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2/13	Council 16 Meeting	2/28	Jepp FD Pro 9.0 update & training due
2/13	Council 44 Meeting	3/5	MEC Regular Meeting - MCO (through 3/9)
2/15	Council 81 Meeting	3/7	MCO PUB Event - 6-8pm
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**Regular MEC Meeting**

The MEC will meet in regular session March 5-9 at the Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center (6000 W Osceola Pkwy, Kissimmee, FL 34746). The meeting begins each day at 0900 EDT. All pilots are invited to attend. Open speaking time is scheduled for Tuesday, March 6, 12:30-1pm. Please contact your council reps if you desire to speak.

## Orlando MEC Meeting PUB - March 7

Pilots and their families are invited to attend the upcoming PUB event at The Pub Orlando (9101 International Dr, Orlando, FL 32819) as part of the Regular MEC Meeting. The PUB will be held on Wednesday, March 7, 6-8pm. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be provided. The restaurant is conveniently located across the street from the MCO long-layover hotel. PUBs are a great way to socialize with MEC officers, elected representatives, MEC committee members and fellow pilots. If you're interested in attending, 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.

## TSA Screening at Non-KCM/PreCheck Airports

Following the TSA's implementation of Enhanced Accessible Property Screening (EAPS), crew members may be required to remove liquids, food and electronics from their luggage when transiting a normal TSA passenger screening checkpoint. This applies to crew at any airport that does not have KCM or TSA PreCheck. If you live or layover at one of these airports, please understand that you may need to remove these additional items from your luggage during the screening process and be aware of longer security lines. This requirement still applies even if you are in uniform and traveling to perform the duties of a crew member.

## Support Government Affairs Advocacy Efforts

Legislators and government officials largely choose the matters they attend to based on what seems important to the public. Right now, repeated short-term federal funding resolutions, fundamental immigration issues and political harping take the lead both in the news and on Capitol Hill. Meanwhile, major concerns of ours, such as the protection of pilot safety and experience standards, drone and airspace safety, secondary barriers that protect our cockpits from unauthorized access, and the denial of flag-of-convenience carriers from damaging our air travel markets, seem less attractive. **These are important public interest issues**; not just "our problem." As the current deadline for passage of a much-needed FAA Reauthorization bill approaches at the end of March, please help put some power behind our current Washington advocacy efforts by logging on to [alpa.org](http://alpa.org) and completing (even repeating) the Calls-to-Action on First Officer Qualification Standards, supporting Secondary Barriers and opposing Flags-of-Convenience. All news and information can be found on our Government Affairs Committee Twitter feed [@DALMECgov](https://twitter.com/DALMECgov) (you don't have to have a Twitter account to read these updates).

## Confirm Your Atlanta Training Hotels

The Delta Training Department advised that in February the Company is transitioning the A320 fleet from the Holiday Inn North to the Renaissance Concourse Atlanta Airport for training. This and other recent changes to training hotels should be accurately reflected on pilot schedules, but there have been instances of pilots whose training hotel on iCrew did not match the reservation. While this is rare, we recommend confirming your reservation with the hotel posted on their iCrew schedule prior to arrival in case there have been changes not properly reflected on iCrew.

## FFDO Certification Renewal Due

All active FFDOs should log into the Dashboard and certify the Lautenberg Statement for calendar year 2018. The FFDO program office is currently reviewing all files for currency. FFDOs must renew this certification each year. If you have not done so already, please login and complete this task.

## Repeat Items

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## Check Your Checks

As we begin a new year, the R&I Committee recommends a review of your first check to ensure your 2018 benefits are correct. We also encourage you to thoroughly scrutinize your benefits coverage, review your final 2017 paycheck for tax planning purposes, and check that your beneficiary designations are up to date. More details on these new year maintenance items can be found in [R&I Report 18-02](#).

## New Pilot Dashboard Available for Beta Testing

All pilots are invited to be a part of beta testing of the new Pilot Dashboard - an enhanced version of Pilot Tools - available on the Delta MEC Website. The Pilot Dashboard provides retirement and category projections, pay calculators

and more. To access, click on the new Pilot Dashboard (Beta) button on the home page. Please email all feedback and issues to [DALPilotDashboard@alpa.org](mailto:DALPilotDashboard@alpa.org).

## Jepp Upgrade Due Feb. 28

Delta recently released Jeppesen Flight Deck Pro 9.0 for the Surface. You must upgrade Jepp FD Pro to 9.0 and complete the training by February 28. The 30-minute training video can be found [here](#) or via at the bottom of any link to CQ training. Your ALPA IT Committee considers this to be a much improved version, with the following benefits:

- Oceanic tracks are displayed and North Atlantic track can be used in the route portion of the flight plan
- A feature called Smart Notes displays a chronological list of various notes along the flight
- Improved search function for airports and other map information
- If you use the PDF flight plan, a QR code reader/converter is included to load or transfer the route, including ETP information
- Stability appears to be much improved

## Where Did My Payback Days Go?

If payback (PB) days were not used in 2017, they will automatically be converted to supplemental (SUPP) vacation days to be used in vacation year 2018/2019. If you wish to use the days in January, February or March, you may enter a request for a personal drop (PD) or APD, then, when awarded via PCS, **contact Crew Scheduling** to have the days of the personal drop converted to payback days. This will be shown on your schedule as TOFF. To locate the number of PB days converted to SUPP vacation days, log into iCrew > Bids > Vacation > Initial Vacation Bids > Select a Vacation Type > Display Individual Vacation Days to bid. Please see the Scheduling Reference Handbook (SRH) page 92 for information on SUPP vacation days. For questions, contact Crew Resources at [crewresources@delta.com](mailto:crewresources@delta.com).

## iPad EFB Update

The new iPad EFBs are expected to roll out this May. Pilots can visit the “Countdown to iPad - Your Next Generation EFB” page in the My Division section of DeltaNet for information regarding the program rollout and latest news updated in real-time. The iPad Pilot Ambassadors will also be sharing information and tips in a blog format on the site.

## Hotel Updates

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**[New] Renaissance (ATL Training):** In February, the Company is transitioning the A320 fleet from the Holiday Inn North to the Renaissance Concourse Atlanta Airport for training. Please note that parking is not complimentary at the Renaissance. If you have your own car, you are allowed to park in the Delta parking lot across the street from the hotel. You will need your Delta ID to access the parking area.

**Hotel Safety:** As a general practice, the Hotel Committee encourages crew members to use the door security latch in addition to the handle lock while in their hotel rooms.

**ATL Training Hotels:** If you are staying at an ATL training hotel and do not have wifi, please submit an FCR.

**MCO:** Crews arriving Feb. 12-14 and 21-23 will be moved to the Florida Hotel & Conference Center or Rosen Shingle Creek.

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

## Local Council Meetings

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**Council 16:** Tuesday, Feb. 13, 11am-2pm, LAX Coastal Chamber of Commerce

**Council 44:** Tuesday, Feb. 13, 11am-4pm, Holiday Inn & Suites Atlanta Airport-North

**Council 81:** Thursday, Feb. 15, 10am-2pm, Hotel RL Salt Lake City

**[New] Council 20:** Wednesday, Feb. 21, 12-3pm, MAC Club Room, DTW McNamara Terminal departure level



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