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There has been no word from NLRB, if I get something in the next day or two, I'll let you know.

Now that the conference is over and the bill is simply waiting for the President's signature I'm sure some of you are relieved and others are still angry. I'm sorry the elected officials in that conference were short sighted and did not make some further changes to the language that would have helped a greater number of people. The task of figuring out how this will be applied is going to be an "interesting" one for the FAA. As soon as I get some information/clarification, I'll be sure to pass it along. Let's hope the agency will be forthcoming on how they intend to proceed. My thanks to Wally and the members who went above and beyond to get at least this much done. Believe me it's not the agency that got this through, it's the hard work of you the members pushing the issue. We are not through, the big issue still hanging out there is the correction to the 1.7% and Wally has already started work on this. He is spending some time with his family the next few days over the holiday and will update us when he gets back and has something.

The Alaskan Regional Director Phil Brown resigned last week and Dan Hart will step up as acting director until the special election can be run. I look forward to working with Dan again, he's been a long time member and has always helped when asked. Thanks to Phil for the work he did on behalf of the membership.

Southern Region only received one nomination after the time period had closed, so the BOD asked Tom Forte to reconsider his resignation and stay on until another attempt to run a special election in Southern Region can be complete, Tom agreed. I will have Denise work up the paperwork again and send it out through Tom and post it on the web site.

If you're interested in running for Director in either region please fill out the paperwork. The good news is you'll be helping people who have problems and need representation, the bad news is there is no stipend for either public or private sector and no official time for the private sector. In order to participate in the elections whether it's to run or vote, you need to have your dues in by November 30th to be considered a member in good standing. This applies to the members in the private sector/LM employees who are no longer paying dues through FAA payroll deductions only.

I hope you all have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving, I know this year has dealt some of you good fortune and some of your heart ache. Look around you and be thankful for the friends and family you have close, my wish is that you focus on those good things.

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