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## AMFA National Officer Election Notice

AMFA National is conducting an election in accordance with Article VII of the AMFA Constitution to fill the following positions: National President, National Vice President, National Secretary/Treasurer, National Safety and Standards Director, Region I Director, and Region II Director. The term of office for these positions will commence on October 7, 2024, and their duties may be found in Article VI of the AMFA Constitution.

Votes for this election will be cast using the ElectionBuddy system, and all active members in good standing are eligible to vote.

**Note: Any member whose membership dues, fees, and/or assessment obligations have not been reconciled is a member in bad standing and, therefore, is ineligible to vote.**

The Election Notice and Instructions will be emailed to eligible voters who have a personal email address on file with AMFA National on June 28, 2024. Election Notice and Instructions will also be mailed to the address on file with AMFA National. Any eligible member who has not received voting instructions via one of these means by July 8, 2024, or anyone having questions about the voting process, should contact [elections@amfanatl.org](mailto:elections@amfanatl.org) or call 720-744-6629.

Members may vote in this election from June 28, 2024, to 10:00 A.M. ET on August 12, 2024, the date of the vote tally. The results will be released by August 13, 2024.

To provide AMFA members with basic information about candidates for union office, AMFA National has offered all candidates in this election an opportunity to submit a candidate profile along

with their picture. Candidate Profiles may be viewed on the Election and Referenda page of the AMFA National Web site at [www.amfanational.org](http://www.amfanational.org) or use the QR Code to view the page.

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### NATIONAL OFFICER ELECTION NOMINEES

#### National President

Bret Oestreich, Local 11

#### National Vice President

Pat Amore, Local 18

Jarod Mills, Local 14

#### National Secretary/Treasurer

Jay Johnson, Local 11

Rui Leonardo, Local 32

#### Safety & Standards Director

Wesley Latecki, Local 32\*

Tom Wiggins, Local 11

#### Region I Director

Earl Clark, Local 32

#### Region II Director

Wilber "Will" Abbott, Local 11

\*Indicates that the nominee declined the nomination for this position.

# AMFA Convention Roundup



**T**he Aircraft Mechanic Fraternal Association (AMFA) 2024 National Convention was held May 5 through 8 at the Hilton Austin in Austin, TX. The festivities kicked off with a welcome reception on Sunday evening and the convention convened Monday morning.

To open the business meeting, National President Bret Oestreich delivered the welcome address, followed by our guest speaker Lee Seham before the Local Delegates dove straight into their primary duty of considering proposed amendments to the AMFA Constitution.

Delegates engaged in three days of intense debate and collaboration on 58 member-submitted proposals, culminating in the approval of 19 proposed amendments to be submitted to the membership for a ratification vote later this summer. The approved amendments are not just a result of their hard work and dedication but a testament to their profound impact on the future of our association.



After considering the constitution amendment proposals, Delegate were tasked with some preparations for the next National Convention to be held in May 2028. The Delegates appointed Jarod Mills (Alaska), Chuck Clum (Horizon), and Rui Leonardo (Southwest) as the Rules Committee, and they selected Anchorage, AK as the location. Additionally, Delegates presented their Local's nominations for National Officers; please see page 1 for more details regarding the National Officer Election.

The AMFA National Officers would like to thank the Rules Committee, Delegates, observers, and guests for their hard work and dedication to the National Convention process. We also extend our heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Bruce Bishop, Parliamentarian; Lee Seham, Legal Counsel; Rynne Pelletier and Joy Gordon, Administrative Team; and Erica Wofford, Court Reporter. Their collective effort are deeply appreciated and were integral to the success of AMFA's 2024 National Convention.



# AMFA PAC Recognizes Legislative Champions

The Aircraft Mechanics Fraternal Association (AMFA) is pleased to announce the first annual Legislative Champion of the Year awards. AMFA PAC felt it was important to recognize members who go the extra mile to help promote our agenda. This year we've chosen two members who worked hard inside the House to get a bipartisan 2023 FAA Bill passed and moved forward. It's a great honor to announce the 2023 Legislative Champions of the Year:

## **Chairman Sam Graves (R-MO-06)**

– The Chairman's team continued to meet with AMFA over the last several years to make sure the voice and agenda of the aircraft maintenance technician was heard. As a pilot himself, Rep. Graves understands how quality maintenance on the ground translates to safety in the air.



AMFA Director of Government Affairs, Rob Cush presents Ranking Member Rick Larsen (D-WA-02) with the AMFA PAC's 2023 Legislative Champion Award.

**Ranking member Rick Larsen (D-WA-02)** – Representative Larsen's team was always around to answer questions or to jump on a Zoom call. When it came time to advance the 2023 FAA Bill, Rep. Larsen did so with bipartisanship and without sacrificing



Chairman Sam Graves (R-MO-06) was presented the 2023 Legislative Champion Award by AMFA Director of Government Affairs, Rob Cush.

the aircraft maintenance language. Being from Washington State, the home of Boeing, he understands the critical role of maintenance workers.

Congratulations to both of these recipients on their dedication to aircraft maintenance and safety!

## AMFA: There's an App for That

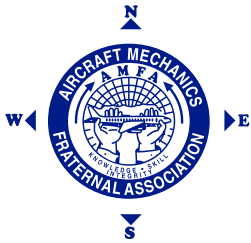
AMFA has a mobile device app for its members. Available for both Android and Apple tablets and phones, the app is a quick link to the latest news and information from your Union. With built in GrievTrac access, the app also gives our contract representatives private access to file grievances on behalf of our members.

In addition to being a great tool to get Association news, the AMFA app is a quick and easy way for members to access their AMFA Number. The AMFA app is only available for download from the AMFA National Website; it is not found on iTunes.

Scan the QR code to download your copy today.

If you encounter problems registering with the site or downloading the app, contact the AMFA National Office for assistance.





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