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**I AM COMMITTED TO RESTORING OUR CAREERS, UNIFYING OUR PILOT GROUP, RESTORING AND PRESERVING SCOPE, RETIREMENT, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS. KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE BALL. ANYTHING ELSE YOU HEAR DURING THIS ELECTION IS A DISTRACTION TO THE TASK AT HAND.**

My name is **Ken Watts** and I am asking for your vote for **Council 20 Captain Representative**. As Contract Administration Chairman (North), I have represented many of you in the past. In every case, I have represented each pilot, no matter their seniority or previous airline history, as if the issue I was representing were my own. As your Captain Representative, I will continue to vigorously represent all Council 20 pilots and their views. I remain committed to restoring our careers, and working to unify, not split, this pilot group.

As a representative in 1992, I put forward the resolution to provide health insurance for **furloughed pilots**. I was one of two NWA ALPA pilots who worked with the NWA management to form the **Call in Honest policy** that currently benefits the North pilots. I think it is imperative that we bring this same Commuting Policy to Delta Airlines. Additionally, I will work to focus efforts on **REVERSING THE FLOW** of our jobs away from mainline flying. We must once again make the mainline an attractive career progression so that both mainline and regional partners can all benefit from the growth of jobs. Recent efforts to label candidates in this election with the "let's keep DTW our DTW" are insincere and inconsistent, even among those who promote it. One pilot working as a spokesperson for this misguided campaign has served as a rep in both MSP and MEM. I ask that we stop this rhetoric and focus on the issues before us. Everyone nominated in this election is a **Council 20** pilot and attempts to claim otherwise serve as an unnecessary distraction to the fair and proper evaluation of the candidates. Many negative comments have emerged in this campaign but I think you are as tired of these tactics as I am. It is my firm belief that the Council 20 line pilots are tired of this rhetoric and want action rather than words.

While not agreeing with everything past MEC Administrations have done, I have supported every MEC Administration since I became active in union work since 1985, just as I will for future MEC Administrations. To paint me as not worthy to be your Captain Representative because I supported the last two MEC Administrations is simply political gamesmanship.

**I support Ron Barnett as First Officer Representative.** I have worked with Ron for years and his knowledge of contractual issues will prove critical as we begin contract negotiations in the term of this office. In my opinion, Ron's integrity and work ethic are above reproach.

**I support Silas Hart for Secretary Treasurer.** He is a hard working, honest pilot volunteer. As the Computer Bidding Chairman, I observed Silas make critical advancements during the Zero Open Time fiasco that greatly benefited all Northwest Pilots. His design of the bid error submission system provides insight on his commitment to structure information flow to all Council 20 pilots.

Time is growing short to voice your opinion and cast your vote. Voting ends December 10. It's easy to vote or to change your vote. To vote, log into <http://crewroom.alpa.org> and select the Council 20 Vote box on the right hand side of the ALPA home page. **YOUR LAST VOTE COUNTS!** Thank you for your support.

Fraternally,

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