

# General Membership NOTAM

January, 2012

As we rumble

forth into 2012, know that your incoming Executive Board is disregarding the ancient Mayan prophecies

and proceeding as if the world will actually continue to exist beyond December.

The Board met last month to begin discussing a somewhat ambitious agenda which we all hope will benefit the membership for many years to come. Topics included the Steward program, meeting dates and places, and methods of communication between the membership and the Board.

Clearly, the unique challenges we face as a Local - such as the wide geographical divergence among our work locations and our residences - create legitimate questions of the best approaches for some of these issues and the expectation is for the Board to explore innovative methods to turn back to you - the membership - for input on how you would like to see some of these things managed.

The intention of this Executive Board is to work toward long term improvements in efficiency and organization which will leave

*Happy New Year!!*

the Local better off for current and future members and their families.

To that end, we plan to ask for your participation and input. Whether to serve as a Steward or to simply offer your thoughts on certain items, it is the sincere hope of this Board that you will help us to help you and recognize that we are working with the best interests of the membership in mind.

Thank you for your support!

## **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

*tentatively scheduled for*

**6:30 PM February 19, 2012**

at the GOM Galliano Base

*and online via*

**GoToWEBINAR®**

# NEWS & NOTES

## Western Gulf of Mexico Lease Sale 218 Attracts More Than \$337 Million in High Bids

12/14/11 ([link to press release online](#))

**NEW ORLEANS** – The Department of the Interior’s Bureau of Ocean Energy Management announced that its Western Gulf of Mexico Oil and Gas Lease Sale 218, held today in New Orleans, attracted \$337,688,341 in high bids and included 20 companies submitting 241 bids on 191 tracts comprising over a million acres offshore Texas. The sum of all bids received totaled \$712,725,998. This announcement is consistent with steps President Obama announced in May 2011 to expand domestic oil and gas production safely and responsibly.

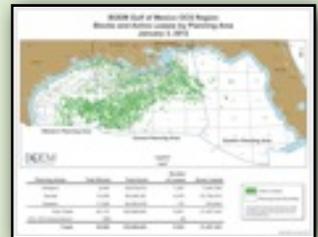
## Hiring to Begin Again in GOM

At long last, it appears as though Bristow is ready to open the doors to hiring once again. Article 7 of our CBA requires that the Company first go through the process of recalling laid off pilots and this is beginning currently. We can otherwise expect to start seeing some new faces around the Gulf in the near future and this serves as further evidence that an increase in activity is being anticipated. **Fly Safe!!**

## GOM Active Lease Map

1/3/12 ([find online here](#))

Map displays numbers and locations of active leases across the Gulf of Mexico and is updated regularly on the [BOEM website](#) along with other information of interest applicable to Bristow operations in the Gulf and Alaska.



## Bristow Group Inc. Signs Contract for Six AW189 Helicopters

11/10/11 ([full article online here](#))



Mark Duncan, Senior Vice President – Commercial, Bristow Group said “Bristow Group is excited by the capabilities offered by the new AW189 aircraft and we see it filling a key position within the our global fleet, particularly given the planned retirement of the AS332 Super Puma over the next few years and the continuing growth of deepwater developments in our key future markets.”