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# Weekly Update



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

## Friday, June 5, 2009

**Continental Airlines Flight Attendants**, have you submitted your contract proposal suggestions? 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.

**National Group Protection Insurance will be offered** at the Cleveland base in the Continental & ExpressJet crew rooms June 8 – 12, 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 Cleveland during this time are welcome to enroll.



**One day prior to the amendable date** of the current collective bargaining agreement “CBA” for Continental Airlines flight attendants the following changes will become effective:

- New 16<sup>th</sup> year rate of \$50.00 becomes effective
- Per Diem for turns restored
- Deadhead pay and credit restored to 100 percent
- Vacation pay increases from 3:00 per day to 3:15 per day
- Training pay increases from 2:15 per day to 2:30 per day

The amendable date for the Continental Airlines CBA is December 31, 2009 (one day prior date is December 30, 2009). Please visit your local lodge union representatives at the union desk in your base to answer any questions you may have regarding these items.

**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.

**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.

**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