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ALPA America West Re-Elects Union Officers

PHOENIX, Ariz. – Leaders of the America West unit of the Air Line Pilots Association, International (ALPA) today re-elected their pilot officers as part of the regular election cycle. The Master Executive Council (MEC), the local union governing body for America West pilots, voted to re-elect Captain JR Baker as chairman, Captain John McIlvenna as vice chairman, and First Officer John Jurik as secretary-treasurer.

Captain JR Baker has served as MEC chairman since May. An Airbus 320/319 pilot, Captain Baker joined America West in 1984. A pilot advocate, he has served as the MEC vice chairman and chairman of the Joint Implementation and Resolution Committee. He also represented pilots' interests to company management as the Chief Pilot. Prior to joining America West, Captain Baker flew in the United States Air Force.

Captain John McIlvenna, who has served as vice chairman since May, joined America West in 1998 and is an Airbus 320/319 pilot. Previously, he was a status representative who served on the MEC. He also served on various pilot committees both at America West and at his former carrier, including chairman of the Merger Committee, chairman of the Negotiating Committee, and chairman of the Retirement and Insurance Committee.

First Officer John Jurik has served the MEC as secretary-treasurer since December 2004. Prior to this position, he served as vice chairman of the Membership Committee. First Officer Jurik joined America West in 1999 and is an Airbus 320/319 pilot.

The Air Line Pilots Association is the bargaining agent for the more than 1,900 pilots at America West Airlines. Founded in 1931, ALPA is the world's largest pilot union, representing 64,000 pilots at 41 airlines in the United States and Canada. Visit the ALPA website at www.alpa.org.

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