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FFDO Funding Cut Proposed: [Tell Congress to maintain FFDO Funding](#). The President's FY2014 budget proposal cuts *all* funding for the program. ALPA is fighting this issue and others. There are three active [Calls To Action](#). All Delta pilots need to take a few minutes to complete them.

F/O Medical Requirements Changing: A law taking effect this year requires *all* F/Os to hold an ATP and maintain a 1st Class medical. Delta plans to be in compliance beginning July 25. The PWA provides for reimbursement. See [FltOps Crew Planning News](#) dated April 3, 2013 or the May 2013 Crew Resources Monthly Update for more information.

International Affairs: Delta ALPA leaders are in DUB for the 68th annual International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations (IFALPA) conference. IFALPA member organizations represent over 100,000 pilots worldwide. While there, the Delta and Virgin Atlantic union leaders signed a protocol agreement to cooperate and protect pilot interests in light of their companies' announced joint venture.

MEC Meeting: The Delta MEC will meet April 29 - May 2 at the Washington Court Hotel, Washington D.C. Highlights will be posted throughout the meeting.

Merger Committee Election: The MEC will hold an election for one member of the Merger Committee at the regular MEC meeting in Washington D.C., April 29-May 2. The term of office begins immediately on election. If you are interested in running please contact your LEC representative or call the MEC office. The MEC will cover a candidate's expenses at the meeting, but not flight pay loss.

Address the MEC: Pilots in good standing may address the Delta MEC at the Regular MEC Meeting in Washington D.C. on Tuesday, April 30, between 12-12:30PM. Please notify your LEC representatives as soon as possible if you desire to address the Delta MEC during this meeting.

FFDO Application Deadline: The FFDO application deadline is April 15th. Please see the April 2nd [Fastread](#).

Qualification Training?: The March bid award triggered qualification training for hundreds of pilots, and they have hundreds of questions. The DeltaNet fleet page is a good place to start for answers on training. The fleet "Initial Qual" link has training aids, requirements, and contacts. Other sources are your local [Training Committee members](#), the FOM Part 2 (Sect. 15), the Chief Pilot, Chief Pilot Support Center, Crew Resources, and Training Planners.

737 Sim Study: The FAA is conducting a simulator study in OKC April 15-19. Current and qualified 737NG Captains and F/O's are needed. This non-jeopardy event requires no study or preparation.

Compensation is \$400 daily, \$99 *per diem*, hotel, and mileage. Please contact Brian Townsend for more information at TownsendBD@gmail.com or 702-204-0007.

Pilot-to-Pilot: P2P training will be held at the MEC office in Atlanta, April 25. P2P volunteers help bring the line pilot's perspective to their elected representatives. For more information e-mail DALP2P@alpa.org. Transportation, lodging, and meals are provided, but not flight pay loss.

1040X Filing Deadline: If you made an IRA contribution under the provisions of the FAA Modernization and Reform Act of 2012, 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.

Upcoming Council Meetings:

- Council 108: Monday, April 15, 2PM - 4PM, Hofbrauhaus Newport, 3rd & Saratoga at the Levee, 200 East 3rd St., Newport, KY 41071.
- Council 16: Tuesday, April 16, 11AM, Gulliver's Restaurant, 18482 MacArthur Blvd. Irvine, CA 92612.
- 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 81: Monday, May 13, 10AM - 2PM, SLC Airport, Jazz Room, between concourses C & D.

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