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American Airlines' Unions Compare Notes Regarding AA and NMB

FORT WORTH, TX – With contract negotiations for all work groups at American Airlines nearly at a standstill, the Allied Pilots Association (APA), the Association of Professional Flight Attendants (APFA) and the Transport Workers Union (TWU) have met over the past two days to discuss their respective negotiations with American and experiences with the National Mediation Board (NMB).

All three unions have been in federally mediated negotiations for years. The NMB has not scheduled further bargaining sessions for any of the groups. The Flight Attendants and ground workers have asked the NMB to release them from negotiations. The pilots have been in negotiations for more than four years.

The unions intend to schedule more meetings to continue these discussions and further explore areas of mutual concern.

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APFA is the nation's largest independent Flight Attendant union representing nearly 18,000 American Airlines Flight Attendants. www.apfa.org

Transport Workers Union of America (TWU) represents 200,000 workers and retirees, primarily in commercial aviation, public transportation and passenger railroads, including 24,000 ground workers at American Airlines. The union is an affiliate of the AFL-CIO. More information is available at www.twu.org

Founded in 1963, the Allied Pilots Association—the largest independent pilot union in the U.S.—is headquartered in Fort Worth, Texas. APA represents the 11,000 pilots of American Airlines. Also, several hundred American Airlines pilots are on full-time military leave of absence serving in the armed forces. The union's Web site address is www.alliedpilots.org.