



## Jon J. Lewis “JJ”

### CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION; MSP / COUNCIL 1 CAPTAIN REP.

Fellow Council 1 Pilots,

I have been honored by the opportunity to serve as your Council 1 Vice Chairman/FO Rep. for the last 3 years and want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your support during a very difficult and constantly changing environment.

My current term has proven to be full of hard decisions for all NWA pilots. With the continued turmoil in our profession, soaring fuel prices and a struggling economy, we now are at the precipice of a merger with Delta Air Lines. The work of ALPA in representing pilots continues with not only the management of Northwest Airlines but also our possible future employers' management. In the coming months the pilots of Council 1 will be electing new Captain, First Officer and Second Officer representatives. This is a two-step process. Step one is the Nominating phase, step two the Election phase.

I have decided to run for the position of MSP Captain Rep and I am asking for your support:

- It is extremely important for the pilots not to lose sight of the fact there remains a large amount of work whether we complete the merger or not. The experience I have gained during my current term will help me make the decisions that will protect our future careers no matter what the future brings.
- Your vote is very important. As Council 1, we will be part of the new MEC moving forward if the merger is completed.
- It is important to have a representative that has experience and the ability to communicate openly and honestly. During my current term as Council 1 First Officer Rep I have been honest in representing the pilots of Council 1 and the entire NWA pilot group. Good and Bad.
- I have always strived for compromises and will continue to do so. There are times were compromises may not be possible and tough decisions must be made. I have made these tough decisions and taken positions, which at the time were not perceived as the popular thing. To protect and enhance our careers, fence sitting is not an option.
- I have and will continue to work on representing the entire spectrum of our pilot group, no matter what the makeup of this fine group.
- With our pending merger I have reached out to many DAL pilots, the DAL MEC, and I will continue to do so. We have a unique opportunity in creating a positive relationship and open dialogue, which is extremely important moving forward with a new larger pilot group. Within my current term we have witnessed change. These changes have created opportunities to better our career. I will continue to grasp these opportunities.
- I am asking for your nomination and vote to become the Council One Captain Representative. I wish to continue the work accomplished during my current term.

**The Nominating Process:** The Nominating ballots will be mailed to all Council 1 members in good standing on August 25, 2008. To nominate me simply fill my name in the blank for Captain Representative. Ballots can then be returned via US mail or turned in personally at the Council 1 meeting on September 29, 2008. All ballots mailed must be received by the Council 1 meeting date.

The nomination packet you receive in the mail will have your ballot, a brown envelope, and a gray speckled envelope for mailing purposes.

Some important steps in the process:

- The ballot will be a basic card with three places to fill out your choices for the Captain, First Officer and Second Officer Rep. You must write in your choice for all three individuals. All pilots will vote for all three of these positions.
- There can be no mistakes on your ballot. If you make an error please call ALPA at 888-FLY-ALPA, 888-359-2572 extension 4212 and request a new ballot.
- Once you have filled out the ballot, place it in the brown envelope and seal it.
- The brown envelope is placed in the gray speckled envelope and sealed. This envelope must have your return name and address information filled out. There is also a place to sign your name. In order to validate your ballot you MUST sign this part of the envelope.

**The Election Process:** The election will begin sometime in late October and end in either late November or early December. The voting will be accomplished either electronically or via phone. The top two candidates who receive the most nominating votes for each position Captain, First Officer and Second Officer will be the candidates in the election. The pass-codes you utilized during the most recent TA vote will be the same ones used for this election.

### **ALPA/APA experience:**

- **MSP Council 1 First Officer Rep.** March 2006 current term ends March 2009
- **MSP Security Base Rep.** Liaison to the MSP FAM field office. 2004-Present
- **Security/Strike committee** volunteer 1998
- **Security Rep.** American Eagle 1992-1995
- **Communications Committee** American Eagle 1992-1995

### **Personal/Professional Background:**

- Hired at NWA in October 1995
- Currently a MSP DC9 Captain. I Have flown DC9 F/O, DC10 F/O, 747-200 F/O & S/O (MSP and ANC), 757 F/O,747-200 S/O instructor
- USMC: Enlisted 1982-1986
- Relocated from MN to WI due to 1113, still local.
- Married, one daughter, Lucy 7 years old.

**Thank You,** I have been honored to serve the pilots of MSP and the entire NWA pilot group during my current term. I appreciate comments, support, and feedback. I ask for your continued support while I seek to continue to represent you as the Council One Captain Representative. I will continue to do my best in representing the interests of all MSP pilots and the entire spectrum of pilots we represent. If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact me.

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