

**NATIONAL RBA TELECON**  
**Wednesday, March 17, 2010**

**PRESENT:**

Linda Goodrich  
Mike Gonzales  
Dennie Rose  
Serge Cote  
John Cox  
Pat Crowley  
Charlie Henderson  
Paul Joly  
Bob Mercer  
Bill Missal  
Art Muzzicato  
Bob Prehara  
Tom Ronk  
Dennis Scarfeo

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**Membership**

Flight Standards did not gain any members last week. Linda emphasized that while overall Flight Standards is doing well gaining new members, we have to take advantage of agency new hires and educate them about PASS.

**RBA/FAA Meeting**

The FAA is waiting for Linda to give them an agenda for the RBA meeting before they will send out an accounting code. Linda is currently working on putting together some agenda items, including PMS, SIRS, split pay and others. If you have any suggestions for agenda items, please get them to Linda.

**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 limits their liability and potential bills they must pay to JP Morgan Chase. During discussions with the agency, Allyn asked whether the employee would be held accountable if he or she did everything right and the system did not pay the bill. The agency said the employee would not be held accountable but PASS insisted that they put it in writing. As such, we are currently on hold with this issue until the FAA puts something in writing. In the meantime, Allyn and Mike Derby are working with Charlie on our counterproposals.

**Hiring Process**

Linda briefed RBAs on activity regarding qualification standards and hiring from the outside versus internally. She is working this issue and will have more information as it develops.

## **Contract Negotiations**

There is nothing new to report on contract negotiations. In summary, 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.

## **Meeting With John Allen**

Linda briefed the RBAs on her meeting with John Allen on Friday. With the upcoming hearing focused on on-demand operators, they discussed that issue in detail. In specific, they talked about the complexity guide, inspectors' ability to provide adequate oversight and the need for proper tools and resources. They also discussed the geographic program. Linda told John about making SEP mandatory for all Part 135 operators nationwide. She credited Bill Missal for his work on this matter.

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

- 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**

### **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](http://www.passnational.org).**