



TAMC Granted Non-Profit Status

Decision Allows for Expansion of Mission

The Teamsters Aviation Mechanics Coalition (TAMC) was officially granted non profit status under IRS code 501-6(c), a significant event for the group that fights for aviation safety. Founded in 2007, the TAMC takes on aviation mechanics' issues at the highest levels.

Becoming a non-profit is the next step in the growth and expansion of the TAMC. It will allow the TAMC to fundraise outside the Teamsters and provide additional programs across the industry, not only to Teamster aviation maintenance professionals but to any mechanic wanting to join the group.

"We are so proud of all of the hard work of the individuals involved with the TAMC," said Captain David Bourne, Director of the Teamsters Airline Division. "As a union, making sure our mechanics, our members and the flying public are safe is a huge priority. The TAMC has taken the initiative to go above and beyond the call of duty to advance these goals. I want to congratulate them on this important milestone and thank them for all of their hard work advancing this cause."

Over the past eight years the TAMC has grown its influence in the industry. The TAMC has provided expert testimony for Congress and helped to shape media opinion on outsourced maintenance. It helped to

launch the first-of-its-kind Aviation Safety Action Program (ASAP) Labor Coalition so that workers' voices will be heard in unison at the FAA Safety Info Shares. It has also been a sponsor of the Aerospace Maintenance Competition and provided National Transportation Safety Board crash investigation training and blood borne pathogen training.

In 2014 and 2015, the TAMC launched an investigation into unsafe maintenance practices at Allegiant Airlines in support of their pilots and mechanics. It set up a license protection program for mechanics whose FAA investigations fall outside the ASAP programs and attended maintenance operations and repair (MRO) conferences in order stay on top of outsourcing trends.

"These past eight years have been an incredible journey for the TAMC and everyone involved in its activities and daily operations," said Chris Moore, the founder and Chairman of the TAMC. "Our work has grown and expanded into many different areas of aviation safety and the support we are receiving from our fellow union members and the public has been tremendously encouraging. I want to thank everyone involved for their tireless efforts and let them know that we will not stop fighting for improved airline safety for all."