



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

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Continental Airlines Flight Attendants Call For Contract Proposals Extended. Due to numerous requests the deadline to submit contract proposals has been extended. 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:

1. Identify the section and paragraph to be amended.
2. Proposed contract language change or modification.
3. Example of problem or reason for change.
4. 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 July 24, 2009**.

Continental Airlines is completing a reciprocal cabin seat agreement with United Airlines set to begin July 15, 2009. Once the agreement is finalized, Continental will publish information regarding any procedures and rules for this reciprocal agreement. Software had to be developed to implement this reciprocal cabin seat program and programming was required to prepare for implementation of this program at both airlines. This agreement is for CABIN seats and not for the cabin JUMPSEAT.

Continental Airlines Flight Attendants base transfer requests on file with the company will automatically expire on July 1, 2009. If you currently have a transfer request on file and you would like to transfer bases, you may submit a new transfer request after July 1, 2009 (and prior to the July 5, 2009 deadline) or you may go online with the company's CCS computer system "**Inflight Forms System**" and check the box that indicates your desire for your current transfer request to remain on file after the July 1, 2009 expiration date. Transfer requests for the August 2009 bid month must be on file by 1000 hours base local time on July 5, 2009.

ExpressJet Flight Attendants please make sure that you are provided complete and proper paperwork by customer service agents prior to accepting unaccompanied minors on your flight.

UAL Flying – ExpressJet: If you work a United flight and have any concerns, please advise your supervisor **in writing** via an Enroute report or an email, providing flight numbers, dates, times, and routing, e.g. (ORD - CLE), and also send a copy to your Union representatives. Please be specific, identifying your area of concern, e.g. catering, boarding, etc.

Continental & ExpressJet Flight Attendants can list for a cabin seat and a cabin jumpseat simultaneously. Jumpseats are to be awarded **only after all cabin seats have been awarded**. At the Union's request, the company has agreed to issue a memo to the Customer Service Department, clarifying the procedures that should be used to award both cabin seats and cabin jumpseats. Should you experience problems, it is important that you report all pertinent information to Operational Performance, via a phone call. Remember to supply the agents name, departure city, date and gate, flight number, including as much detail as possible. Please remember to advise your Union representatives so that we may follow-up with any incidents.

2009 Basic Human Rights Class – The final 2009 Basic Human Rights class will be held on October 4-9, 2009, at the William W. Winpisinger Education and Technology Center in Hollywood, Maryland. The deadline for applications is July 24, 2009. "Human Rights training is an important part of our commitment to ensure civil and human rights for all IAM members," said IAM President Tom Buffenbarger. "I strongly urge all lodges in the United States and Canada to participate." The training provides practical information and guidance on how to establish a viable Human Rights Committee, as well as utilize strategies to ensure that the committees operate proactively to assist in the protection of IAM members' civil and human rights. Click [here](#) for more information and to download an application form.

DUI Conviction May Prevent Travel to Canada – In addition to having a current U.S. passport, IAM members from the United States planning to attend the 2009 IAM Communications Conference in Vancouver, British Columbia, should be aware that Canada may restrict entry to persons who have been convicted of minor offenses in any country, including shoplifting, theft, assault and dangerous driving. Additionally, Canada may refuse entry to travelers who been convicted of driving while intoxicated. For additional information about legal requirements governing entry into Canada, visit <http://www.doj.state.wi.us/dles/CIB/visitCanada.asp>

The Communications Conference is scheduled for September 27 – 30, 2009, at the Westin Bayshore in Vancouver, BC and reservations can be made by calling 604-682-3377. The cutoff date for the special group room rate is August 26, 2009. Click [here](#) for the official call and enrollment application or call the Communications Department at 301-967-4520. Passport applications are processed by the U.S. State Department and can take from several weeks to several months to process. Additional information, instructions and a passport application form are available at: http://travel.state.gov/passport/passport_1738.html.

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:

Cleveland: Thursday, July 9, 2009, 1:00 p.m. at 669 North Rocky River Drive

Newark: Tuesday, July 14, 2009, 3:00 p.m. at the Renaissance Newark Airport Hotel

Guam: Wednesday, July 15, 2009, 2009, 4:00 p.m. at the Airport Conference Room

Houston: Tuesday, July 21, 2009, 1:00 p.m. at Houston Airport Marriott Hotel