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GUM Hotel Update - As of March 6, the layover hotel in GUM is the Marriott. Crews will receive a 15% discount on food and beverage and free internet. Thank you to all who filled out FCRs on this issue. Your input was instrumental in this positive change for our crews.

Bid Period Adjustment— The definition of a bid period has changed. The April bid period now begins on April 1st and ends on May 1st. Please bid accordingly.

Pairing identifiers— Bid packages now include pairing identifiers that begin with alphanumeric characters corresponding to regions in the world. These designators are not intended to be aligned with the company's defined theaters of operation for theater qualifications. Rotations created after the publishing of the bid packages will not use the new alphanumeric designators. Please refer to *PBS Notepad 13-02* on the [Delta MEC website](#), under PBS Committee, for full details.

FT/DT Rules—Interested pilots can get more information of FT/DT rules under FAR 117 in this [link to FAA clarification](#).

Georgia signs IRA Rollover Legislation— Due to Delta pilot grassroots efforts in Georgia, Governor Deal signed legislation on March 5th permitting eligible airline employees to file an amended Georgia state tax return (Form 500X) and recoup taxes paid in previous years, if they made an IRA rollover contribution under the provisions of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012. This adds Georgia to a growing list of states including Minnesota and Iowa that have enacted such recent legislation. ALPA volunteers and Delta pilots continue to similar efforts in Kentucky and Massachusetts.

Free Crew Member Self-Defense Training— The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and the Federal Air Marshal Service (FAMS) invites pilots to participate in the Crew Member Self Defense Training (CMSDT) program. This voluntary one-day program is FREE. For more information and to sign up, please visit this web site: www.tsa.gov/cmsdt.

Call-to-Action — [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. Last year's Congress let this issue go but we will not. Delta pilots should be concerned at the White House's 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. Spread the word. When enough people speak the Hill begins to listen.

ProStans Toll Free Contact—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, **800-388-1628**. Please keep this number on hand for future reference.

Upcoming Council Meetings:

- Council 66 will meet Thursday, April 11, JFK–New York Lounge, Terminal 3, located between Gates 5 and 6. On the agenda is nomination and election of First Officer representative for a term ending 2/28/14.
- 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.

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