

Meet Your New AFA Negotiating Committee!

The contract will be open for negotiations on December 31, 2016 however your leadership is hoping to sit down with management for discussions beginning in September. With that in mind I am happy to announce that the MEC (the Master Executive Council is comprised of Local President in Honolulu Jaci-Ann Chung, Local President in Los Angeles Melissa Hooper and MEC officers Sharon Soper, President, Scott Henton Vice and Joni Kashiwai Sec/Treasurer) has elected the Hawaiian AFA-CWA Negotiating Committee. Congratulations and thank you for stepping up!



Name, years of service, where you're from: Diana Huihui, 51 years, Kailua, HI

What you like about the flight attendant job: As a flight attendant I relish the flexibility of my work schedule. I enjoy flying and working with colleagues who have become my friends and having the opportunity to explore and experience worldwide destinations with them.

Why you applied for the Negotiating Committee: I believe I will be able to make a contribution to the committee given my years of experience. I truly care about our membership and want them to have the best opportunities.

What you enjoy doing in your free time: When I am not working, I enjoy spending time with my family, going on vacations, cooking, and fishing.



Name, years of service, where you're from: Ka'imi Lee, 31+ years (June, 1984), Honolulu, HI

What you like about the flight attendant job: I love the flexibility of schedule the most. Believe it or not, I actually DO love people and love to travel, go figure.

Why you applied for the Negotiating Committee: I applied because I thought I had some skills and insight from past negotiations that could benefit our work group. The AFA has given me the ability to make a career out of this job. By establishing work rules, benefits and decent pay, the Union has given me a profession from which I can build my life. This is my small opportunity to give back and to help others.

What you enjoy doing in your free time: I enjoy traveling the world and experiencing different cultures. Even though I've been based at LAX for the past 20 years, I still treat this city like a tourist destination, exploring her museums, music and art scenes, and of course the fabulous foodie spots. Life's been good to me.



Name, years of service, where you're from: Jeff Fuke, 8 years, Hilo, HI

What you like about the flight attendant job: Flight Attendants can enjoy a great quality of life. I like coming to work and talking story with passengers and coworkers. The schedule flexibility is unbeatable. And the travel benefit is great, especially living on an island.

Why you applied for the Negotiating Committee: I want to learn about the negotiations process: how it works, why our contract reads the way it does, what we can do as a group to continue enjoying its incredible protections. Hopefully, my life and work experiences will contribute to the process in a productive way.

What you enjoy doing in your free time: Family and friends get most of my free time. The rest of it is chores and errands. I suppose I enjoy it all.



Name, years of service, where you're from: Martin Gusman, 29 years, Aiea, HI

What you like about the flight attendant job: Being perfectly candid, the things I like most about being a flight attendant are (in no particular order) schedule flexibility, compensation, and the people I work with. I'm thankful for a great deal more about being a flight attendant at Hawaiian Airlines, but those are the three that immediately jump out for me. The first two are items that have been negotiated by the AFA. I can't begin to say how important those things are because they give me so much flexibility with my life. The third item, the people I work with, is truly a gift or a blessing.

Why you applied for the Negotiating Committee: I applied because I would like to make a meaningful contribution to our flight attendant group. For me, personally, it's important that I make an effort to give back to our group because it has given so much to me. I understand that being on the Negotiating Committee requires a lot of work and that it carries with it additional responsibilities, but I have always embraced those kinds of challenges. Being on the Negotiating Committee will also give me the opportunity to work with and learn from a team of flight attendants dedicated to advancing our group and our profession.

What you enjoy doing in your free time: I enjoy walking (lots of walking) and learning new things. I find just about everything - or a particular aspect of anything - interesting. I follow U.S. national politics year 'round (not just during election cycles).