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Fellow Council 20 Pilots,

My name is Karl Bennett and I am seeking your nomination for Council 20 Captain representative. O.K. who is Karl and why is he running.

I am currently a Line 757 Captain hired in 1985. I've been in DTW for 20 years of my carrier. I have had the privilege to work as a volunteer on the Air Safety Committee, Critical Incident Response team, was the P2P Chairman last year, also was the Regional Operations Coordinator for south Florida during our strike in 1998. During this time I have seen to a degree how ALPA works, some of it is good, unfortunately some is bad. I am first and foremost a Line Pilot. I have only once received any flight pay loss for ALPA work, and this was during 911.

I am not a politician, this part is actually the most disagreeable, uncomfortable step of wanting to be your representative. But as I sought advice before deciding to run, I was told, "You will have to get dirty, but can always take a shower after it,s over."

I do not intend to attack other candidates. They are all honorable men who have stepped forward for different reasons. They deserve the respect for their hard work and commitment to step up to the plate.

In the past we have been a pretty divided group. Think about it, Red/Green/Blue, widebody/ narrowbody, targeted/ pension, yes voters/ no voters, block/ reserve. I actually had a fairly high level Delta brother tell me that we were in a way dysfunctional. While I was P2P chairman I learned that we had over 550 pilots who had gone into bad standing for not paying dues. I argued the point that if this many guys felt something was wrong enough to quit paying dues something was seriously broken and we needed to call each to find out what was eating them up. This fell on deaf ears. I,m tired of closed door sessions. Sometimes this is necessary, but it has become the norm rather than the exception. If elected I will fight to keep each meeting open to the Line Pilot, You.

Some how we have to come together. Be proud to be a pilot again.

I got into this late, as I said I am not a politician. By now most of you have either thrown away your nomination cards or already sent them in for another candidate. If you support my nomination you will have to get a new ballot. It's fairly easy. Just dial 1-888-FLY-ALPA hit extension 3 and ask for a new ballot. The last one sent in is what will be counted on the 19th. Time is short and I know that this is a long shot, but I have to give it a try. If any of you would like to speak with me directly, my cellphone is 561-714-006.

Last thing, I want to thank each of our outgoing Reps for the work that they have done. Guys you can lay your head down tonight and say you did good.

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Keep the blue side

Karl