

NATIONAL RBA TELECON
Wednesday, June 22, 2011

PRESENT:

Mike Gonzales
Dennie Rose
Steve Brown
Frank Gentile
Paul Joly
Bill Missal
Bob Prehara
Dennis Scarfeo
Colleen Stevens
Brent Weckwerth
Reed Wiglesworth

Linda was not able to attend today's telecon.

Membership

Flight Standards gained one new member from Northwest Mountain region over the past week.

Drug Testing Policy

Bill Missal briefed RBAs on issues related to the drug testing policy in Alaska. People in that location are being pulled to be tested when they are not supposed to be on the list. Bill is addressing the situation and will provide more information when it is available.

Telework

Mike Gonzales read a recent announcement regarding telework and the reasons a person would be considered ineligible. He is sending the message out to all RBAs via email. A discussion regarding telework followed and the RBAs are going to review the message and check with employees in their regions.

ATP Navigator/Summit

John Allen has said that anyone who needs an ATP navigator-type product should have access to one. A briefing is supposed to be conducted in each region regarding the product. Only the Southwest region had been briefed.

Office of Civil Rights Will Be Conducting a Barrier Assessment

Members of the Office of Civil Rights are going to be starting to travel to FSDOs in order to ask bargaining unit employees questions on barriers to employment with the FAA and the experiences they have had both after they became an employee as well as their experience in gaining employment. They may also be asking questions unique to civil rights issues and equal employment opportunity concerns. Participation is voluntary. PASS has identified all the RBAs so that they may participate and share concerns that have been discussed with them as well as

local PASS union reps. Upon completion, PASS will be provided with a copy of the assessment. They will be starting the assessment at the Minnesota FSDO and are expected to travel to one FSDO per region, per quarter.

Convention Reminder

A reminder regarding the upcoming PASS Convention in Seattle taking place July 11 through 13. Everyone should have travel arrangements and hotel reservations. The RBAs, national safety rep, national organizing rep and national legislative rep are going to be meeting the morning of Sunday, July 10.

OJT

Steve Brown briefed on OJT. Another survey will be going out related to OJT. The agency is trying to determine whether field offices have the infrastructure to have an OJT program even if it is not active, meaning that new employees are going through a traditional OJT program.

Safety

Colleen Stevens discussed recent safety issues, including concerns with the hearing conservation program. She also discussed an OSHA visit to the Teterboro facility with Dennis Scarfeo.

Open ACTION ITEMS

- ACTION ITEM for RBAs to find out if qualified new hires were hired at level 11 or 12.
- 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 Colleen to provide Bob Prehara with job hazard analysis information.
- 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 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.

Ongoing ACTION ITEMS

- ACTION ITEM to send any suggestions for a PASS POC on blood-borne pathogens to Colleen.
- 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 and Mike so they 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 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.