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IAM WITHDRAWS MASAP PARTICIPATION

As was reported to you in an April 2010 membership bulletin, the IAM has been persistently trying to correct the dysfunctional nature of our Maintenance Aviation Safety Action Program (MASAP) for many months now. Your ERC and Flight Safety committee members, Terry Dunaway (primary) and Jody Farrell (alternate) have endured through this period to try to get this program back on track and they should be commended by every IAM member for doing so on your behalf.

I, along with John Hall, Director – Flight Safety, have previously met with the Company and FAA to identify the issues that are not consistent with the many established industry MASAP's and practices they follow in their administration. I also continue to hear from the membership all over the system that no one sees any benefit from participation in this program. The ongoing actions of the Company and local FAA continue to exemplify the issues the IAM has been trying to correct in the program.

In taking all of this into account, the IAM has decided to withdraw from any further participation in the IAM/Comair MASAP effective immediately and until further notice. This decision is not one that comes easily to me or President/Directing General Chairperson Tom Higginbotham. The Company may see a benefit of maintaining a dysfunctional program. The IAM does not. A properly functioning program serves to benefit not only our members, but also the Company, FAA and contributes directly to the safety of the flying public. MASAP is also a continuation of the safety based programs and is an integral part of the ASIAs program.

It is the hope of District Lodge 142 that at some point in the future the Company and local FAA will come to the table in an honest effort to restart the IAM/Comair MASAP with a new MOU that addresses the previous failings of the last 12 months. We intend to engage the FAA at the highest levels to achieve this for our membership. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me. With best wishes to everyone I remain,

Sincerely and fraternally,

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GENERAL CHAIRPERSON

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