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From the Chairman:

Dear PAFCA member or visitor to [pafca.org](http://pafca.org),

Welcome to our website! It is my pleasure to hold the position of Chairman of the Board of Directors, PAFCA International and to greet your visit today. As the holiday season rapidly approaches it also indicates that the end of another year is drawing to a close as well. We have seen many changes with our organization this year and being involved in the aviation industry, we understand all too well the impact of a struggling economy and its' repercussion to our companies. With two of our Locals currently involved in Section 6 negotiations, the challenge is great to progress toward improved compensation, hours and benefits for our members during a difficult time financially for the industry. However, recent improvement to the companies' bottom lines has resulted from the capacity reductions and upward pressures to fares or other revenue enhancing products to improve cash flow. The new surcharge world of baggage fees, priority or upgraded seating and the ability for airlines to raise capital through re-finance of aircraft or other assets have all strengthened their financial positions. These positive impacts should allow for negotiations to reach successful conclusion, however patience may be required to achieve the results that we seek.

PAFCA has long been associated with several dispatcher organizations that promote and protect our profession, namely the Airline Dispatcher Federation (ADF) and the International Federation of Airline Dispatchers Association (IFALDA). Not only do we financially support these organizations as a sponsor, but our members are actively involved with leadership and committee roles for them as well. It is imperative that we continue to support and more importantly participate in the functions of these two non-labor organizations. They are the eyes, ears and mouthpiece for our profession and actively participate in committees and rule-making bodies to ensure that the dispatch perspective is considered when rule changes are contemplated and discussed. As we transition through leadership of not only our organization but ADF or IFALDA, we must not lose sight of the fact that these organizations are only as strong as the volunteers that give unselfishly of their time to represent the remainder of the members. My request is that you choose to stay actively involved with these organizations to keep them healthy and successful in strengthening our profession.

Thank you for your dedication as a member, or your interest as aviation professional. We welcome you and hope that you will find the information about our organization that you seek here today. Happy Holidays to you and your family!

Best wishes and sincerely,  
Mikel Alpers  
Chairman, Board of Directors  
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