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Representing the Flight Dispatchers in the service of  
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Dear PAFCA member or visitor,

Welcome to our website, we're glad that you've taken a moment to learn more about the organization or about your Local or International's latest news as a member. It has been a very busy couple of months since my last update but as we enter the summer season there are several things progressing that we should all be aware of.

First I want to welcome and congratulate the newest members of PAFCA, the dispatchers from Northwest Airlines who will be joining the force at Delta later this year. The representation election for the combined group was held in March and we are thankful for your support and look forward to providing representation to your blended Flight Superintendent groups under one roof in Atlanta this October. Please keep your PAFCA-DAL Board involved as a liaison to management as your progress toward the relocation date continues. I wish you well in the transition and know that you are excited for the opportunity that the new Delta Air Lines and the Atlanta metropolitan area will provide but mindful of the anxiety that such a large change brings to your families and yourself.

Next I'd like to extend my support to the negotiating committees at both Atlantic Southeast and United Airlines as they continue the Section 6 process with their respective employers. It is indeed a difficult environment in which to work, with economic news from all aspects of the economy in what could be described as free fall the last several business quarters. With airlines' schedule and capacity reductions to meet the lessened demand of a flat market, it is important that the contribution to the bottom line of each company that the dispatchers impact is not forgotten. We have a firm base in the foundation for safety in each of our company's operations through regulatory responsibility foremost and the associated economic decisions that contribute to the success of the airline. We ensure the safety, efficiency and schedule integrity of the daily operation for thousands of travelers each day. These responsibilities are a necessary cost of doing business as an air transport company and through the efforts of successful collective bargaining the members of PAFCA can be assured that their interests will be recognized and protected.

In closing, once again I'd like to thank you for your interest and participation in PAFCA. The success of our organization does not depend on me; it depends upon you to stay motivated, engaged and active within our profession. Support of this labor organization, the Airline Dispatcher's Federation and other industry groups provides our best opportunity to stay aware of what is developing within the aviation community and the effects that those changes may have on our careers. One thing *is* certain in this industry that we have chosen and love, *nothing* is certain. My best to you and your families for a great summer!

Sincerely,  
Mikel Alpers  
Chairman of the Board, PAFCA