



## Air Transport District 143

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### Atlanta Re-energized

IAM District 143 officers, organizers and Grand Lodge union representatives met with the Delta in-house union organizing committees and many Delta pro-union supporters at an off-site location on January 6, 2010. The meetings were a huge success.

The main focus was to officially assign the bulk of the organizing activities to the in-house committees and empower them to spearhead the campaign throughout the remainder of the election process. A number of Delta employees spoke eloquently and passionately on the need to win this representation election. They reminded coworkers of the wages and benefits that Delta Air Lines had taken from them over the years. They spoke about how "their Delta" had changed into an airline they barely recognize. Delta employees reminded one another to not be fooled again by temporary monetary bribes that are quickly taken back after past representation elections were lost. They laughed at how many "employee appreciation" days have been held since the IAM has been on the property compared to when there was no ongoing union organizing drive. Everyone in attendance recognized the only way to guarantee job security and have a voice in your future is through a negotiated union contract. One employee, who could not be in attendance, felt so strongly about the necessity to have union representation, sent his wife to deliver a message from him on that point. She spoke very poignantly on his behalf urging his coworkers to do whatever was needed to win this critical representation election.

Employees from a variety of classifications left the meeting empowered, re-energized and in excellent spirits. They also left knowing there is still much to do as we draw closer to the end of this process. Authorization cards are still needed and will be solicited as well as getting even more employees to assist on the in-house committees. If someone asks you how Atlanta, Georgia is doing – tell them, "just peachy!"

**Remember, when the time comes, Vote Union, Vote IAM!**

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