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**ORGANIZATION OF BLACK AIRLINE PILOTS, INC.
TWENTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL CONVENTION**

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Mike Swanigan, Alaska Airlines 737 Captain. Team member since 1980.
Convention Chair, 28th National Convention OBAP.



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Greetings!

It gives me great pleasure to welcome participants and guests attending the Organization of Black Airline Pilots' (OBAP) Twenty-Eighth National Convention in Seattle Washington. Our theme ***"Making Dreams Take Flight"*** encompasses the goals and objectives of the Convention. It is exciting to have this opportunity to bring together aviation professionals to exchange ideas on today's challenging issues in the aviation industry and to provide youth an opportunity to explore career options in this field.

This year, we are pleased to share this special event with the National Black Coalition of Federal Aviation Employees (NBCFAE) as they convene their 27th Annual National Training Conference. Their conference theme is ***"2003: A Survival Shift for the Future."*** It is important to emphasize the power of our collective thoughts and to initiate positive changes for our people in the aviation field. The results of our combined efforts will be shared by both organizations.

From natural wonders to man-made fantasy, Seattle offers something for everyone. While you are in Seattle, we encourage you to take advantage of the unlimited dining, nightlife and entertainment options that have made Seattle the business and leisure destination of choice.

Infinite thanks go to Alaska Airlines for hosting this convention. Sincere appreciation is extended to our corporate partners who have supported us and shown their commitment to our mission to prepare a new generation of aviation professionals. A special thanks to Mike Swanigan for his leadership; and to the Convention Planning Committee for their work on behalf of OBAP.

Best wishes for an enjoyable convention!

Sincerely,

Bob

Captain Robert C. Brown
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Dear Members, Supporters and Attendees,

Welcome to the 28th Annual Convention of the Organization of Black Airline Pilots. This is the first year the convention has been held in the Pacific Northwest. This also is the first year Alaska Airlines has been the presenting sponsor for the event. Many of you may not know much about Alaska Airlines, but during the convention, we hope you will be taken with the thing we call the "Alaska Spirit." Alaska Spirit is the heart of Alaska Airlines and defines our unique character. It springs from our rich heritage as a pioneer in a state where aviation plays a vital role in the life of every resident. Our fun loving, energetic, and adventurous personality flows from this spirit, as does our belief in service and community involvement. A lot of my fellow Alaska Airlines employees have worked very hard to provide our convention attendees with an excellent convention in one of America's favorite cities.

This year has been a very difficult year for the commercial aviation industry. There are not as many jobs as there were in the past and a lot of our members have been furloughed or have had their jobs disappear. These conditions will make the convention one of the most important in our history. We can feel sorry for ourselves, or we can resolve to do what it takes to provide opportunities and support for our members. From my discussion with a lot of OBAP members, there is no doubt we will pull together to help each other make it through these difficult times. I am also confident that we will be able to provide opportunities to more young people than ever through our collective hard work.

Please accept my thanks for attending the convention. We are going to have a lot of fun and we are going to work hard to take care of each other.

Warmest Regards,



Captain Mike Swanigan
Alaska Airlines
2003 OBAP Convention Chairman

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