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*The Delta MEC Communications Committee is pleased to introduce a new format and title to the weekly Code A Phone. The weekly publication will now be called **Vectors**.*

Vectors is available as an e-mail push and posted to the [Delta MEC website](#) and the [Delta MEC Communications Facebook page](#). Upon its distribution, the Committee also tweets a link to Twitter subscribers of the [Delta MEC Communications Twitter feed](#).

We have updated the format to present the topics in bullet fashion before expanding on their respective details. The Committee hopes that the new format is helpful. We will be evaluating feedback in the coming months on this and our other communications tools.

- **Strategic Planning Update**
- **DPCF BOD Meeting**
- **Pilot Blast Category Update**
- **Call-to-Action**
- **Upcoming Council Meetings**

Strategic Planning Update— [Etihad Airways](#) was pursuing the Singapore share of Virgin Atlantic, but settled on a codeshare with AF/KLM for European traffic feed. Now they are capturing traffic east of Abu Dhabi with the acquisition of Indian carrier [Jet Airways](#). The U.S. is on the target list. Please do the ALPA Call to Action today; and sign up for ALPA PAC to support ALPA's efforts to protect pilot jobs.

DPCF BOD Meeting— The Delta Pilots Charitable Fund Board of Directors met Wednesday February 20th. The Board conducted normal business including allocations to the following charities: \$13,600.00 to CampLife- a camp for children of fallen soldiers, and \$1,000.00 to Flint River Council of Boy Scouts. To donate to the Delta Pilots Charitable Fund, a 501C-3, visit dpcf.humanitycode.com today.

PilotBlast Category Update— *PilotBlast* is an effective communication tool that allows pilots to opt-in to receive targeted text messages. As a subscriber, please review your selections, including your category selections, to ensure they meet your needs. To subscribe - or to review your selections - [click here](#), or access the link by clicking on the *PilotBlast* graphic on the Communications Committee page of the [Delta MEC website](#). For more information on *PilotBlast*, refer to *MEC Update 11-02* found in the Library, under Communications Committee, on the [Delta MEC website](#).

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.

Upcoming Council Meetings Council 66 will meet Wednesday, March 6, 1PM - 3PM, JFK terminal 3, The New York Room. The MEC R&I Committee will host a discussion on retirement, investments, disability, insurance and related topics including Q&A from Noon - 1PM, and 3:30PM - 4:30PM.

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