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**Seat Selection Issues**

The MEC has been actively tracking seat selection related to deadheads and company business travel issues for several months. Pilots are reporting issues with selecting seats on TravelNet, not being able to select seats, seats being available for sale but not selectable by the crewmember and Airport Customer Service (ACS) agents changing previously selected seats. If you have experienced one of these types of issues, the MEC asks that you complete an [ALPA Pilot Report](#) (located on the Delta MEC homepage) with the details of your experience. These reports are compiled for data collection and analysis as evidence of the problem and provided to Flight Operations Management for a solution to the issue.

**Off Rotation Deadhead Issues**

We are tracking pilots who are denied positive space transportation while deviating on an Off Rotation Deadhead at the beginning of a rotation under **Section 8 E.**, particularly if the Company stated the denial was because the transportation prevented rest prior to an FDP. If you have been denied transportation while performing an off rotation deadhead at the beginning of a rotation, please report the details to Contract Administration via this [form](#).

## MEC Special Meeting

The MEC will meet in a special session October 11-13 at the Hilton Atlanta Airport (1031 Virginia Ave, Atlanta, GA 30354). The meeting will focus on updates from the Negotiating and Contract Administration Committees, along with regular MEC business. The meeting begins each day at 9am ET.

## Q4 QCQ Distribution

The iCrew pop-up notification indicating that Q4 QCQ is available is inaccurate. Q4 QCQ distribution is expected in October and pilots will be notified via DeltaNet when it is available. As a reminder, Q2 QCQ is due today, October 6.

## NYC PUB October 16

All pilots and their families are invited to attend the New York City pilot unity building (PUB) event on Monday, October 16. Meet your reps, MEC Chairman Bill Bartels, MEC Vice Chairman Ryan Schnitzler, MEC Secretary Tom Brielmann, Scope Compliance Committee Chairman Brandon Conwill, Negotiations Committee Member Heiko Kallenbach and fellow pilots, and have your voice heard. The PUB is being held at Austin's Ale House Kew Gardens (8270 Austin St, Kew Gardens, NY 11415) from 5-8pm. If you're interested in attending, please RSVP [here](#) or by email at [DALPUB@alpa.org](mailto:DALPUB@alpa.org) so we can ensure an accurate headcount.

## Repeat Items

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## MEC Polling

Delta pilots may be contacted for a telephonic poll directed by the Delta MEC and conducted by the University of New Hampshire Survey Research Center. According to the Research Center, if you receive a call, your caller ID will display 603-397-0635, NH Call or UNH Surv Ctr. UNH polling provides for an accurate measurement of pilot sentiment and opinions with a low margin of error due to the polling methodology employed. If you are contacted by a Research Center representative, please take the time to complete the poll. Your individual answers will remain confidential. Polling will be conducted October 3-9.

## Volunteer with PFM

Pilot Family Matters Committee is recruiting volunteers to act as Pilot Peer Advocates (PPAs). PPAs must have experience with specific family issues such as paternity, maternity, adoption, infertility/IVF, childcare, special needs dependents, family members with mental illness or addiction, caring for ill family members, eldercare, death in the family, divorce, single parenting, women's issues and/or LGBTQ. After selection, approval and training, PPAs will help develop relevant content for the [PFM webpage](#). Interested pilots should contact [dalpfmc@alpa.org](mailto:dalpfmc@alpa.org). Please indicate specific family issue experience for which you are interested in contributing.

## Payroll Issues

For those who have experienced issues with 401(k) contributions and alignment of 415(c) limits between the two payroll systems over the last several months, Delta has advised that a fix will be in place on the September 30 paycheck. Please review your check and report any issues to the payroll department. For questions, call 800 MY DELTA.

## [Updated] Regular MEC Meeting

The MEC will meet in regular session November 6-10 at the San Diego Marriott La Jolla (4240 La Jolla Village Dr, La Jolla, CA 92037). The meeting begins each day at 9am PST. All pilots are invited to attend. Open speaking time is scheduled for Tuesday, November 7, 12:30-1:00pm. Please contact your council reps if you desire to speak.

## Negotiating Committee Election

An election to select the Contract 2019 Negotiating Committee will take place at the November Regular MEC meeting in San Diego, with nominations on November 7 and elections on November 8. The term will begin immediately after the election. If you are interested in running for this position, please contact your LEC representative or call the MEC office at 1-800-USA-ALPA. The MEC will cover a candidate's expenses at the meeting, but not flight pay loss.

## Upcoming PUB Events

All pilots and their families are invited to socialize with MEC officers, elected representatives and MEC committee members at the upcoming pilot unity building (PUB) events planned around the system:

- **ATL Training PUB:** October 24, Mellow Mushroom, 6-8pm
- **MEC Meeting PUB:** November 6, San Diego Air & Space Museum, 6-9pm

If you're interested in attending an event, please RSVP via the button on [alpa.org/dal](http://alpa.org/dal) or email [DALPUB@alpa.org](mailto:DALPUB@alpa.org) so we can ensure an accurate headcount.

## Support Available for Impacted Pilots

If your home is impacted by Hurricane Harvey, Irma, Maria or another natural disaster, ALPA is here to help. The Delta MEC's [Furlough/Emergency Relief Fund](#) and ALPA's [Pilots for Pilots](#) are available to pilots in need of financial assistance in the wake of natural disaster. If you would like to support your fellow pilots, consider [donating to P4P today](#).

## Government Affairs

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Our profession is more greatly affected by law, policy and government regulation than most any other. Delta MEC Government Affairs is *your* voice in government and to the public on rules and actions that protect and advance pilot careers. Here is a quick update on current issues and activities:

**[New] GA News is Moving:** To assist in making important Government Affairs information as available as possible to all members, we will soon be moving GA news to its own periodic publication, Capitol Hill Briefs. New initiatives or calls-to-action will be shared in Vectors as regular news items.

**[New] Congressional FAA Reauthorization Legislation:** After pushing back the likelihood of a floor vote on a new and much-needed comprehensive FAA Reauthorization bill with a Continuing Resolution last week, the U.S. House of Representatives turned around and placed H.R. 2997 on their agenda for next. Your Government Affairs team is scheduled, along with a large contingent of ALPA and other industry partners, to meet with members of the House prior to the vote on included items, such as preserving First Officer Qualification Standards. **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED.** Please take the time to participate in the Call to Action opposing the lowering of First Officer Qualification Standards, as well as those opposing NAI/Flags of Convenience/H.R.2150, and supporting the installation of secondary barriers to cockpit access. All are posted on [alpa.org](http://alpa.org).

**[Updated] ME3:** Our campaign opposing the damaging practices of state-owned airlines Emirates, Etihad and Qatar Airways continues. Your GA representatives again joined fellow Delta employees on Capitol Hill this week for meetings and conversations with Congressional members and staffs on the ME3 issue. Our effort is an integral part of Delta's "[Our Future, Our Fight](#)" campaign. Information on the campaign can be found on [Deltanet](http://Deltanet). MEC Government Affairs representatives will be making a joint ME3 presentation with Delta Government Affairs at next month's Flying Operations Leadership Summit in Seattle [October 16-18](#). An ALPA-Delta pilot information and engagement program is also being crafted as part of the comprehensive approach. Pilots should visit the [Partnership for Fair & Open Skies website](#) and join the White House petition calling for U.S. enforcement of our Open Skies agreements with UAE and Qatar.

**[Updated] ALPA PAC:** 2018 election campaigns are launching now around the country. Those who are and will become our elected representatives are publicly staking out their policy positions, including those that affect us. The measure of our pilot group participation, together with the financial power of the ALPA Political Action Committee, largely determines our influence at this critical time. Your involvement helps facilitate our access to policymakers, and gain and maintain the presence of elected officials in Congress who are supportive of our pilot partisan agenda. **ALPA PAC is an investment in your professional future.** Begin or adjust your ALPA PAC contributions today at [alpa.org](http://alpa.org).

The most up-to-date source of Government Affairs information is the committee Twitter [@DALMECgov](https://twitter.com/DALMECgov) ([twitter.com/dalmecgov](https://twitter.com/dalmecgov)). For more, refer to the [Government Affairs](#) committee page on [dal.alpa.org](http://dal.alpa.org). And look soon, for the Capitol Hill Brief series. For comments and questions, please contact [jeff.anderson@alpa.org](mailto:jeff.anderson@alpa.org)

## Hotel Updates

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**[New] LGA- S:** The LaGuardia Plaza Hotel is now being utilized as the crew short layover hotel. The hotel is located directly across from the LaGuardia Airport.

**[New] SJU:** Delta is reviewing the safety of laying over crews in SJU. If it is determined to be safe, crews will be staying at the La Concha Renaissance which is confirmed to have power, water and AC. The restaurant located in the hotel is also open.

**TPA-S:** Crews moved from the Doubletree to Hilton Westshore due to storm damage, effective through the end of October.

**GRB:** Crews arriving October 7, 11-12 & 21-22 will be moved to the Tundra Lodge due to blackout dates at the Hyatt Regency.

**BZN:** Crews arriving October 19-20 will be moved to the Hilton Garden Inn. The provided shuttle is on demand from the airport - crews should go to baggage claim then call 406-582-9900 for pickup; the shuttle will arrive in 10-15 minutes. The shuttle from the hotel to the airport runs on the half hour beginning at 4am. Breakfast is included.

**ATL:** Beginning September 18, all ATL pick-ups/drop-offs for **long layovers** staying in downtown Atlanta will move to the International Terminal (F). Crews should exit out the Arrivals Door A3, and shuttles will pick-up at Green Section #4 (Hotel/Shared Ride Shuttles sign). Crews with short layovers in ATL will continue to be picked up/dropped off at the domestic terminal.

Contact: [DALHotel@alpa.org](mailto:DALHotel@alpa.org)

## Local Council Meetings

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**Council 44:** Monday, Oct. 23, 11am-4pm, Hilton Garden Inn Airport North - East Point, GA

**Council 20:** Tuesday, Oct. 24, 12-3pm, MAC Club Room - DTW McNamara Terminal, Departure Level

**Council 108:** Thursday, Oct. 26, 1-4pm, Hofbräuhaus - Newport, KY

**[New] Council 81:** Wednesday, Dec. 6, 10am-2pm, Jazz Room - SLC Airport

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### [ALPA PAC](#)

Support pilot-partisan leaders in Congress to promote pilot careers

The Pilot Assistance Network (PAN) provides support for pilots during difficult times.

Call 1-800-USA-ALPA and ask for PAN or press "7" after hours

Do you need help? The [Furlough Emergency Relief Fund](#) exists to assist Delta pilots with a demonstrated financial hardship.