



Unity and Goals



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MEC Vice Chairman

On March 23, 2000, I was elected your new Vice Chairman of the MEC. I am honored by the trust that the MEC has shown in electing me and thankful for the opportunity to champion the issues important to our pilots.

During a recent opportunity to introduce myself to the MEC, I described areas where I think I might best effect change. I discussed several issues that I'd like to tell you about because they will be a basis for my role as the Vice Chairman. With your support, I will make every effort to see these objectives become realities.

When I spoke with the MEC, I stated my optimism and enthusiasm for the opportunities that lie before our pilot group and our company. We are at a crossroads. With the right focus, our pilot group can participate with the Company and enjoy the great successes that we collectively have the ability to produce.

Our economy is as healthy as it has ever been. The FAA forecast for air travel shows year-after-year sustained growth, both domestically and internationally. We are seeing daily new deliveries of aircraft which will make our operation both more efficient and allow us to tap into markets that we have been excluded

from in the past. With a motivated, enthusiastic and energized pilot group, we can take our successes to new heights.

Don't be mistaken—we have work to do. Learning from the recent success of the AFA negotiations, I think one critical key to our success will be the unity of our pilot group. To develop this unity, we first must work toward a more unified MEC and leadership structure. To achieve unity at the MEC level, and to an extent the pilot group, we need to establish clear, recognizable goals that will allow us to operate more effectively, efficiently and consistently. I plan to work with each member of our MEC and with my fellow officers in developing goals.

With a new MEC comes a new opportunity—an opportunity for us to leave some of the problems of our past behind us while we channel and focus our energies on the future and the greater things that we can achieve by working together.

I ask each of you to become involved with our association and to work with your council representatives to help set the goals that will guide us to the future. Together we can and will make a difference.

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