

Newsletter

Welcome to the Spring ScOACC Prospect Newsletter, due to technical difficulties this one only deals with matters at Scottish and hopefully the next will be an integrated nPC newsletter.

A Special Delegates Conference is due to take place next week on the 21/22 April (you don't have one for ages and then two come along at once) to discuss issues within NSL particularly relating to the new contract for Manchester Airport. Prospect will be sending Mark Levington, Phil Langton, Nigel McCullough and Steve Hughes from Scottish as delegates. Malcolm McPherson will be going as a co-opted BEC

ATCOs Website

After some teething problems the new website for Prospect ATCOs is up and running. It is hoped that this will be a front line source for union information in the future. Visit www.ATCOS.co.uk when you have the chance.

Pay 2009/2010

A "Final Offer" has been made by management and should be available on the above website sometime next week (beginning Mon 20th). A recommendation from the BEC to reject or accept will follow and then members will be balloted.

Working Together

The first local newsletter in Autumn last year included an article on how Working Together operated within NATS. Unfortunately it has not been very successful at this unit of late and most negotiations have been of a formal nature. This tends to slow progress on issues and is frustrating for both sides. Prospect and Management have both initiated steps to try and fix things but this process also seems to have stalled.

Watch Realignment

The Watch realignment took place successfully in January between Scottish and Manchester. However there is a perception within the Local Section that the compensation received by the members is not in line with that given at another unit in similar circumstances. Talks on this matter have stalled (see WT above) but Prospect are still endeavouring to press management for further time off in lieu and will continue to seek what it sees as equitable.

OCT/PTT

Prospect and Management have been involved in several discussions to come up with a suitable package to accommodate the necessary Operational Conversion Training (OCT). This is very much still work-in-progress but given the time scale work is going on in earnest to resolve this to both sides satisfaction. An offer for the Prestwick Training Team (PTT) is expected imminently and Prospect advises members **NOT** to formally agree to participate until a joint statement from Union and Management has been issued or one of the local reps suggest that they should.

BEC on the road

The BEC will be holding its next meeting at Scottish on the 5th and 6th of May. They will be available to meet members at Scottish and socially in the evening probably at the Parkstone. The recent meetings about pensions highlighted to the BEC the need for better communications; please take the opportunity to talk to them about any local or National issues.

Life on the Ocean Wave

Combined Planner/EnRoute (CPE)

There are a few issues that Prospect have with the CPE project. Firstly the local section still remains fundamentally opposed to this proposed change to the method of operations within the Shanwick Ops room. Prospect have seen very little from management to change our position on this subject, especially when the issue of workload/traffic complexity is all but disregarded and appears to be unimportant to management. Prospect think these two issues are inextricably linked and fully support a Change Request (CR) proposing that traffic numbers are displayed on the en-route controllers' screen.