

UNITY

update

JUNE 2012

FRONT-PAGE MESSAGE

WE HEAR YOU

A busy first few months sees a new Negotiating Team, Committee Chairs & a whole lot more.



by **Jannah Dalak**

Hello Local 556! This is Jannah Dalak your Recording Secretary. As you can imagine the first few months in office have been extremely busy and already we have faced and overcome many challenges. Your Executive Board arrived in May with a commitment and plan to hear and serve our Membership, and brought a host of ideas and concepts we feel benefit our Flight Attendants.

One idea is this Unity Update and the direction of future Unity publications. This front-page space has historically been reserved for the President's Message, and we're now opening it up as a place to feature new writers, with new voices and new perspectives. We're very excited to introduce this new direction that we hope will allow more people to participate, and offer a broader view of who we are as a Union.

As April began we knew per our Bylaws that one of the first orders of business was appointing Committee Chairs. We got straight to it by posting the available Committees and asking for Membership interest. Our workgroup has an enormous amount of talent and we received an overwhelming number of responses. So many qualified applicants have lengthened the selection process, but we are happy to report that many Committee Chairs are now in place. The Executive Board is scheduled to appoint the remaining positions by a roll call vote next session.

Appointed or not, to all who submitted a letter of interest or resume, we thank you for your participation and hope you will continue to be involved.

The July Membership Meetings are fast approaching. We ask everyone to please jump on-board, attend and get involved

with your Local 556. July's agenda includes; Shop Steward nominations and elections, Board of Election nominations, and nominations for the next Section Six Contract Negotiating Team. Our Contract becomes amendable at 12:01 a.m. on June 1, 2013 and it's time to start the process!

Side Letter 10 remains a top priority, and time is of the essence. Our Company must be able to move forward quickly with this exciting new flying, and your Union Leaders are committed to working in partnership with Southwest Airlines while protecting the interests of our Members. To achieve these goals, your Executive Board put in place a negotiating team based on experience and ability. Board Member at Large, Rob Riddell, was selected for his analytical abilities and Executive Board insight. Former Local 556 President and Lead Negotiator, Paul Sweetin, brings negotiation experience and labor education to the table. As with staffing the Union office and appointing Committee Chairs, we simply chose the best people for the job.

There have been a lot of misconceptions, assumptions, and accusations floating around lately. We encourage our Members to get Union information from official Union publications or just ask us directly. We are listening and we are here for you. A list of Executive Board Members contact information can be found at www.twu556.org.

In closing, I would like to remind our Members that even though this has been a difficult transition, we are all on the

"The team is excited to negotiate a TA our Members will ratify."

Stacy K. Martin, TWU Local 556 President

same team and we have a responsibility to each other and our future to support Local 556. Every person that has worked for our Union in the past has done so because they enjoy serving the Membership. There have been many talented leaders that have devoted many years, and even decades of their lives to TWU Local 556. This includes Executive Board Members, Committee Chairs, International Representatives and Shop Stewards. Their tireless dedication and service is greatly appreciated. To all of them we say thank you for serving our Members, and the legacy that each one of you helped create.

Finally, we'd like to welcome the first of our AirTran Brothers and Sisters who are making the transition to Southwest Airlines and TWU Local 556. We look forward to creating a fun and profitable future with you!

JANNAH DALAK

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AIR TRANSPORT LOCAL 556**

UNION MEETINGS July 2012
(All Times Are Local)

BALTIMORE

DATE: Tuesday July 17, 2012
TIME: 10:00 A.M.
LOCATION: Four Points Sheraton – (410) 859-3300
7032 Elm Road, Baltimore 21240

CHICAGO

DATE: Wednesday July 18, 2012
TIME: 10:00 A.M.
LOCATION: Hampton Inn – (708) 496-1900
6540 S. Cicero Ave, Bedford Park, IL 60638

ORLANDO

DATE: Thursday July 19, 2012
TIME: 1:00 P.M. (Notice Time Change)
LOCATION: Hyatt Regency Orlando Airport
(407) 825-1328
9300 Airport Blvd., Orlando 32827

HOUSTON

DATE: Friday July 20, 2012
TIME: 10:00 A.M.
LOCATION: Hilton Hobby Airport – (713) 645-3000
8181 Airport Blvd., Houston, 77061 Ball Room B

OAKLAND

DATE: Tuesday July 24, 2012
TIME: 10:00 A.M.
LOCATION: Holiday Inn Express- (510) 638-7777
77 Hegenberger Rd., Oakland, 94621

PHOENIX

DATE: Wednesday July 25, 2012
TIME: 10:00 A.M.
LOCATION: Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport
(602) 273-4391
Phoenix Aviation Administration PAAB Conference Room-
Take elevator next to Dick Clarks to 3rd Floor Terminal, 3
West Mezzanine

LAS VEGAS

DATE: Thursday July 26, 2012
TIME: 10:00 A.M.
LOCATION: Hampton Inn Tropicana, Fiji Room
(702) 948-8100
4975 Dean Martin Drive, Las Vegas, 89118

DALLAS

DATE: Friday July 27, 2012
TIME: 10:00 A.M.
LOCATION: TWU Local 556 Union Office
(214) 352-9110
7929 Brookriver Drive, Suite 750, Dallas 75247

General Union Meeting open to Members only.
ID's will be checked.

Quote of the Issue

**“When I was a little girl, I
wished I could fly. I guess
my dream came true.”**

Tina Coffee, BMAL

SECOND MEMBERSHIP MEETING JULY 2012 AGENDA

Call to Order

First Membership Meeting 2012 Minutes

Review Local 556 Financial Report

Motions Currently on the Floor:

1. **Motion:** Local 556 will post on the Local Website all holidays including those adjacent to the holiday, when the Union Office is scheduled to be closed.

New Business

Shop Steward Nominations and Elections

Board of Election Nominations

Negotiating Team Nominations

Overwater/International Flying Update

TWU Local 556 Transitional Update

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