RBAs of a situation in which the FAA is trying to get local people who are not AQS employees out of the office to do computer jobs. This should not be happening. Please be alert for instances of this and let Bob know immediately if you observe anything. The help desk is dependent on effectively supporting your needs. If they are not accomplishing this, you need to fill out the survey regarding any issues you encountered and how well they were addressed.

Contract Negotiations

On January 14, Mike Derby sent a draft proposal to the FAA on ground rules for returning to contract negotiations including a document related to a master contract with addendums for the different bargaining units. PASS has heard back from the agency and was not satisfied with its counterproposal. More information to come as this develops.

Split Pay Notification

Charlie Henderson has been working an issue related to checks being sent directly to JP Morgan as opposed to coming to the traveler so the traveler can pay JP Morgan. PASS has given the agency notification and Charlie is working the issue with Allyn. More information to come as it develops.

Upcoming Meetings/Training/Events

- 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 and Dennie Rose 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 as well as possibly join Mark Dunlap in New England to visit some offices
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Summary of ACTION ITEMS

Completed ACTION ITEM

- Frank obtained an example regarding training on new LDR codes.

Open 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.
- 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 Mike Gonzales to continue supporting both the AWP and AEA regional business agents regarding the unilateral imposition of moving offices to their respective regional offices. This is not only impacting the BOS FSDO and LAX FSDO but also the AEG personnel. Status: Mike Gonzales is working this issue and has assisted both AEA and AWP and AEG with providing notification to the agency regarding their proposed move of those two offices.
- 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.