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## **FedEx MEC Highlights Fourth-Quarter Meeting Initiatives**

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—The FDX Master Executive Council (MEC) of the Air Line Pilots Association, Int'l (ALPA), recently concluded its fourth-quarter MEC meeting in Memphis, Tenn. The main focus was a continuation of discussions related to obtaining a new collective bargaining agreement.

While bargaining was the key agenda item, the MEC focused extensively on two items of particular relevance to the FedEx pilots. The MEC expressed its support of National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) Chairman Deborah Hersman and also recommended that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) initiate NextGen rule-making activities in a timely manner to prevent further delay of NextGen becoming operational.

The FDX MEC is fully aware of the staunch advocate NTSB Chairman Deborah Hersman has been of cargo pilot-related issues such as the carriage of lithium batteries as well as the inclusion of all-cargo carriers in the newly advanced Federal Aviation Regulation (FAR) Part 117. "Our position has always been that fatigue is not unique to passenger-carrying pilots, and Chairman Hersman has strongly stood in defense of that position," said FDX MEC chairman Captain Scott Stratton. "We join the Independent Pilots Association who represent our fellow all-cargo carrier pilots of United Parcel Service [UPS] in support of Chairman Hersman and her commitment to better the U.S. transportation system and her continued call for one level of safety." The FDX MEC unanimously passed a resolution in support of Chairman Hersman ([Resolution 13-33](#)).

The MEC closed its work with a discussion in support of NextGen technology. NextGen is the transformation of how airplanes traverse the sky. The use of this

technology is an upgrade from airplanes flying indirect routes over radar towers to satellite-based technology. "The use of this technology is key in the advancement of state-of-the-art air transportation system. By furthering the development and funding for NextGen, our pilots will be able to navigate safer and more efficiently. The importance of this system cannot be minimized in an era of increasing airspace utilization by numerous air vehicles," said Stratton. "NextGen will allow our pilots to arrive at airports more predictably and more efficiently. This adds value for both our pilots and the FedEx Corporation," he added. The FDX MEC unanimously passed a resolution in support of this effort ([Resolution 13-32](#)).

The FDX Master Executive Council is next set to meet the week of January 27, 2014.

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