



TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION OF AMERICA, AFL-CIO AIR TRANSPORT LOCAL 556

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Conference Call October 30, 2009 Synopsis

Thom McDaniel called the Conference Call to order at 1000.

Executive Board Members present were Thom McDaniel, Michael Massoni, John Parrott, Stacy Martin, Cuyler Thompson, Donna Keith, Jimmy West, John DiPippa, Bryan Orozco, Todd Gage and Crystal Rains.

There was discussion regarding an email sent to Executive Board Members by the Local's Uniform Committee Chair Val Lorien regarding his recent post on Southwest Airlines Management's 'Idea Runway', which was considered offensive to some Flight Attendants. The Board **agreed** to accept Val's resignation from the Committee as he had explained in his email.

There was discussion regarding the advertising recently purchased by the Local, which celebrated the fact that Southwest Airlines was the most profitable *and* most unionized carrier in the country. The Board had purchased a half-page advertisement in the local Milwaukee newspaper and commercials on local radio stations to celebrate and announce the arrival of TWU Local 556 and the Flight Attendants of Southwest Airlines.

There was discussion regarding the outcome of the recent election for new Board of Election (BOE) Members. Thom McDaniel **agreed** to contact the new BOE and request that they submit detailed policies and procedures for how the Local conducts elections.

Michael Massoni requested that he be excused from the Executive Board Meeting on December 7th and 8th to attend a TWU International Health and Safety Task Force Meeting at the request of TWU President Jim Little. The Board **agreed** to excuse Michael from the Meeting.

Thom McDaniel noted that Southwest Airlines CEO Gary Kelly had asked to attend the December Executive Board Meeting.

There was discussion regarding the fact that Inflight Supervisors were requesting that Flight Attendants respond to Customer complaint letters and Irregularity Reports over the telephone.

Thom McDaniel adjourned the Conference Call at 1137.

To the best of my knowledge, these Minutes are an accurate account of these proceedings.

Cuyler Thompson
Recording Secretary