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Abu Dhabi Call to Action: [HR 3488](#) has been introduced to prohibit the creation of a pre-clearance facility in Abu Dhabi. See [Capitol Hill Brief 13-09](#) and [MEC Update 13-09](#) for more info. We need every Delta pilot to again contact their House member and two U.S. Senators. Your participation in this [Call-to-Action](#) is crucial and will only take a few minutes. Participate today, as we are now seeking co-sponsors for [HR 3488](#)!

Delta MEC Safety Line: While the ASAP program works great for most safety-related issues, the DALMEC Safety Line (800-717-6790) is provided for questions requiring a quick response or detailed answer. The Safety Line greeting only confirms the phone number and does NOT identify it as the MEC Safety Line. Following the prompts should result in a callback from a volunteer within 20-30 minutes.

If the event is an accident or critical issue, the call should go to the ALPA National Worldwide Accident Hotline at (202) 797-4180, collect calls accepted.

Special MEC Meeting: The Delta MEC will hold a special MEC meeting Monday, December 9th at the Hilton Atlanta Airport, 1031 Virginia Avenue, Atlanta. It is scheduled as a two day meeting.

Master Chairman Election: An election for the Delta MEC Master Chairman will take place at the December 9-10 Special MEC meeting in Atlanta. The term begins immediately following the election through December 2014. 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.

Industry Threats: Check out the [ALPA video](#) on the biggest threats to the U.S. airline industry. The video is posted to the Delta MEC website, [Government Affairs Committee page](#).

Benefits Open Enrollment: Delta open enrollment for benefits began Wednesday, November 6 and will end at 11:59pm, Wednesday, November 27. Many helpful documents and tools are available on Delta Net and from the Delta MEC R&I Specialist. The [2014 Open Enrollment for Benefits webcast](#) (46 minutes) is on the Delta MEC website, under the Retirement & Insurance Committee Tab. Look for the camera icon for R&I Webcasts. A copy of the slide deck is provided for printing.

Roth BrokerageLink Coming In December: Fidelity is in the process of splitting BrokerageLink into Roth and non-Roth accounts for those who participate in BrokerageLink in the Delta Pilots Savings Plan. You are reminded that there will be a blackout window on certain transactions from December 4th through December 11th. Please see the [Roth Brokerage Link brochure](#) posted on the R&I Committee page of the Delta MEC website for further details. If you have questions regarding this transition, please email DALRI@alpa.org.

ALPA Office Hours: The U.S. ALPA offices, including the Delta MEC, will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday from 3PM, Wednesday Nov. 27 - Friday, Nov. 29. Normal business hours will resume Monday, Dec. 2.

DPN Thanksgiving Coverage: For the Thanksgiving holidays, the Delta Pilot Network (DPN) will implement a modified version of DPN 24/7. DPN will be operational 9AM - 5PM, Thursday and Friday, with subject matter experts available to address pilot concerns. *DPN:24/7* is *not* a substitute for resolving operational issues through the normal Delta Flight Operations process. If, however, you are unable to resolve issues through the normal process or you have emergency/family issues that require immediate attention, please do not hesitate to call. **866-239-0437**.

Upcoming Council Meetings:

Council 81, Tuesday, December 3, 10am - 2pm, Hilton Salt Lake City Airport

Council 66, Thursday, December 5, 2pm, JFK Terminal 4 Station Meeting Room

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The Pilot Assistance Network (PAN) provides support for pilots during difficult times.

Call 1-800-USA-ALPA and ask for PAN.

During non-business hours, press "7" at the main menu to transfer to PAN.

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