

TWU Local 591 Southeast Regional Vice-President Candidate Information

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NAME: James "Jimmy" Knapp

CLASSIFICATION: AMT Crew Chief

STATION: MIA

PREVIOUS STATION(S): TULE & DFW

COMPANY SENIORITY: August 30, 1985

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UNION BACKGROUND:

Served as a Union Representative elected by the membership for 27 consecutive years in multiple positions ranging from Shop Steward, Section Chairman, Regional Chairman, and regional Vice-President.

Experienced in grievance resolution.

Experienced in arbitration Cases as Lead Counsel and Co-Counsel.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

National Labor College - Arbitration Course

PREVIOUS BUSINESS / JOB EXPERIENCE:

Sheet Metal Technician, Jet Engine Overhaul Technician, Jet Engine Overhaul and Component Shop Inspector, Overhaul and Line Maintenance Technician, Avionics Line Maintenance Technician, Overhaul and Line Maintenance Inspector, Line Maintenance Crew Chief.

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

I am asking for your support and vote in my campaign for the Southeast Regional Vice President of Local 591. I started my career with AA in 1985 at TULE in Hangar 3A working drop-ins and later Hangar 3D Heavy ' C ' Check overhaul. I transferred to DFW where I worked Hangar ' B ' Checks and also Line Maintenance; later on I transferred to a small Class II Station called Miami.

While in DFW I was mentored by some of the best union reps I have ever known. When I transferred to MIA members of the executive board of local 513 in DFW which at that time represented MIA, asked me to become a union rep. I have been involved with representing the membership since early on in my career as a Shop Steward and was ELECTED as a Union Representative for 27 consecutive years as a Chairman. I was a union rep when MIA became big enough to have it's own Local 568 and later was instrumental in starting the first maintenance local in the system, Local 561. For the first three years I was the SE Regional VP for Local 591 serving SJU, MCO, TPA, and MIA. I have worked together with the ASAP committee; I have been involved in MEAA and Just Policy investigations. Some of my experience also includes participating in arbitration cases as Lead Counsel and Co-Counsel.

The opportunity to serve as your Regional Vice President is a position I do not take lightly. I understand the difficulties we all face, especially here in our region. I have been around all of you in the SE Region for many years and you know my style and character are my strongest attributes. I am proud to serve you if elected and anticipate working with the rest of the guys on our Board, working hard to do what we have to so we can get the company to give us the Industry Leading pay we deserve. As the members that know me would agree, I am not here to represent the views of the company or the international, but to represent the member's wishes, to protect their rights, and make sure that the company honors our current Agreement. I plead you to vote in this and all elections; don't let it be your vote that is not cast. You have a voice and you can make a difference, which is why I am asking each of you to take a few minutes and cast your vote. Please support our team because WE PUT OUR MEMBERS FIRST.

Fraternally,
Jimmy Knapp
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