



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

**Friday, May 29, 2009**

**NOW IS THE TIME** to submit contract proposals for Continental Airlines Flight Attendants. The IAM/Continental Flight Attendant agreement becomes amendable on December 31, 2009. Accordingly, a call for proposed contract changes is now in order. Each proposed change should be submitted separately on a contract proposal form. Proposal forms can be obtained from the grievance committee, or submitted online via <http://www.iamdl142.org/proposals>. You must include the following information:

- Identify the section and paragraph to be amended
- Proposed contract language change or modification.
- Example of problem or reason for change.
- Your name, employee number, and Local Lodge.

All proposed changes must be submitted online or to your base grievance committee for screening and categorization no later than June 30, 2009.

**House Passes FAA Reauthorization Bill** – The U.S. House of Representatives has passed the FAA Reauthorization Bill containing many of the major provisions the Machinists union has spearheaded in recent years. The bill, H.R. 915, includes funding for a Next Generation air traffic control system, provides for safety and health standards for flight attendants, mandates increased supervision of overseas aircraft repair stations, requires a review of FAA air traffic control staffing and closes the FedEx loophole that helped keep the package delivery company largely non-union by placing non-airport employees under the jurisdiction of the Railway Labor Act.

**Senate Confirms President Obama's FAA and NMB Picks** – The Senate recently confirmed Linda Puchala as a member of the three-person National Mediation Board (NMB) and Randy Babbitt as Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Puchala recently served as a senior mediator with the NMB and is the former president of the Association of Flight Attendants-CWA. The National Mediation Board oversees collective bargaining mediation and union representation elections in the air and rail industries, including elections as a result of the pending merger between Delta and Northwest Airlines. Babbitt is the former president of the Air Line Pilots Association. He most recently worked as a partner in the aviation practice of a management-consulting firm.

**Employee Free Choice Act** – "The Employee Free Choice Act (EFCA) gives workers the ability to negotiate for better terms from their employers. It takes an important step towards strengthening America's middle class." Help working families by supporting the Employee Free Choice Act. EFCA is one of the most important bills for working families in many years. The Employee Free Choice Act would enable workers to bargain for better wages, benefits and working conditions by restoring their rights to form unions. For too long, workers have had to deal with employers who routinely fire, threaten and coerce employees in efforts to keep workers unorganized. Get involved and join the fight to improve the lives of middle class families through the Employee Free Choice Act. [Click here to tell congress to pass the Employee Free Choice Act.](#)

**Enroll Now for Women's Advanced Specialized Training Class** – The Women's and Human Rights Department is still accepting enrollment applications for the Women's Advanced Training class scheduled for July 26-31, 2009 at the Winpisinger Education and Technology Center. The course is part of the Women's and Human Rights Department's training program that gives Sisters in the IAM the opportunity to network and to build skills that are critical to a more active involvement in the union. To take advantage of this excellent opportunity you will need to have completed Women's Basic Training. Click [here](#) for the official call and enrollment form. For more information, contact the Women's and Human Rights Department at 301-967-4747. Applications will be accepted until Monday, June 8, 2009.

**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:

**Newark:** Tuesday, June 9, 2009, 3:00 p.m. at the Renaissance Newark Airport Hotel

**Cleveland:** Thursday, June 11, 2009, 1:00 p.m. at 669 North Rocky River Drive

**Houston:** Tuesday, June 16, 2009, 1:00 p.m. at Houston Airport Marriott Hotel  
*The June local lodge meeting will be held at the IAH Airport Marriott hotel in the Fort Worth room.*

**Guam:** Wednesday, June 17, 2009, 2009, 4:00 p.m. at the Airport Conference Room