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TSA Now Accepting FFDO Applications: The application deadline for the FFDO program is April 15th. For further information please see the April 2nd [Fastread](#).

AA Jumpseat Update: The APA Jumpseat Committee is working with AA management toward relief from their "more onerous" JS policies, which have been in place for several years now. They ask that the Delta pilots [submit a JSAP](#) if an AA agent refuses a pilot's walk-up listing. [MEC Alert 13-03](#) details AA management's preferred listing methods. Questions and comments to: DALMECjumpseat@alpa.org.

Qualification Training: The March bid award triggered qualification training for hundreds of pilots, and they have hundreds of questions. The DeltaNet fleet page is a good place to start looking for answers on Initial, CQ, Requal, and Recency training. The fleet "Initial Qual" link has training aids, requirements, and contacts. Other sources are your local [Training Committee members](#), the FOM Part 2 (Sect. 15), the Chief Pilot, Chief Pilot Support Center, Crew Resources, and Training Planners.

May Bid Period Adjustment: May 2013 comes under the new definition of "bid period." The May bid period will begin on May 2nd and end June 1st. Contact the MEC Scheduling Committee at 1-800-USA-ALPA or Dalscheduling@alpa.org with questions.

FAA 737 Simulator Study: The FAA is conducting a simulator study in OKC April 15-19. Current and qualified B-737NG Captains and F/O's are needed. This non-jeopardy experience requires no study or preparation. Compensation is \$400 daily, \$99 *per diem*, and hotel reimbursement. Participants will also be reimbursed at the government mileage rate. Please contact Brian Townsend for more information at TownsendBD@gmail.com or 702-204-0007.

Pilot-to-Pilot: P2P training will be held at the MEC office in Atlanta, April 25. P2P volunteers help bring the line pilot's perspective to their elected representatives. Participation does not require a lot of time. For more information e-mail DALP2P@alpa.org. Transportation, lodging, and meals are provided - but not flight pay loss.

Merger Committee Election: The MEC will hold an election for one member of the Merger Committee at the regular MEC meeting in Washington D.C., April 29-May 2. The term of office begins immediately on election. If you are interested in running please contact your LEC representative or call the MEC office. The MEC will cover a candidate's expenses at the meeting, but not flight pay loss.

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.

Two Calls-to-Action - Get involved: [Contact Congress](#) today to urge support for the Safe Skies Act of 2013, which call for one level of safety in 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 want to contact the White House in opposition to the facility in the UAE, use [Contact the White House.](#) ALPA's [POPVOX](#) is for your family, neighbors and friends who support our Pilot Partisan issues.

Upcoming Council Meetings:

- Council 1: Monday, April 8, 1PM - 4PM, Crowne Plaza Hotel & Suites MSP- Mall of America, 3 Appletree Square, Bloomington, MN 55425.
- Council 54: Thursday, April 11, 10AM - 1PM, The Conference Center at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, 17801 International Blvd., Seattle, WA 98158.
- Council 66: Thursday, April 11, 12PM, JFK–New York Lounge, Terminal 3, between Gates 5 and 6.
- Council 108: Monday, April 15, 2PM - 4PM, Hofbrauhaus Newport, 3rd & Saratoga at the Levee, 200 East 3rd St., Newport, KY 41071.
- Council 16: Tuesday, April 16, 11AM, Gulliver's Restaurant, 18482 MacArthur Blvd. Irvine, CA 92612.
- Council 44: Tuesday, April 16, 11AM - 2PM, Georgia International Convention Center, 2000 Convention Center Concourse, College Park, GA 30337.
- Council 20: Wednesday, April 17, 1PM - 4PM, McNamara Terminal, DTW Metro Airport, Crew Lounge.

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