



Aviation Technician Education Council

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TO: ATEC Members
FROM: Raymond Thompson, President
RE: ATEC February 2014 Update (amended)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings aviation education colleagues and friends! February is here already and the annual conference is only two months away. We have another excellent conference agenda and opportunities for you to network and share ideas.

The FAA is in the process of crafting the proposed Part 147 rule change language. The proposed changes follow along with most of the original ARAC recommendations but there have been a few changes based on your input. We are recommending that the teaching level definitions be moved into the operating specifications and maintain the current 1-2-3 levels. The teaching levels can be reevaluated in the future and other options, such as the knowledge and skill levels the ARAC proposed, can be considered. We are proposing that the current time distribution of 400-750-750 be changed to **450 General, 800 Airframe, and 650 Powerplant**, maintaining the current 1900 hour minimum. We are proposing that a school could base their curriculum on clock hours, as currently done, or in credit hours. Using the clock hour conversion established by the Department of Education for clock hour programs, and using the shift in hours, a credit hour program would need a minimum of 51 credit hours consisting of 12 General, 21 Airframe, and 18 Powerplant credits. Almost every school granting credit exceeds these numbers. Credit would be an option, not a requirement, allowing each of you to select what is best for your program. We believe that having an approved credit hour program will help our members for whom the Title IV requirements have become an issue. Finally, we are proposing that a school be allowed, if desired, to use highly qualified non-A&P certificated instructors for any subject area. ATEC will be involved in writing draft 8900.1 guidance since allowing credit hours and expanding who can teach will be new areas of surveillance. We all know the challenges of inconsistent and incorrect interpretation of rule.

Providing more options for your school and greater consistency from the FAA, along with sharing and networking are what makes your ATEC membership so valuable. True, rule change applies to all Part 147 operators, members or not. However, ATEC is taking the lead on shaping rule change with our member input.

In two months, my second term as your president will end. It has been an honor and a pleasure in serving your interests. You will continue to see ATEC grow and be a leader representing aviation maintenance technician schools.

See you in San Antonio! Raymond Thompson



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LAST CALL TO UPDATE YOUR SCHOOL PROFILE IN 2014

Has your contact person changed? Is your membership up-to-date? Be sure your school's information is current on the ATEC website.

It's easy and all electronic.

Go to 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.

ATEC WEBSITE PASSWORD (Keep in a Safe Place)

A protected section of the website has been designed for members only. The password is "atecnew." It will be changed later in FY 2014 and given to current members.

ATEC CONFERENCE AGENDA – SEE YOU THERE!

The April 6-8, 2014 conference agenda and registration for the Menger Hotel-San Antonio Riverwalk is attached and can also be found at www.atec-amt.org as well as in the ATEC Journal.

ATEC MEMBERSHIP

The following is the membership reports for 2012, 2013 and early 2014:

<u>April 2012</u>		<u>April 2013</u>		<u>February 7, 2014</u>	
Institutional	103	Institutional	102	Institutional	77
Individual	3	Individual	22	Individual	70
Industry	21	Industry	20	Industry	20
Life	<u>9</u>	Life	<u>9</u>	Life	<u>9</u>
TOTAL	136	TOTAL	153	TOTAL	176



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NEW SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – AIRCRAFT TECHNICAL BOOK COMPANY

Beginning January 2014 Aircraft Technical Book Company (ATB) will provide a student textbook awards program to all US and Canadian A&P schools with the following criteria:

- ATB will provide for one recipient per year per campus for schools of less than 50 student starts per year and two recipients per year per campus for schools of over 50 starts per year.
- Each donated it should match that school's standard book requirement and be composed of at least 80% of titles published by ATB. For a list of our titles, please see www.ACtechbooks.com/companies/6/.
- If books are normally included with a student's tuition, the school must agree to credit or refund the student's tuition by an amount equal to the wholesale value of the donation.
- Books will be delivered to the school with department personnel making the presentation. Schools who provide books with tuition will receive replacement books to refresh their stock.
- Recipients will be new enrollees selected by each school's admissions office. While ATB's preference is to award more on a basis of financial need than anticipated achievement, the final selection process may be determined by each school.
- Names of awarded students should be provided to ATB by March 21 so that this year's awards may be announced at the ATEC Annual Awards Luncheon on April 7 in San Antonio, Texas.

Schools wishing to participate in these scholarship awards should contact Nancy at Aircraft Technical Book Company at 970-726-5111. Nancy will review your standard required book list to help determine the contents of your school's awarded kits.

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 (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.

ON-LINE AD POSTINGS – NO COST TO MEMBERS

Don't forget to post your ads, position announcements, swaps and trades on www.atec-amt.org. Click on “Member Services.”



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If you have not been receiving ATEC alerts, announcements and webinar information, send your email to ccdq@aol.com. We'll get you on the email list.

AMTSOCIETY IA RENEWAL

April 5, 2014
San Antonio, Texas
Menger Riverwalk Hotel
(Held in conjunction with the Aviation Technician
Education Council's ATEC Conference 2014.)

Some of the speakers & subjects include:

- Aeronautical Repair Station Association (ARSA) will present on topics such as maintenance regulations, major/minor, and maintenance recordkeeping (at each location)
- Lycoming Engines on service and operation tips
- Bell Helicopters on maintenance best practices
- NORDAM on thrust reverser maintenance best practices
- Aviation Training Academy on human factors in aircraft maintenance
- SMA compression ignition engines
- FAA representatives from FAASTeam, FSDO, or ACO

Each seminar in AMTSociety's IA Renewal Consortium meets the requirements contained in FAR 65.93(a)(4) for Inspection Authorization (IA) renewal training and is acceptable towards 8 hours of training for IA renewal and the FAA AMT Awards Program.

Register at www.amtsociety.org.