

JUNE 2009 - PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our Members at Air Canada have a lot of reading to do this month so I will keep this report brief. As everyone must surely be aware by now DL140 and the Company have reached a tentative deal on a 21 month Collective Agreement extension and an agreement on the Pension deficit funding payments.

There is a ratification vote scheduled for Vancouver for Monday, 29 June 2009. The exact times and location of the meetings and vote are still to be determined. That information will be posted on the LL764 website and the Bulletin Boards as soon as it is finalized.

I urge each and every member to attend one of these meetings and cast your ballot. There will be no absentee ballots as they are not permitted under the IAMAW constitution. Please read the documents that are being circulated in the workplace and posted on the LL764 and DL140 websites prior to attending the meetings. Representatives from the Negotiations Committee will be present at all of the ratification meetings to answer any questions you have and to provide detailed explanations of the various clauses of the agreements.

I do not counsel members on which way to vote, I simply urge you to come out and vote but please make sure that you have informed yourself of exactly what the agreements do and do not contain. Make sure that you understand all of the issues before you vote. Please get the information first hand and do not rely on the people you work with telling you what they think the agreements say. The ratification meetings are held for exactly that purpose. Please attend the meeting time that is most convenient for you.

As is customary, LL764 will not be conducting our regular monthly meetings during July and August however the office is open and staffed in accordance with the hours posted on our website. I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy summer. For those of us with summer vacation, enjoy the time off with your families and friends; you have earned it and deserve it. I would like to urge everyone to work safe, follow all SOPs and wear your PPE. Please ensure your own safety and the safety of your colleagues. Please extend those safe habits into your vacation to protect you and your family.

To make sure you get correct, timely and pertinent information, check the Union Bulletin boards, our website or even better, sign up for our email list and we will send it directly to you as soon as we get it. To sign up, simply go to the LL764 website www.iam764.ca home page. At the bottom of the right hand column there is a link "**Join IAM 764 mailing list**". Simply click on the link and input your personal email address that you wish to use. Do not use your Air Canada, MTU or United Airlines email address. We will not send any information or communications to Company email accounts and risk members being disciplined for misuse of company email.

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