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Risk-Based Security: ALPA supports the TSA's continuing "risk based security" approach. Emotions are not and should not be a factor in evaluating this program. In risk-based security, the effort is focused on people, places and things posing a significant threat. This unemotional analysis allows pilots to be prescreened for security and is the cornerstone of the "trusted agent" philosophy that permits the KCM, CASS, FFDO, FAM and LEO programs to exist. Risk based analysis acknowledges that pilots are not a significant threat.

Objects are also subject to risk analysis. The TSA determines which objects are threats and concentrates on them, not on symbols. The April 25th screening changes reflect valid risk analysis, and align TSA policy with long-established ICAO and European security rules. With millions of passengers flown, no incidents involving the newly allowed items have occurred.

Beijing Air Quality: Air Crew and Passenger Health Services issued an air quality alert for higher than normal pollutant levels in Beijing. To view the notice, which includes preventive action steps, log into DeltaNet and select "Travel Health Alerts."

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 does not require any advance study or preparation. Compensation is \$400 daily, plus \$99 per diem and hotel reimbursement. If driving your personal vehicle, you will 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 Seminar: P2P training will be held at the MEC office in Atlanta April 25th. 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 Member Election: The MEC will hold an election for one member of the MEC Merger Committee at the regularly scheduled MEC meeting in Washington D.C., April 29-May 2. The term of office will begin immediately following the election. 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.

LPFSA Coinsurance Claims: For the 996 participants who have a Limited Purpose Flexible Spending Account in conjunction with either the Diamond or Ruby Account Based Health plans, it has come to our attention that United Health Care may have erroneously told participants that the 10 percent coinsurance amount could not be reimbursed through the LPFSA. An audit of the records revealed only two participants who had additional claims to reprocess. However, we urge ALL LPFSA participants to

take a careful look at their FSA account detail to ensure that all 10 percent coinsurance claims have been processed as the March 31st deadline for filing for FSA claims occurs this weekend. If you have claims, they can be faxed to 915-231-1709 or Toll Free to 866-262-6354.

2012 FSA Submission Deadline: UHC must receive your submission of an FSA claim form for reimbursement from a Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account, Healthcare Flexible Spending Account or Limited Purpose Flexible Spending Account by March 31, 2013. [For further details click here.](#)

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. This helps to achieve one level of safety for 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 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.

Delta MEC Office Hours: The Delta MEC Office will be closed Friday, March 29 for the Good Friday Holiday. A Scheduling consultant or coordinator will be available Friday from 9AM - 5PM at 1-800-USA-ALPA. Normal business hours will resume Monday, April 1, 9AM-5PM for the main office (with Scheduling Committee SMEs available until 5PM) and on Tuesday, April 2, 8AM-8PM for the Scheduling Committee SMEs.

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 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 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.
- Council 16: Tuesday, April 16, 11AM, Gullivers Restaurant, 18482 MacArthur Blvd. Irvine, CA 92612.
- Council 54: Thursday, April 11, 10AM - 1PM, The Conference Center at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, 17801 International Blvd., Seattle, WA 98158.

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