



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

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Delegates at the 2009 IAM Transportation Conference took part in an emotional ceremony to honor the heroism of the IAM Flight Attendants who safely evacuated 110 passengers from the flaming wreckage of Continental Airlines Flight 1404 at Denver International Airport on December 20, 2008. For their outstanding professionalism, courage and heroism, IAM Local 2339H Flight Attendants Albert Felipe, Regina Ressler and Pam Howard were presented with the first IAM Joint Air Transport Safety Committee Excellence in Safety Award. Albert, Regina and Pam have excelled as Safety Professionals and we are all very proud that they represent the very best of IAM Flight Attendants!

ExpressJet recently invited Charter flight attendants to submit their photos and bios for inclusion in a Charter Portfolio which will be shared with their charter clients. The Union is concerned not only with safeguarding your personal information, but also with the issue of marketing safety professionals and our membership in this manner. The Union is working with the company to reach an agreement pertaining to this matter; meanwhile we urge Charter flight attendants not to participate in this program.

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 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.

Lou Dobbs and JOBS Now! CNN's Lou Dobbs has begun a new series of special reports appropriately titled "Jobs Now!" In his first segment, Dobbs says the series will focus each evening on what our leaders in Washington, DC, are doing to create quality jobs in this country. "It is an issue that's being overlooked by the White House, the Congress, the Chamber of Commerce, the business roundtable, almost every, every institution required to be involved and engaged in the creation of jobs," reported Dobbs. "Thirty million Americans without work and they've only put \$100 billion [of the economic stimulus package] into the \$14 trillion economy... That's half of the money they put into AIG alone." IAM members can demand more stimulus investments to help America's working families by sending a message to your Representative and Senators to support the IAM's call for JOBS Now! <http://capwiz.com/iamaw/issues/alert/?alertid=13735606>

See more of Dobbs' full report at the following URL: <http://loudobbs.tv.cnn.com/>

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, 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

Guam: Wednesday, September 16, 2009, 2009, 4:00 p.m. at the Airport Conference Room