



*March 22, 2013*

- *Merger Committee Member Election*
- *2012 FSA Submission Deadline*
- *1040X Filing Deadline*
- *Pro Stan - Do Not Shop Around*
- *BRU Hotel Robbery Alert*
- *Treasurer's Report*
- *Calls-to-Action*
- *Upcoming Council Meetings*

**Merger Committee Member Election:** The MEC will hold an election for one member of the MEC Merger Committee at the regularly scheduled MEC meeting in Washington D.C., April 29-May 2. The term of office will begin immediately following 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.

**2012 FSA Submission Deadline:** UHC must receive your submission of an FSA claim form for reimbursement from a Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account, Healthcare Flexible Spending Account or Limited Purpose Flexible Spending Account by March 31, 2013, for eligible expenses incurred through December 31, 2012. There is no additional grace period for any Delta FSA option in which to incur expenses or claim expenses, and the form must be received (*not just postmarked*) by that date. Manual claim forms are available online under the forms section of Benefits Direct on DeltaNet. Available funds must be used before this date by submitting a claim; otherwise, any remaining funds will be forfeited and cannot be claimed for 2013 expenses. Due to the large number of last minute filers, you are encouraged to send your claim form via certified mail, return receipt requested, so that you have evidence of a timely submission in the event it is lost.

**1040X Filing Deadline:** If you made an IRA contribution under the provisions of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012, please be advised that the deadline for filing your federal amended tax return, IRS Form 1040X, is April 15, 2013. Please review [R&I Report 13-01](#) for further guidance.

**Pro Stan - Do Not Shop Around:** The Professional Standards Committee is an excellent pilot resource used to resolve interpersonal problems that occur on the line. If you wish to use this service, please do not send your issue to multiple agencies or departments at the same time. A confidential call to Professional Standards does not prevent you from exercising other options later, but once an issue lands on management's desk, they must respond and Pro Stan can no longer get involved. The Professional Standards Committee has established a new toll-free phone number with a 24-hour answering service to help you quickly connect to a Professional Standards Committee volunteer, 1-800-388-1628.

**BRU Hotel Robbery Alert:** A crew recently had bags stolen from an unlocked van during transit. Please verify that the driver has locked the vehicle doors and keep all valuables, IDs,

passports and electronics on your person. As always, during your preflight preparations, reviewing pertinent security information for your destination, via DBMS, is advised.

Treasurer's Report: The [Treasurer's Report](#) has been posted to the [Delta MEC website](#).

**Two Calls-to-Action - Get involved!:** [Contact Congress](#) today to urge support for the Safe Skies Act of 2013. This helps to achieve one level of safety for passenger and cargo aviation. Delta pilots should also be concerned the White House has continued interest in allowing U.S. Customs Pre-clearance facility in Abu Dhabi. [Tell the President your concerns on this issue](#). For family and friends who may want to contact the White House in opposition to the US CBP facility in the UAE, use [Contact the White House](#).

As a result of pilot input, ALPA has sponsored [POPVOX](#) for your family, neighbors and friends who support our Pilot Partisan issues to contact Congress.

#### Upcoming Council Meetings:

- Council 66 will meet Thursday, April 11, 12PM, JFK—New York Lounge, Terminal 3, located between Gates 5 and 6.
- Council 108 will meet Monday, April 15, 2PM - 4PM, Hofbrauhaus Newport, 3rd & Saratoga at the Levee, 200 East 3rd St., Newport, KY 41071.
- Council 44 will meet Tuesday, April 16, 11AM - 2PM, location to be determined.
- Council 20 will meet Wednesday, April 17, 1PM - 4PM, McNamara Terminal, DTW Metro Airport, Crew Lounge.
- Council 16 will meet Tuesday, April 16, 11AM, Gullivers Restaurant 18482 MacArthur Blvd. Irvine, CA 92612.
- Council 54 will meet Thursday, April 11, 10AM - 1PM, The Conference Center at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, 17801 International Blvd., Seattle, WA 98158.

#### *Connect with Your Union*



*PilotBlast*



*ALPA PAC*



*Facebook*



*Twitter*

*The Pilot Assistance Network (PAN) provides support for pilots during difficult times.  
You can contact a pilot volunteer at 1-800-USA-ALPA, ask to transfer you to PAN.  
During non-business hours, press "7" at the main menu to transfer to PAN.*