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TO: ATEC Members  
FROM: Raymond Thompson, President  
RE: ATEC November 2012 Update

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

2012 has been a busy year for ATEC. Your organization has played a leading role on the FAA-Industry Part 147 Working Group. We have revamped our website. Plans for an excellent conference in April 2013 are nearly finalized. Our outreach to industry and key organizations that employ your graduates have provided ATEC with additional support and opportunity. These items illustrate some of the things ATEC is doing to better serve our members.

However, much still needs to be done. We need to continue to work with industry to promote careers in aviation maintenance and ways for industry to better support schools. We need to continue our efforts to improve service to our members. We have made great starts in all these areas but need to sustain our efforts.

Ultimately, ATEC is the voice of its members. At the April 2013 conference in Orlando, we need all our members to provide input on the proposed 147 curriculum from the ARAC. We are moving closer to rule making and the proposed changes impact every school. Considering those recommendations were made in December 2008, it is time for a review those recommendations before going to rule. Operations specifications will be coming in 2013. Implementation should make your interface with the FAA smoother and more responsive. We will provide training on how to implement these in Orlando.

ATEC is being asked to provide input to the FAA in all areas of Part 147. From curriculum, to best practices, to suggesting guidance language, to OpSpecs and the review board, ATEC has never been so involved with the FAA and Industry working for you.

I look forward to seeing all of you in Orlando in April to continue hearing your voice as we work together for all.

Raymond Thompson

**PART 147 ARAC WORKING GROUPS COMPLETE THEIR FACE TO FACE WORK**

In September 2012, the FAA-Industry Part 147 Working Group concluded their face-to-face work in Washington DC. The working group was tasked with working to implement the ARAC recommendations that do not require specific rule change and to prepare for rule change.

The working group has completed a draft set of operating specifications for Part 147 along with updating the 8900.1 guidance for the current rule. AC 147 was reviewed and updates proposed



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to better match guidance and include distance education. The Maintenance Training Review Board structure was finalized and it is in the review process with the FAA. The beta test for distance education has begun with one AMTS and two more schools are in the review process.

ATEC is a strong supporter of allowing schools to use distance education where appropriate. At this time, the beta test is limited to the three schools in the process. We anticipate that guidance relevant to using distance education will be available in late 2013.

At the April 2013 ATEC conference, there will be sessions for schools to review the ARAC curriculum recommendations and generate a best practice listing for use in the revised AC 147. Don't miss out on this opportunity to have your voice heard in the discussion.

### **ATEC MEETS WITH HAI**

ATEC Board members had an opportunity to meet with executive staff at the HAI (Helicopter Association International) headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia on Friday, September 14, 2012, to discuss a strategic partnership for 2013. The HAI Executive team was excited to learn more about the ATEC organization and engage in conversation on how we can work together. Several exciting initiatives were discussed and an action item list was developed. Updates will be shared with membership throughout the year.

### **GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

Based on direct ATEC correspondence with AFS-600 Oklahoma City, we have learned that the Aviation Technician General computerized knowledge test will begin testing over the new Chapter 14 Human Factors supplement starting this October. Be sure to prepare your students who test soon in their process of achieving their certification to know this material. Here is the link to the Chapter 14:

[http://www.faa.gov/library/manuals/aircraft/media/AMT\\_Handbook\\_Addendum\\_Human\\_Factors.pdf](http://www.faa.gov/library/manuals/aircraft/media/AMT_Handbook_Addendum_Human_Factors.pdf)

### **ATEC-RACCA PARTNERSHIP IDEAS**

The following are some of the items being discussed with RACCA to enhance our partnership connections:

- ATEC may exhibit at RACCA annual conference; RACCA may exhibit at ATEC annual conference
- Work together on a "best practice" marketing campaign to showcase RACCA careers
- RACCA may do a webinar to educate schools on a topic relevant to air cargo operations/industry
- Promote RACCA scholarships via ATEC website
- RACCA members will be asked to provide BER items that can be used in the schools for training



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- RACCA members will be asked to open facilities up for tours/field trips for ATEC schools
- Discussion about skills that are needed/lacking in new hires and how to create a new pool of candidates

**DID YOU UPDATE YOUR SCHOOL PROFILE?**

Be sure your school's information is current on the ATEC website.

It's easy and all electronic.

Go to [www.atec-amt.org](http://www.atec-amt.org). Click on "Schools/Members" on the top menu bar. Click on "Member Info Update" in blue. Fill in the information and click "Submit" at the bottom.

We will make the changes on the website once we receive your information.

**STUDENT AND EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARDS**

Attached are the criteria for the Jim Rardon Student of the Year and Ivan Livi Educator of the Year awards.

Full application packets can be found at [www.atec-amt.org](http://www.atec-amt.org). Click on "Scholarships/Awards".

The deadline for applications is **January 31, 2013**.

**ATEC WEBSITE PASSWORD (Keep in a Safe Place)**

A protected section of the website has been designed for members only. The password is "atecnew".

**IA RENEWAL AT ATEC CONFERENCE**

On April 13, 2013, the AMT Society will sponsor an IA Renewal workshop at the ATEC conference hotel, the Wyndham Buena Vista Drive Resort.

IA Renewal registration at: <http://www.amtsociety.org/roadshow.jsp>

**ATEC CONFERENCE AGENDA – MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

The April 13-16, 2013 preliminary conference agenda is attached and can also be found at [www.atec-amt.org](http://www.atec-amt.org).

A complete conference agenda packet will be uploaded to the website and mailed to members prior to Thanksgiving.



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ATEC 2013 will be held at the Wyndham Buena Vista Drive Resort – one block from downtown Disney and a short walk to Pleasure Island.

**ATEC BOARD NOMINATIONS**

Attached is the Board nomination form which also appears on the website – [www.atec-amt.org](http://www.atec-amt.org). Members interested in running for the Board should:

1. be sure they have full support from their Dean or department head to take on a board role in ATEC
2. be able to attend one Board meeting in September in Washington, DC
3. be committed to bi-monthly conference calls
4. serve actively on at least two Board committees
5. complete the projects they have agreed to work on
6. attend the annual conference/Board meeting in April

**CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS**

Attached is the Call for Presentations flyer which also appears on the ATEC website.

**ATEC MEMBERSHIP BOUNCES BACK**

Since the start of the recession in 2008, ATEC memberships have been either flat or trending down. But in 2012, we saw the first positive up tick.

The following is the membership reports for 2011 and 2012:

<b><u>2011</u></b>		<b><u>January 1-September 10, 2012</u></b>	
Institutional	93	Institutional	103
Individual	7	Individual	3
Industry	14	Industry	21
Life	<u>9</u>	Life	<u>9</u>
TOTAL	123	TOTAL	136

**STRETCH YOUR TRAVEL DOLLAR IN 2013**

Mark your calendar for April 13-16, 2013. The ATEC Conference at the Orlando Wyndham Resort, adjacent to downtown Disney will be the central focus for several professional development opportunities.

**April 13 – IA Renewal – Wyndham**  
**April 14-16 – ATEC Conference – Wyndham**  
**April 17-20 – WATS Conference in Orlando**



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**INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS COMMITTEE**

AMT Instructional DVDs - The entire (almost 200) ATEC instructional materials library is now fully converted to DVD format. They are available on the ATEC website, [www.atec-amt.org](http://www.atec-amt.org) (click on Instructional Materials) with a downloadable form.

The numbering system for ordering is still the same with a “check” qualifier after the number to signify the DVD format.

**NEW ATEC WEBSITE**

The Communications Committee of ATEC has been primarily working to improve the organization’s web presence. The new website became active on July 1, 2012.

The Committee, with Board approval, chose Weebly web design services to develop the new website. Weebly is an online design platform which allows the user to employ web design tools to create and manage their own website. The functionality and features of Weebly, along with its ease of use have shown that it meets the organization’s needs and should improve both external and internal service, plus allow for instructional material file sharing in the near future.

**To access member only sections of the site, the password is “atecnew”.**

**ON-LINE AD POSTINGS**

Don’t forget to post your ads, position announcements, swaps and trades on [www.atec-amt.org](http://www.atec-amt.org). Click on “Member Services”.

**NRF \$CHOLARSHIP\$ AND EQUIPMENT**

Tens of thousands of dollars in scholarships and equipment are available for students, faculty and schools.

Click on “Scholarships” on the ATEC website.

**ARE YOU RECEIVING ATEC BULLETINS?**

If you have not been receiving ATEC alerts, announcements and webinar information, send your email to [ccdq@aol.com](mailto:ccdq@aol.com). We’ll get you on the email list.