

NATIONAL RBA TELECON
Wednesday, March 24, 2010

PRESENT:

Mike Gonzales
Dennie Rose
Serge Cote
Frank Gentile
Paul Joly
Bill Missal
Bill Mounger
Art Muzzicato
Bob Prehara
Tom Ronk
Dennis Scarfeo
Reed Wiglesworth

Linda was traveling and unable to attend the telecon.

Membership

Flight Standards gained five new members last week: two from Alaska, two from Southern and one from Southwest.

FAA Reauthorization

On March 22, the Senate passed its version of the FAA reauthorization legislation as part of an unrelated bill (H.R. 1586). PASS worked with Senate lawmakers to ensure that several of PASS's legislative priorities were included in the bill. However, the Senate language regarding two annual inspections per year of FAA-certificated foreign repair stations is significantly weaker in the Senate version than the House. PASS will work with members of Congress when the bill goes to conference in order to protect our members and aviation safety. Please be on the lookout for action alerts as the FAA reauthorization debate continues.

Briefing From Aircraft Certification

Gonzo attended a briefing yesterday from the Aircraft Certification office regarding AIR SMS Monitor Safety Analyze Data. The majority of negotiations with this IT program will involve NATCA but PASS AEG and MIDO bargaining units may be able to use the program as well. Gonzo is sending the order and PowerPoint presentation out to John Cox, AEG RBA, for his opinion.

RBA/FAA Meeting

Linda is continuing to work on the agenda for the upcoming FAA/RBA meeting. She plans on delivering the agenda to the agency on Friday. If you have any suggestions for agenda items, please get them to Linda.

Premium Pay on Training Status

A question was asked regarding premium pay when in training status since some operations inspectors are being denied overtime even when their training is running past regular hours. Dennie said that when you are in training status, you are not entitled to premium pay.

AFL-CIO Union Veterans Council

The AFL-CIO Union Veterans Council is looking for a director. If you know of anyone who is retired or planning to retire and would be interested in this position, please let them know about it. You can find out more about the council by visiting its website at www.aflcio.org/issues/politics/unionveterans2008.cfm.

Upcoming Meetings/Training/Events

- 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

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.