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Vacancy Announcement Posted: Pilots are reminded to refer to [Scheduling Alert 13-03 - Filling of Vacancies](#) for information about the vacancy bidding process. **As always: bid what you want, and want what you bid.**

PBS Awards Changed: The PBS Working Group identified a database issue that affected the processing of "Vacation Any" for the August bid period. All preliminary bids were cancelled, the issue addressed, and all categories were processed again. The corrected results were published before the contractual deadline. The results are not final until they are posted in DBMS (iCrew).

What Happened to the Trip Mix? We received significant feedback from M88 and 320 pilots regarding the trip mix in the July and August bid periods. Crew Resources has historically worked to provide us with our preferences when credit hours and staffing allow. However, when tightly staffed and during peak flying periods there is less flexibility. The situation should improve as the peak flying tapers off and when staffing allows. Any questions or feedback should be directed to the Rotation Construction Committee at dalrccXXX@alpa.org (XXX = your base identifier).

Sick Leave Verification - Important Update: Contract Admin (CA) thanks the many pilots who have documented sick leave verification efforts with us. Your efforts help CA work with the Company on the initial implementation.

Currently, all Company requested verifications have been accepted. Voluntary submissions by pilots may or may not have been verified. CA requests pilots continue to report requests for verification - and denials. Who, what, and when - and the outcome, please. See [Contract Awareness Bulletin 13-05 - Sick Verification](#). E-mail DALContractQuestions@alpa.org or call 1-800-USA-ALPA and ask for Contract Admin.

Jumpseat Rules: Please be considerate of your fellow pilots. Review the rules in the FOM pertaining to Jumpseat listings aboard Delta. Jumpseats that will not be used should be cancelled **ASAP**. Multiple jumpseat listings between the same city pair on the same day are not allowed. File JSAP and FCR reports for jumpseat related issues. Committee contact: DALMECjumpseat@alpa.org.

Volunteer List: The annual posting of Committee members has been posted on the Delta MEC website. See the Committee drop down menu, [Committee Roster](#).

PilotBlast: Last week PilotBlast subscribers got immediate text notice when Delta's CASS system went down, making KCM and non-Delta jumpseats unavailable. We also notified them when CASS came up again.

If you change categories or phone numbers and are a PilotBlast subscriber, please remember to update your PilotBlast preferences to reflect your new information. To subscribe or update [click here](#).

CASC and NextGen: A Central Air Safety Committee (CASC) member attended the ALPA and NATCA joint symposium, "User's Perspective on NextGen". A summary regarding NextGen improvements to the National airspace system is posted to the [Central Air Safety Committee page](#) of the Delta MEC website.

"Study Break" PUBs: Training? Take a break and socialize with negotiators, reps, committee chairs, and ALPA officers. Find out what's going on; ask your questions. Food and drinks provided. Study Break PUBs will be held weekly this summer with the next one on Wednesday, July 31, 6:30-8:30PM, Holiday Inn and Suites ATL Airport.

AirWatch Feedback: Pilot feedback on AirWatch/Content Locker submitted via Flight Crew Report (FCR) is your opportunity to make a difference. Submit feedback now, even if you have done so in the past. If you prefer to submit feedback to ALPA directly, e-mail DALTraining@alpa.org.

Delta Health Rewards Credit Deadline: September 30 is the deadline to receive Delta Health Rewards Program credits. See the "My Self Service" page on DeltaNet. If you are an active pilot on 3/31/2013 and/or 9/30/2013, you will automatically receive Delta Health Rewards points for an annual physical exam.

Inactive pilots and spouses: Take a Provider Notification Form to your annual physical exam and ask the provider to complete and return the form (available on the Benefit Forms page, Employee Connection, DeltaNet).

Tobacco users: Enroll in the Delta Health Direct "Quit Tobacco" program soon to meet the September 30 deadline.

Upcoming Council Meetings:

Council 1: Wednesday, July 24, 10AM-1PM, Crowne Plaza Hotel & Suites Mall of America

Council 44: Thursday, August 1, 11AM-2PM, Holiday Inn & Suites Atlanta Airport-North

Council 54: Monday, August 12, 10AM - 2PM, SeaTac conference center, London Room

Council 20: Monday, August 12, Noon - 3PM, McNamara Terminal, Detroit Metro Airport, Crew Lounge

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