March 7, 2020

Sisters and Brothers of Local 513,

The Association executive committee and AA negotiations worked into the evening on Friday to finish language on the Agreements in Principle. Work will continue over the weekend on finalizing implementation language. Our local will be conducting roll out sessions to present the finished Tentative Agreement to our members and to answer questions on March 17th and March 19th in DFW. We are working hard to secure a venue large enough to hold the expected crowds. Once secured, we will announce the location and times. Roll out sessions will take place in SAT and AUS at their respective membership meetings this month.

The travel industry has been rocked by the threat of the Coronavirus. AA has cancelled most Asian and some European flights as a result. Future bookings are down both internationally and domestically. Our negotiations with AA have not and will not be affected by this downturn. We have a signed Agreement in Principle in place and both the Association and AA will honor it.

We anticipate member voting for the agreement will take place the last week of March or the first week of April. We realize some of our members are concerned about in person voting as opposed to mail out ballots as was done in the past. In person voting is the best, most effective way to ensure the process isn’t violated and votes are properly cast and tabulated. Additionally, the mail out process would delay voting for up to 90 days, causing our members to potentially miss out on money and benefits offered from the agreement if it is ratified sooner.

As a health precaution against possibly contracting the coronavirus, remember to wash your hands frequently and use hand sanitizer as needed. The World Health Organization (WHO) has determined that face masks do not significantly decrease the chances of contracting the virus therefore, they don’t recommend wearing them. In fact, they suggest that it causes wearers to touch their faces more often, increasing infection chances. Jetnet has a daily update of information in response to employee concerns...
about the virus. Also, as a safety reminder, do not wear personal headphones like Beats, EarPods, etc.... while on the ramp. They cause distractions and are prohibited.

Remember, if you haven’t gotten your badge revalidated, you have until March 31, 2020 to do so. All badges that have not been revalidated will be deactivated at that time and you will have to go through the badging process and pay $120.00 in order to get a new badge.

Thank you for your continued patience and unity.

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