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**Attention MSP Council 1 Pilots
November 10th is the Deadline to Vote**

**ALPAWatch website now updated with
Candidates Election Letters**

Please Vote

These Elections are for MSP Council 1 only and they are important. If you are a Council 1 pilot, take this opportunity seriously. Research the Candidates and their positions, then vote! Voter turn out has been embarrassingly low in past elections. Voter apathy opens the door for just a few pilots to control this union. If you don't vote, you can not expect change. What is your satisfaction level with this union today? This is one of your best chances to change ALPA for the better and thus change your future for the better.

ALPAWatch has gathered a great deal of information on these candidates and placed all of it on one page at [LINK](#).

For the first time ever, ALPAWatch included on that web page:

The Candidates' Campaign Letters*

The ALPAWatch Candidate Questionnaire (ALPAWatch asks the Candidates to weigh in on the tough issues of our day)*

And Contact Information for the Candidates

All conveniently located in one place.

*We have tried to get all the Candidates to participate, but at present some have not responded to our requests.

Use this information but also don't hesitate to call these candidates. Tell them you expect a candid answer to your questions.

Besides their positions on the issues, look for these characteristics in a candidate:

Trust – Do you believe them? Are you comfortable or better yet are you excited about the candidate's ideas and values?

Determination – Do they have the fortitude to do what is best for the group in the face of adversity?

Selflessness – Puts the needs of the pilots ahead for their own personal needs, or the needs of a small group, and ahead of their ALPA career.

Vision – No more business as usual. Current policies and attitudes have not served this pilot group well. ALPA leaders of the past, distant past, were very effective. We need to learn from the past to secure a better future.

Communication – Open, honest, clear and substantive communications to the pilots. Encourages and embraces input from the pilots.

Receptive – Respects the values of the group over their own. Does not allow their ego to get in the way of doing what is right.

Unifying – Heal the divides in this group and work to unite the entire NWA/DAL group. If the petty political turf wars and narrow agendas that have dominated NWA ALPA continue into a merged DAL MEC, your career and everyone else's will continue to suffer till the day you retire.

Find the Candidates you believe have the characteristics above and then cast an informed vote. Restoring the Airline Pilot Profession rather than continuing to repeat the mistakes of the past depends on electing the right people into these positions. Voting Instructions are included on almost all of the Candidates Letters.

Please forward this to all the NWA pilots in your address book.

Thank you again for participating in ALPAWatch. With the participation of pilots such as you, ALPAWatch will be successful in obtaining the Union Leadership that the Pilot Group deserves, and in doing so regain our fair compensation, our quality of life, our future, and our dignity.

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