



The Update Message from the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers representing Flight Attendants in the 2339 Local Lodges

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Flight Attendant Coalition recently Hosted at W3 – Twenty representatives from a coalition



L to R, Kim Coats, Ray Balis, Juan Barrera and Laura Glading

of U.S. and foreign flight attendant unions came together this week at the IAM's William W. Winpisinger Education and Technology Center (W3). The coalition meets quarterly to develop common strategies to address flight attendants' legislative, health and safety and collective bargaining issues. "Flight attendants operate in a unique and demanding work environment," said General Vice President Robert Roach, Jr. "The IAM continues working with the leadership of other unions to ensure all flight attendants have the legislative and collective bargaining

protections they deserve." Specific meeting topics included discussions on pension trends, an analysis of the current state of the airline industry, and healthcare issues facilitated by Peter Greenberg, an IAM research economist and Continental Airlines Flight Attendant; a discussion of recent Family Medical Leave Act and Department of Labor changes led by IAM Associate General Counsel Carla Siegel; and a legislative review by IAM Assistant Legislative Director Hasan Solomon. Leaders from IAM District 142, the United Steelworkers of America, the Association of Flight Attendants/Communications Workers of America, Association of Professional Flight Attendants, Transport Workers Union, and the International Transport Workers Federation attended the IAM's two-day program.

Fourth Annual Flight Attendant Conference Hosted by District Lodge 142 begins April 13 thru 16, 2009, at the William W. Winpisinger Education and Technology Center in Hollywood, Maryland. This year's conference will focus on a variety of subjects, some of which have been addressed in previous conferences, as well as a special Negotiations module. Flight Attendants from each of the 2339 Local Lodges will be in attendance for this conference, providing an opportunity to learn how the union works to serve our members and also giving these participants a forum in which they can express their thoughts on ways to better assist our membership.

A New Bidding Screen for Continental Flight Attendants to Debut April 15, 2009. All flight attendants will be required to use the new screen to bid from April 15 through April 21 or 22 (base dependant). If you would like to practice using the new bidding screen the company has provided a sample or test screen that may accessed via the crew room computers. You can access the sample version by clicking on the link for CCS Line Bidding Beta (an icon on the Windows desktop of the crew room computers). [For more information about this new bidding screen, please refer to Inflight Administration bulletin 09-39, dated March 25, 2009.](#) If you have questions, please contact your supervisor or Inflight Administration at 800-421-1789.

2009 Transportation Conference Set for NYC – The 2009 IAM North American Transportation Conference will take place at the Hilton New York in New York City from August 16-20, 2009. The theme for this year's Conference will be "**KEEPING THE WORLD MOVING – YES WE CAN!**" "The Transportation Conference will again encompass a combined meeting of delegates and staff from the airline and railroad industries," said General Vice President Robert Roach, Jr. "Everyone will participate in the general sessions of the Conference, and separate industry meetings will be conducted to discuss and act upon matters of special interest to each particular section. Committees will be established to address topics of mutual concern, and other committees will consider industry-related issues. When the work of the committees has been completed, they will report back to the Conference so that every delegate will be involved in shaping our future goals."

National Group Protection Insurance is currently being offered at the Newark base in the Continental & ExpressJet crew rooms through April 13, 2009 and again on April 22 – 28, 2009. Underwritten by American Bankers Life Assurance Company, you can elect to have accident; cancer; critical illness; short term disability; or universal life insurance coverage for yourself and/or your family members. There will be representatives in the crew rooms to explain the coverage being offered for IAM members. Flight Attendants from all bases transiting through Newark during this time are welcome to enroll.



We would like to encourage all members to attend your Local Lodge business meeting. Each Local Lodge must have a quorum to conduct business. The following is a schedule for upcoming meetings:

Houston: Tuesday, April 21, 2009, 1:00 p.m. at 15710 JFK Blvd

Guam: Wednesday, April 22, 2009, 2009, 4:00 p.m. at the Airport Conference Room
LL2339-G business meeting has been changed due to a scheduling conflict with the Flight Attendant Conference that is taking place on April 13 - 16, 2009.

Newark: Tuesday, May 12, 2009, 3:00 p.m. at the Renaissance Newark Airport Hotel

Cleveland: Thursday, May 14, 2009, 1:00 p.m. at 669 North Rocky River Drive