



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

Friday, August 14, 2009

District Lodge 142 August 2009 Officer Election Postponed – Due to incorrect information and instructions sent with the absentee ballot mailing by a Local Lodge affiliated with District 142 it was determined it would be necessary to postpone the August 2009 rerun of the election for the three (3) Continental Flight Attendant General Chairperson positions and the one (1) ExpressJet General Chairperson position. Written notification was sent to all Recording Secretaries affiliated with District 142 on August 3, 2009. The rerun election will now be conducted during the month of December 2009. A mailing to all District Lodge 142 members will be sent in September 2009, advising members of their respective Local Lodge polling information.

Vacation Distribution Election Process Begins at Continental – Flight Attendants should review their vacation data and then submit a signed, written inquiry to your Base Administration office (dated and time stamped and save a copy for your personal records) within 30 days of notification of any errors and/or incorrect adjustments to their vacation seniority date that occurred during the past year for corrective action. Flight attendants may choose their 2010 Vacation Distribution options utilizing CCS through a process that is separate from the annual vacation bidding. The election process started Thursday, August 13, 2009 and will continue through 0900 EDT Tuesday, September 8, 2009. Annual vacation bidding will begin no later than Thursday, September 10, 2009. Please refer to Inflight Administration bulletin 09-118, dated August 13, 2009 for detailed information regarding the 2010 Vacation Distribution Election Process. If you have questions please stop by a Union Desk at any base and speak to a Union representative or contact the Inflight Administration Office.

ExpressJet Flight Attendants: The company recently completed audits adjusting flight attendant seniority for leaves and the Union urges all flight attendants to check their seniority dates (bid and board), pay rates, and vacation accruals for accuracy. To maintain active status with the Union while out on COLA members should contact their Local Lodge Secretary Treasurer and apply for a \$2 per month "Unemployment Stamp". Please contact your Local Lodge Union representatives if you have questions or need assistance.

Crew Visa No Longer Required to Enter France – Flight attendants that are U.S. citizens, flying to France, will no longer need a visa to enter France when on official duty (working crewmember), as of August 1, 2009. **This change applies to U.S. citizens only.** According to Continental bulletin “09-112” dated August 3, 2009, “At this time, several other nationalities are still required to hold a French crew visa, even if a U.S. Resident”.

CLUW Convention Set for October 14-17 – The Coalition of Labor Union Women’s (CLUW) 15th Biennial Convention will be held October 14-17, 2009, in Los Angeles, CA. This year’s theme is The Rising Tide of Change: Activism, Leadership – Union Women! The agenda includes speakers, workshops and panel discussions aimed at promoting networking, information sharing and idea developing that will strengthen the labor movement and nurture the women union leaders of the future. The Machinists have always had the distinction of sending a large delegation to the CLUW Convention and would like to see that tradition continue, especially since elections for National Executive Board members will be held this year. In order to allow members to fully participate in the CLUW Convention, the IAM will not host a 2009 Women’s Conference. Hotel reservations can be made by calling the Westin Bonaventure Hotel & Suites at 1-800-WESTIN-1 (1-800-937-8461). A block of rooms have been reserved under the group name “Coalition of Labor Women/CLUW” at \$145 for single or double occupancy. Reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis, and must be made by September 10, 2009, for the special room rate. If you plan to attend, please complete the registration form, and return it along with a \$200 registration fee to the IAM Women’s Department, 9000 Machinists Place, Upper Marlboro, MD, 20772. The deadline for registration is September 4, 2009. Registrations received after that date will incur a \$25 late fee. Go to the link below for the official call letter and registration forms.

URL: http://www.goiam.org/publications/imap/PDFs/08_13_2009_IAM_CLUW.pdf

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:

- Guam:** Wednesday, August 19, 2009, 4:00 p.m. at the Airport Conference Room
- Houston:** Tuesday, August 25, 1:00 p.m. at Houston Airport Marriott Hotel
August meeting was moved back one week due to a conflict with IAMAW Transportation Convention
- Newark:** Tuesday, September 8, 2009, 3:00 p.m. at the Renaissance Newark Airport Hotel
- Cleveland:** Thursday, September 10, 2009, 1:00 p.m. at 669 North Rocky River Drive