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Winpisinger Center Hosts NWA/Delta Strategy Meeting

More than 50 District 143 representatives and local activists attended a Northwest Airlines/Delta Air Lines organizing campaign strategy meeting this week at the IAM's William W. Winpisinger Education and Technology Center in Maryland.

"Delta/Northwest is ground zero for a crusade to de-unionize the airline industry," said General Vice President Robert Roach, Jr. "The Machinists Union will use all available resources to defend our Northwest membership and extend the benefits of union representation to the Delta workforce."

Participants reviewed the IAM's campaign to date and developed strategies for the upcoming representation elections. When Delta and Northwest are operating as a single carrier for representation purposes, the IAM will ask the National Mediation Board to officially rule they are a single carrier. Following the NMB's ruling the IAM will have 14 days to provide evidence that there is sufficient interest for unionization from the combined workforce to warrant elections. A single carrier ruling and demonstration of interest for elections will occur for each class and craft in which the IAM represents Northwest workers.

"The IAM's most potent weapon is our membership," said Roach. "This week's participants are the key to motivating our membership and winning these critical elections."