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## **IAM/AIR WISCONSIN NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE**

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The parties met again on April 28, 29 and 30 at the AWAC headquarters in Appleton, Wisconsin with all members of both committees in attendance. At this meeting, the Company brought forward an issue concerning the inability to hire qualified Avionics Technicians to backfill current vacancies. The current Collective Bargaining Agreement, in Article 11, provides for the modification of minimum licensing requirements. Effective April 30, 2009, the IAM and Air Wisconsin agreed to add additional certifications that will allow the Company to draw from a larger pool of Avionics professionals which will help the effort to fill the current open positions. Check your bulletin boards for additional information concerning this change.

Discussions continued on the crafting of new language. Articles discussed at this round of meetings covered Hours of Service; Vacancies and Posted Jobs; Field Service and Training; Wage Rules, Vacations; Leaves of Absence; Insurance and Household Moving Allowance. The Company also gave detailed presentations on benefits from the Hays group and a financial update on the Regional Airlines industry. Steady progress is still being achieved. There still remain many open proposals to be discussed to reach a fair and equitable agreement for our membership.

The parties will meet again during the week of May 11, 2009 in Appleton, Wisconsin. Please forward any questions or comments you may have through your local Shop Stewards to the Committee. With best wishes we remain

Sincerely and fraternally,

James M. Samuel      Sean Ryan  
**GENERAL CHAIRMEN**

Jerry Lemke              Gary Vargo  
**NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

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