

Won't Be Fooled Again

So the announcement between the I.A.M. and TWU to jointly represent nearly 30,000 ground workers at the "new" American Airlines following the merger between AA and US Airways is continuing the tradition of not allowing the membership to vote on what direction our union should take. Yet AGAIN the TWU has decided for you that they know what is better. Yet again the TWU will make decisions that will directly affect you and your future but will not affect those appointed to the TWU hierarchy.

Ex-TWU Int. President Jim Little states "This agreement allows us to use our combined strength and resources on behalf of all our members as we move forward at the new AA." Strengths? Resources? Really? During concessions and bankruptcy where were these strengths and resources? Even I.A.M. President Tom Buffenbarger gets in on the grandstanding by stating "I am proud that our two great unions put the members first in a true demonstration of solidarity." Solidarity? Members first?

The TWU did not ask you for your vote on whether or not to create this agreement. The TWU did not ask you who you want to represent you as part of this new association with the I.A.M. The TWU Int. President will simply designate whomever they want. No vote from the membership... again. This agreement will be referred to as the "Association Agreement" and each union will be referred to as "Labor Partners". What is happening right in front of us is the continued undemocratic actions of the TWU International by not even asking the membership what we want.

The TWU again disrespected your rights as a union member. The membership should control the union not the other way around. But such thinking as this is heresy and sacrilege within the appointed halls of those whom are appointed and thus unaccountable for their actions.

Don't be fooled again by allowing the TWU to make undemocratic decisions that will affect not only our futures but the futures of those who will be coming behind us as we retire. It is our responsibility to act as stewards for our craft & profession. It is our responsibility to remove the TWU from further harming not only our craft at AA but our craft throughout our industry.

Make a stand for democracy. Make a stand for our craft. It is time to remove the TWU from representing those within our Craft & Class at AA. Vote in a truly democratic craft union that understands that the membership controls the union and that those elected into office work for the membership not against them.

VOTE AMFA!