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## **Membership Update**

The 23rd TWU Constitutional Convention took place in Las Vegas Nevada from Sept 13 through the 17. This Convention coincided with the 75th anniversary of the founding of the TWU. In celebration of that milestone all of the Locals who donated monies for the creation of a Mike Quill (long time President and one of the founders of the TWU) presented with smaller versions for display at their halls.

Unfortunately none of our resolutions were passed. I had high hopes that the Electronic Balloting for Conventions would pass. Especially after Jim Little said we needed it after a hand count came up with four different results. This doesn't kill it, our proposal called for it to be mandated in the Constitution, there are other avenues. It could simply be put into the Convention rules. We have a couple of years to work on that.

On the positive side, streaming video allowed the members a peek behind the curtain. Although it was limited it did allow the members to see more than they normally could before. Another plus is that we now have four members from Aircraft Maintenance at AA on the IEC, Steve Luis -of Tulsa became an Executive Council Vice President. Steve Gilboy -ORD, and Bob Zimmerman-DFW joined Gordon Clark-MCI as Executive Board members. I nominated JR Ruiz -LAX (Maint) to run against Donny Tyndall-LAX (Fleet) but Tyndall prevailed. Although all four counts were different the end results were all the same. Dave Virella-501 and Sean Doyle-ORD also became Executive Board members.

All of the documents are in transit with the Quill statue and once I receive them I will provide a more detailed report. While we still have a long way to go as far as democratic reform I have seen some positive movement and many of Jim Little's stated goals

I agree with. Unlike past Conventions that centered around trying to change the members this one cited the need to change the union. As Jim Little stated "We must evolve or dissolve", that in itself is a huge leap forward, the fact that none of our resolutions, which followed that theme, passed, is an indication that it won't be easy. Many in the movement appear to be just fine with the status quo. We didn't get much support from Tulsa.

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