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With contract negotiations approaching in the not so distant future, the Alaska Negotiating Committee has been preparing for what hopes to be a swift process and fair collective bargaining agreement for the membership. To aide in attaining a fast and equitable agreement, the committee spent the week of November 12-18 in Hollywood, Maryland at the IAM's William W. Winpisinger Education and Technology Center taking coursework designed specifically for the RSSA membership, the RSSA Contract and Alaska Airlines.

Coursework aside, a great deal of work has been accomplished and preparations will continue leading up to February 2012, which is when the Committee plans to open contract talks. The Negotiating Committee has developed a survey in order to better understand the membership's priorities prior to entering negotiations. The survey will be conducted online from December 1, 2011 through January 6, 2012 and can be found at [www.IAMDL142.org](http://www.IAMDL142.org). In addition, a screening committee will convene in Anchorage, Alaska, on December 8 to screen the proposals written by the membership during October 2011.

As negotiations become more of a reality, there is no doubt that rumors and a certain amount of anxiety will become commonplace. The Negotiating Committee is the only source for accurate and up-to-date information as it relates to your contract. Please contact any member of the Negotiating Committee with any question or concern. Updates and bulletins on Alaska Airlines can always be found on the District webpage, [www.IAMDL142.org](http://www.IAMDL142.org). With best wishes, we remain

Sincerely and fraternally,

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