Back in September I was honored to be invited to a 2-day AFA training event in Las Vegas. This training was devoted to the newly formed Human Rights Committee (HRC). When we think of HRC, many of us will think of the Human Rights Campaign, which is America’s largest civil rights organization for the equality of the LGBTQ+ community, but this training incorporated a little bit of everything in it. Thru the course of the 2 days, we learned about conscious and unconscious bias, Wall Street 101, and Leadership. Our goals as committee members is to make sure that everyone in our AFA Union feels included by the company and by their peers.

I was interested in pursuing this role not only because I am a member of the LGBTQ+ community, but because I am pro equal rights for everybody. We need to make Alaska Airlines, and the world around us, a better place for everybody. With this position, I hope to help people feel more welcome and know that they have a safe space to go to if they ever feel unwelcome based on their race, religion, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, sex, and any other variant that may be judged by others.

There are so many amazing resources that were made available to us by the AFA and HRC, and with them we will be able to make Alaska Airlines a warm, inviting place to work for everyone. Please feel free to reach out if anyone has any questions about this training or how we can all best work together.

In solidarity,

Ryan Pittinger

HRC Committee Chair Ryan Pittinger and partner
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