

# RED TALES

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(612-726-2230) Newsletter of the MSP ESSC Shop Committee (612-201-0383)

**Job Bid** – The last issue of Red Tales incorrectly stated the start of the new Job Bid would be May 2. It should have read Saturday, May 1. We want to reiterate that doubles and trades are allowed if shifts overlap one half hour or less.

**Regional Elite Airline Services** – A number of ramp workers have asked us whether Regional Elite will be taking over Compass flights in MSP. There is no truth to the rumor at this time. Regional Elite workers from smaller down line stations have been in MSP training on Compass push backs. This may have caused some confusion.

**Pace Slips** – When filling out PACE Slips for OSLs, Early Outs and Shift Adjusts, please use your Northwest employee number. This will make it easier for Timekeeping employees to process your hours.

**By Laws Meeting** – IAM Local 1833 will hold a rescheduled By Laws Meeting on Sunday, April 18 at 12 Noon. It will be held at the Bloomington Eagles Club. This meeting will discuss important issues such as dues and how late polls for officer elections will be open.

**Union Leave** – Delta Air Lines has issued new guidelines for union leave for this Local and throughout the

system. Members of Shop Committees will be granted union leave upon request. The top four officers of our Local will be granted leave on a case by case basis. All other requests will be denied.

In the past Delta had granted union leave if an employee arranged a trade to back fill the position. In this way there would be no impact on the operation. Delta has now withdrawn this arrangement.

These changes are clearly aimed at our organizing efforts. Many IAM members have been on union leave to assist our Local with a variety of tasks connected to the union representation election. These efforts have been particularly successful over the last month.

We will need to fill the gap created by Delta's actions with volunteers. If you have a few hours before or after work, please contact the Shop Committee. We also need people who can volunteer to work for the drive on some of their days off.

**SEIU Local 26** – 5,000 Twin Cities janitors scored a major contract victory last month. Now Local 26 window washers have scored another contract victory with major advances in wages, pension and safety language.