



JANUARY 4, 2019: NEWS

ASAP and the Government Shutdown

As the government shutdown continues, our FAA ASAP partners cannot participate in any ASAP activities, including Event Review Committee (ERC) meetings. However, the ASAP program remains operational. **Pilots should continue to submit ASAP reports** as necessary. The Delta Flight Safety office is functioning normally, including processing of ASAP reports and providing guidance for crew members. When ERC meetings resume, all submitted ASAP reports will be reviewed and closed as expeditiously as possible. Please contact the ASAP Program Leader [Heather Owen-Perry](#) (404-714-2759) or ALPA ASAP Primary Representative [Warren Bildstein](#) (817-689-6563) with any questions.

MEC Polling

Delta MEC directed polling will be conducted Jan. 14-20 by the University of New Hampshire Survey Research Center. If you are contacted, your caller ID will display 603-397-0635, NH Call or UNH Surv Ctr. Please add 603-397-0635 to your phone contacts. UNH polling provides for an accurate measurement of pilot sentiment and opinions with a low margin of error. If you are contacted, please take the time to participate. Your individual answers will remain confidential.

Special MEC Meetings

The MEC will hold two Special Meetings in January to focus on continuing preparations for Section 6 negotiations. The Jan. 7-10 meeting will be held at the Sheraton Atlanta (165 Courtland St NE) and the Jan. 28-30 at the Renaissance Concourse Atlanta (One Hartsfield Centre Pkwy).

Pre-Report Fatigue Calls

In 2018, 7% of Fitness for Duty Reports (FFDRs) have been pre-report fatigue calls in which a pilot was not fit to report for their rotation. While approximately 96% of all fatigue calls result in full pay, only 70% of pre-report fatigue calls have retained pay. In the interest of safety, removing yourself from flying when you are fatigued is always the right decision. However, know that unless the reason for your fatigue is directly related to the operation (e.g. a late incoming flight the evening before) you may lose pay when calling in prior to rotation report. As with any evolving process, the ALPA Fitness Review Board (FRB) members continue to work through the challenges that arise and toward creative solutions that benefit all pilots and the safety of the operation.

Contract Administration Update

A new year brings new challenges and opportunities for all Delta pilots: the closing and opening of new categories, the drawing down of fleets, the increasing tempo of retirements and new hires, Section 6 negotiations and more. A thorough understanding of PWA protections and benefits and an engaged and informed pilot group are essential. 2019 also brings reorganization to the Contract Administration Committee. Captain Andy DaSilva has been selected as chairman and Captain Emilio Marcos as vice chairman of the committee. Captain DaSilva has been at Delta for 12 years and has a background in criminal law. Captain Marcos has been at Delta 27 years and has a background in aviation law. Both previously served in the United States Armed Forces.

Dots on a Map Episode 6 Now Live

Episode 6 of the *Dots on a Map* podcast, "Special Edition: Korean Air JV Scope Violation" focuses on Delta scope violations related to the Korean Air JV and why they matter. The episode is available on the [DALscope.org](#) website as well as on iTunes, Overcast and Google Play Music.

February Bid Alerts: 717, A220

For the bid period inclusive of Feb. 10-23, the 717 bid packages will contain three different types of rotations: "A ONLY," "B ONLY" and "A/B" due to staffing. This staffing solution is meant to be temporary, unlike the 737 which will last into the spring.

The February 2019 rotations for NYC A220 pilots were originally to have mostly 1- and 2-day rotations with a few 3- and 4-days. Training requested 5-day rotations for OE to provide more time (flight hours and landings) and minimize the number of rotations scheduled for each OE student. OE instruction will most likely take place on the 5-day rotations with possible check rides on the 1-day rotations. We will get a better feel after most pilots are trained on what the rotations will ultimately look like. For more information contact Captain Pat Harney RCC Chairman at Patrick.Harney@alpa.org

CLT Airport Hotel Pickup

The Charlotte Douglas International Airport is under major construction and the hotel pickup procedures have changed. Executive Transportation is not allowed to sit in any pickup areas to wait for passengers. Therefore, they now wait either on the 5th level of the parking deck or at a remote location outside of the airport property. They request crews call them at 704-525-2191 once they are departing the aircraft. They will then tell the crew where to meet their transportation, which usually takes less than 15 minutes. Please call the transportation company to confirm the pickup location to alleviate any delays.

PFMC Mental Health Resources

The experience of a family member with a mental health condition can affect everyone in the family. The PFMC webpage has information and resources for pilots dealing with this difficult family issue. For more information, visit the Pilot Family Matters Committee (PFMC) webpage on [alpa.org/dal](#) > Committees > [Pilot Family Matters](#). For questions, contact DALPFMC@alpa.org.

REPEAT ITEMS

Vacation Bidding

Bidding for the 2019-20 vacation year is now open. Vacation week availability has been posted and the primary vacation bids close Jan. 8. To bid, log into iCrew > Main Menu > Bids > Vacation > Initial Vacation Bids. A Vacation Bidding Guide can be found in the [Scheduling Reference Handbook](#), beginning on page 88. Additionally, a contract education video is available on the [Delta MEC website](#) under Contract Language > Committees > Contract Administration > PWA Videos or on the [Delta MEC Communications YouTube channel](#). For questions, contact dalcontractquestions@alpa.org or 800-872-2572.

CALENDAR

- 1/7: Special MEC Meeting (through 1/10)
- 1/11: C16 Meeting
- 1/14: MEC Polling (through 1/20)
- 1/15: C66 Meeting
- 1/16: C81 Meeting
- 1/28: Special MEC Meeting (through 1/30)
- 2/5: ALPA National Leadership Training Conference
- 2/6: DPN ATL Tower Tour
- 2/20: Special MEC Meeting (through 2/22)

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

- [Chairman's Letter: New Beginnings](#)
- [Chairman's Letter: New Year's](#)
- [Blog: Vice Chairman's Letter](#)
- [Blog: Chairman's Letter](#)
- [RCC Update: December Update](#)
- [MEC Meeting: Key Takeaways](#)
- [Jumpseat: myIDTravel Update](#)
- [MEC Alert: ATL Camp Creek](#)
- [Parking Lot Security](#)
- [Blog: Pilot Gift Guide](#)
- [Base Safety Notes](#)
- [November SME Q&A](#)
- [Blog: Fall 2018 MEC Recap](#)

HOTELS

- SIN: Jan. 4-June 30 to Swissotel
- MCO: Jan. 6 and Jan. 20-24 to alternate approved hotels
- TPA: Jan. 9-11 to the Doubletree
- JAX: Jan. 18-19 to Courtyard Oceanfront
- Contact: DALHotel@alpa.org

LEC MEETINGS

- Council 16: Friday, Jan. 11, 11a-3p | The Proud Bird Restaurant | Los Angeles
- Council 66: Tuesday, Jan. 15, 12-5p | Terminal 4 Station Briefing Room | JFK
- Council 81: Wednesday, Jan. 16, 10a-2p | JAZZ Room | SLC

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