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DDPSA Chairman, Ev Gost, has announced the appointment of retired Delta Captain Jim George to the position of Secretary of DDPSA. Jim graduated from the U S Air Force Academy in 1967 and completed a successful 20 year career in the Air Force where he flew over 200 missions in Southeast Asia and subsequently commanded an F-16 squadron. He was hired by Delta in 1987 and retired as a 757/767 Captain in 2004. While working at Delta, he served on the Board of Trustees of Delta Pilots Mutual Aid (DPMA) and as the ALPA Council 16 (LAX) Retirement and Insurance Committee Chairman.

Jim's depth of knowledge of the D&S Plan will make him a valuable asset to DDPSA. His work as a financial advisor to many retired pilots, disabled pilots and survivors of deceased pilots has made him well aware of the importance of maintaining the integrity of current D&S Plan benefits.

The appointment of a non-disabled retired pilot to the position of Secretary is evidence of the ongoing transition of DDPSA's focus towards survivor benefits. There are two groups that have grandfathered benefits under the D&S Plan: eligible surviving spouses of pilots who retired from Delta prior to January 1, 2008 and disabled Delta pilots who retired or were removed from the seniority list on or before June 1, 2006. The number of surviving spouses receiving benefits from the D&S Plan now outnumbers the older generation of disabled pilots. Therefore, it is appropriate for non-disabled retired pilots to take a greater role in DDPSA. Three survivors, Joan Greene, Jo Ann Durham and Ann Blaz, currently serve on the DDPSA Board of Directors. The DDPSA website is www.ddpsa.org.