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IAM / COMAIR QUARTERLY CONTRACT MEETING

Greetings to all! The IAM met with the Company on October 29 and 30, 2009 in CVG for a quarterly contract administration meeting. The IAM was represented at this meeting by District Lodge 142 and Shop Stewards from BOS, CVG and GSO. The meeting was started with a brief from President John Bendoraitis on the status of Comair and Delta Connection flying through 2010. Though the agenda was very long, I wanted to highlight some of the items discussed at this meeting. From the Company we discussed: Maintenance and Aircraft status/update; Safety E/SMS update; Line and HMV maintenance update; uniform/branding discussion; Northeast Maintenance presence outlook; parts processes and needed changes; discussions concerning HR programs and the annual benefits enrollment currently in process; and a discussion around improving our current bidding system. The Union's agenda included: status of the Michael Stalnaker memorial and needed repairs; MASAP program issues; Lead/Crew Chief interview processes and interview training; contract provisions around discipline and discharge procedures; 2010 negotiations; CAMSF/HMV contracts status; attendance of IAM representatives for Comair's Civil Treatment Course; and parts issues in DAY, BOS and JFK. The Agenda was much longer than the items listed above, but these were the bulk of the items that the membership is most interested in.

The membership, primarily in CVG, has been feeling the effects lately of a local Enquirer reporter (James Pilcher) and his ability to take things out of context in his quest for sensationalized newspaper articles. His articles, though containing some factual information, are always spun into a negative context that do not do service to the IAM professionals working for this airline. I would encourage each and everyone that has been feeling the effects of these articles, and the vicious rumors that are generated from them, to seek out a Shop Steward or Committee member to find out the true status and future of our airline. This accomplishes more on a daily basis than perpetuating or listening to the rumor mill.

I know everyone is anticipating the upcoming negotiations in 2010. We are in the final stages of planning for these important negotiations. Information including a timeline will be finalized and communicated by the end of 2009 by bulletin and at the Local Lodge meetings. This information will also be found in a dedicated Comair link which is still under development at www.iamdl142.org. With best wishes to everyone I remain,

Sincerely and fraternally,

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GENERAL CHAIRPERSON

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