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TO: ALL MEMBERS

RE: FEDERAL EXECUTIVE CHANGES

Last week was a big week for the ALAEA with long-serving President Paul Cousins announcing his retirement from the role. Paul had been in the position for eleven years and has decided to spend more time with his family before the kids reach an age where they will move out and start their own tribes. Paul will stay on as our representative with Aircraft Engineers International where he is currently the honorary President.

The announcement required the remaining Executives to make some decisions with regards to the main vacancy and any backfilling of positions. Under the ALAEA rules, because a main election is less than 18 months away, the Executive are able to appoint persons to the positions without undertaking a full election of members via the Australian Electoral Commission. We were fortunate enough to have had a Senior Vice President, Michael Weitenberg, with eleven years experience as our SVP, who was an easy selection for the Executive to make to become our new President.

Michael vacating the Senior Vice President role meant this position was also vacant and expressions were sought from within the Executive for a person to become our SVP. Peter Gill from Perth was the only nominee and steps into the new role immediately. The Qantas Councillor role vacated by Peter is to be filled by Sydney delegate Rodney Wyse. Michael, Peter and Rod are appointed to the new roles until 30 June 2018.

Our elected Assistant Federal Secretary Wayne Vasta is continuing a leave of absence after a new arrival to his family seeing Acting Assistant Secretary Luke Murray continuing until September 2017 with Chris Burleigh from Sydney being appointed to his Qantas Councillor role for the same period. The current Senior Executives of the ALAEA are as below-

Federal President – Michael Weitenberg (Bne)

Senior Vice President – Peter Gill (Per)

Trustee - Mark Gant (Syd)

Vice President – Wesley Bell (Mel)

Federal Secretary – Steve Purvinas (Mel)

Trustee - Steve Re (Syd)

Assistant Federal Secretary - Luke Murray (Bne)

Steve Purvinas Federal Secretary