Wykoff Elected IFALPA President

By Air Line Pilot Staff

Capt. Don Wykoff (Delta), former ALPA executive administrator, was recently elected the 17th president of the International Federation of Air Line Pilots’ Associations (IFALPA) at its 66th annual conference held in Thailand. Wykoff, who has served as IFALPA’s deputy president since 2010, succeeds Capt. Carlos Limon.

“Decisions about international airline policy affect pilots first and foremost,” said Wykoff. “As one of two organizations granted permanent observer status at the International Civil Aviation Organization’s Air Navigation Commission, IFALPA is the global representative of airline pilots to the international aviation community from the standpoint of safety and security. As president, a top priority of my administration will be to ensure that pilot voices are heard, loud and clear, at ICAO and at other appropriate forums around the world.”

“With his industry connections and extensive experience, Don is an excellent choice to guide IFALPA into the future,” said ALPA’s president, Capt. Lee Moak.

“His unique combination of technical and industrial experience is exactly what we need to elevate the Federation to an even higher level as the global airline industry continues to evolve.”

An active IFALPA representative, Wykoff has served as a flight- and duty-time policy advocate, representing the Federation at ICAO to help develop flight crew duty limits, minimum rest requirements, and fatigue risk management systems.

In addition to being ALPA’s executive administrator from 2008 to 2010, Wykoff has led the Association’s campaign to combat pilot fatigue in the U.S. and Canada as its Flight Time/Duty Time Committee chairman. He cochaired the FAA’s Aviation Rulemaking Committee on flight- and duty-time limitations and rest requirements and is currently working with ALPA’s Canada Board and Transport Canada to help update the framework of flight- and duty-time limits and minimum rest requirements in Canada. He also serves as chairman of the Association’s Strategic Planning Committee.

Wykoff is the fifth ALPA pilot to head the Federation. Other ALPA members elected to the position include Capt. Dave Behncke, Capt. Clancy Sayen, Capt. Dennis Dolan, and Capt. Rob McInnis, who...

Who’s Representing Your Interests at IFALPA?

Only ALPA, the sole IFALPA representative for U.S. and Canadian pilots, can represent pilot interests at significant international and regional forums—including ICAO, the aviation arm of the United Nations. The following are a few ALPA pilots and staff who hold IFALPA positions:

**Jim Johnson**

Senior Managing Attorney, ALPA Legal Department

Jim is the vice chairman of IFALPA’s Legal Committee. He provides legal advice to IFALPA officers and members. He also advises pilots who are involved in foreign criminal proceedings resulting from performing their duties as flightcrew members. Jim began working at ALPA in 1980 and is the Legal Department’s expert on flight-time/duty-time issues, captain’s authority, security matters, and other FAA/Transportation Security Administration issues.

**Capt. Robert “Rip” Torn**

Air Traffic Services Group Member, ALPA Executive Air Safety Committee

Capt. Torn is chairman of IFALPA’s Air Traffic Services Committee. He leads the development and implementation of globally harmonized IFALPA policies and positions by ICAO and other respective regional bodies. As the ATS chairman, he represents the Federation at various forums in ICAO, regional offices, Eurocontrol, the European Aviation Safety Agency, the FAA, and other bodies. Before assuming this leadership position, Rip chaired ALPA’s ATS Group and NAS Modernization Committee. He is project lead for ALPA’s Data Link Communications and NextGen Strategy Project.

**Ana McAhron-Schulz**

Director, ALPA Economic and Financial Analysis Department

Ana is an industrial advisor to IFALPA and participates in its various training seminars and conferences. Over the course of her career and through ALPA’s subsidiary, the International Pilot Services Corporation, she has served as financial advisor to the pilots of Aer Lingus, Air France, KLM, SAS, South African Airways, and Spanair, among others. She also advises global airline pilot alliance groups, including the Associations of Star Alliance Pilots, oneworld Cockpit Crew Coalition, and SkyTeam Pilots Association. At ALPA, she is responsible for all economic and financial analyses to support ALPA’s collective bargaining, strategic planning, litigation, public relations, and legislative activities.

**Capt. Craig Hall**

Director of Canada, ALPA National Security Committee

Capt. Hall is the chairman of IFALPA’s Security Committee, where he’s working to improve the protection and safety of all persons involved in civil aviation and the general public against acts of unlawful interference perpetrated on the ground or in flight. He provides expert advice on all security issues to the Federation’s Executive Board, other standing committees, advisory groups, and interested external parties. As the ALPA National Security Committee’s director of Canada, he ensures the global harmonization and interoperability of Canadian security measures.
The Global Pilots Symposium

On April 7, more than 300 pilots and industry experts from around the world gathered in Chiang Mai, Thailand, for the very first Global Pilots Symposium. The Symposium combined forces from IFALPA, the global voice of airline pilots, along with pilot leaders from the SkyTeam Pilots Association, the Associations of Star Alliance Pilots, and the oneworld Cockpit Crew Coalition, to explore the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead for the world’s professional pilots.

Capt. Lee Moak, ALPA’s president, participated on a panel titled “The Gulf Carrier Revenue Dynamic: Will It Be Replicated Elsewhere?” which delved into the substantial competitive advantages state-owned airlines hold over their private-sector rivals. Moak and other panel members discussed strategies to counter this challenge, drawing comparisons with the oil industry, where the largest private enterprises are dwarfed by the size of their state-owned competitors.

Capt. Rick Dominguez (Delta), chairman of ALPA’s International Affairs Committee, weighed in on another panel that discussed joint ventures, transnational airlines, and global airline holding companies. He joined leaders from the Spanish and Dutch pilots’ unions in exploring the comprehensive legal regime that defines the rights and obligations of owners, lenders, and borrowers of capital worldwide, and how pilots can protect their bargaining rights in today’s global environment.

Ana McAhron-Schulz, director of ALPA’s Economic and Financial Analysis Department, delivered a global overview of the airline industry in which she painted a clear picture of the industry and its prospects from a national, regional, and global perspective.

Seth Rosen, director of ALPA’s International Pilot Services Corporation, along with Dominguez discussed emerging business markets with the attendees on a panel comprised of pilots from the Australian, British, Chilean, and Hong Kong pilots’ unions. They reviewed the radical changes in the airline business structure over the last 20 years and talked about the emergence of both low-fare and state-owned airlines, as well as the genesis of transnational airlines.

ICAO Ambassador and past ALPA president Duane Woerth, also the Symposium’s keynote speaker, contributed to a panel on the trends in harmonizing fatigue schemes across the globe, particularly the role pilot alliances can play in bringing together labor, business, and regulators to shape the future regulatory environment. Capt. Don Wykoff (Delta), IFALPA’s newly elected president, wielded his flight- and duty-time (FTDT) expertise on the Symposium’s final panel, which discussed the various issues surrounding the worldwide FTDT debate.

Capt. Carlos Limon, outgoing IFALPA president, opened and closed the one-day Global Pilots Symposium.

Pictured are the presenters during the Emerging Business Markets panel: (from left) Dennis Dolan, Hong Kong Aircrew Officers Association; Barry Jackson, Australian and International Pilots Association; Gustaf Strengell, Sindicato de Pilotos; Philippe Rafin, AF ALPA; Rick Dominguez, ALPA International Affairs Committee; Keith Judkins, British Air Line Pilots Association; and Seth Rosen, ALPA International Pilot Services Corp.