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## TIM PARKER FOR CAPTAIN REPRESENTATIVE

I'm Captain Tim Parker and I am asking for your support to serve as one of your Council 44 Captain Representatives once again. I was honored two years ago to receive your support in the special election, and have served as Captain Representative and Council 44 Chairman since September, 2007.

This election and the MEC it will define occurs at a pivotal moment in our history. We have striven forward since the onerous days of bankruptcy court but still feel the weight of the injustice served us there. Our recent merger has significant unfinished business. The industry remains unprofitable and in disarray. In this atmosphere there are always more challenges just around the corner. Most importantly looking forward, this MEC will lay the foundations for the future as we prepare the groundwork for full Section 6 negotiations which will take place at the close of this MEC's term.

If elected I intend to continue that which I believe to be the hallmark of my time as one of your representatives:

1. **HONESTY.** You are owed the truth from the people you elect. Sometimes that truth is not popular. We advance together through planning and hard work, not bold new, unsupported ephemeral promises.
2. **HUMILITY.** One "know it all union puke" can turn a pilot sour for a long time. That doesn't mean we agree. It does mean I owe you my time and an open mind.
3. **HARD WORK.** If you call a rep, you should get an answer pretty fast. In my two years I have represented dozens of pilots and answered hundreds of phone calls. We are your lifeline and a drowning man doesn't need the promise of a rope, he wants the rope.
4. **COMMUNICATION.** There are some issues only the Council Representative can bring to you. We have the power to do so and will continue to exercise that power when we feel the need.
5. **COOPERATION.** A single representative can do nothing on his own. The MEC directs the Administration and sets policy as a body. Ideas are carried by the weight of the argument and the personal interactions among MEC members.
6. **CONTINUITY.** Council 44 is the largest LEC in ALPA. None of my fellow representatives is running and experience matters in the day to day business.

7. SCOPE. No relaxation; no give backs; no further erosion of mainline flying. It is a complicated subject but has now devolved to simple numbers... and they aren't pretty. No more. Not a single seat.
8. IT'S JUST BUSINESS. My son quoted Mark Twain to me the other day: "**Anger is an acid** that can do more harm to the vessel in which it is stored than to anything on which it is poured." Cold blooded analysis, focused goals, concentration of resources, constantly striving to improve pay, working conditions, retirement and health care. If your MEC takes any action which will not result in the betterment of the pilot condition, it is just wasting your time and money.

I have learned quite a lot in the past two years; about pilot representations; about ALPA structure and way of doing business; about the day to day running of the LEC; about pilots; and about myself. I was surprised how quickly pilots can overlook imperfections as long as they feel they are being dealt with honestly and fairly. You have a very solid cadre from which to choose in this election for both F/O and Captain's Representative. I ask for your support and vote based on my record . Your ballot should arrive shortly and you will be asked to fill out the names of two Captain representatives and two First Officer representatives as nominations to those positions. The ballots will be counted at the September 24<sup>th</sup> meeting and the top four names in each category will go forward in the election. Thanks for your consideration.

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