



## Council 26 Message

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As summer ends, a council election process begins, and Council 26 is up. Participation in our last election (three years ago) was very apathetic. Only 7 percent sent in nominations and less than 50 percent voted. This low participation may very well have been a building block to our divisive 2015 contract vote. We, as an MEC, must unite, and as Council 26 votes, let's lead the way in maximizing participation in preparation for 2021. We know this process can be confusing, so please let us explain the three-step process below. (For a refresher on [Union 101: Block Structure click here.](#))

First off, as in any election, your participation is vital. The three Block Reps **you** elect will represent **you** over the next three years and **will help build the team that negotiates our 2021 contract**. There are only 14 voters at the MEC table, so these pilots must be people you trust and respect. You might realize that the best person for the job is looking back at you in the mirror.

Council 26's next officer term begins March 1, 2018, and ends on February 28, 2021.

- Block 6: Anita Shew has been realigned to Block 5 and is ineligible
- Block 11 (Instructors): Mike Arcamuzi has decided to enjoy flying and instructing his last few years.

Ideally, a nominee should have prior union experience; any of the 34 MEC committees (P2P, Family Awareness, etc.) are a great source of talent. Previous experience is not required though.

### Three-Step Election Process

**1. Nominations:** *You will receive a ballot from ALPA on September 7.* Pilots are nominated from each associated block (3, 6, and 11). The top two nominees from each block will then become the candidates that will run in the election.

- Nominations may be made via:
  - Mail to ALPA to be received no later than **October 3, 2017**
  - In-person at our **October 4, 2017**, Local Council 26 meeting
- If you'd like to run for election, you must check the "**Willing to Serve**" box on your yellow return envelope or send Mike an e-mail. You can also complete a form at our nomination meeting as long as you have declared your willingness by the adjournment of the meeting.
- For a list of pilots in each block, log in to the ALPA Website and select the FDX Council 26 page. Below each block rep's picture is a link to their page. Click on the "Block x Pilot List".
- To nominate, chose 1 member from each block (3, 6, and 11)

**2. Elections:** The top two candidates of each block will be determined at the October 4, 2017 Council 26 meeting when all nomination ballots are counted.

The 2 candidates per block will be published on an election ballot sent from ALPA National.

Voting can be done online or by phone. Although dates cannot be scheduled this early, anticipate an election notification mid-October with results certified on November 10 at 10 a.m. ET.

- 3. Council Officer Elections:** Your Local Council 26 chairman, vice chairman, and secretary-treasurer will be voted on shortly after election day. These council officer positions are filled by the three newly elected block reps. *(This is **not** an election of the MEC officers. Chairman Dyer, Vice Chairman Cardaci, and Secretary-Treasurer Zins will remain as your MEC officers.)*

This is your career and your union. Please get involved and make sure our best and brightest are leading our union. You depend on it. Your family depends on it. If you have any questions or are interested in stepping up, we'd be glad to help guide you in the process. We look forward to breaking participation records this election cycle.

See you on the line,

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