

NLC Meeting

November 4, 2008

Attendees: Worked in VA Labor 2008 program. Trish, Joe, Jason, Grant, Steve, Dean, Bob and Marcus worked out of the Annandale office. Noel, Tomaso and Brody worked out of the Richmond office. Jeff worked in NH and then came to DC for meeting on the 5th.

November 5, 2008

1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Room: NATCA 5th Floor

Attendees: *Trish Gilbert, Joe Zimmermann, Jeff Aulbach, Tomaso DiPaolo, Bob Aitken, Jason Arnold, Dean Hall, Noel Kingston, Brody McCray, Steve Weidner, Grant Anderson, Marcus Tomlin, Mike Ingraio, Jose Ceballos*

Election Debrief:

Boots on the Ground- Overall a great success. NATCA is in a place with the AFL-CIO that NATCA has never been before. Discussed what worked well and what needs improvement. Want to improve communications between NLC members and Boots participants. Need to have a more formal recommendation and interview process for those wanting to get into the program. 20% of NATCA's treasury was spent on election. Roughly 1.5 million. This figure does not factor in PAC funds. The Boots on the Ground Participants will be in DC on November 20th for their debrief.

NATCA Activism –We need to maintain level of activism that we experienced for this election for future elections. We need to do better early on with communicating to the membership, activists and Boots who NATCA is supporting. Some problems came up with members working on campaigns for the challenger to the NATCA supported candidate. Members can work on any campaign they want to but if it is not a NATCA supported candidate they should not wear a NATCA shirt when volunteering. Templates have been sent to our

activists to use to congratulate the winners, invite them to facilities and let them know we are there to answer any aviation related questions they may have and look forward to working with them.

Legislative Activists Recognition- Briefly discussed the best way to recognize those that went above and beyond this election cycle. Trish will discuss having an awards dinner at the mini lobby week in February with Pat and Paul.

PAC:

2008 disbursement strategy- Discussed the pros to the VA state donation. Talked about improving budget process and challenges as we approached November 4th. Our goal was to have maximum allowable in races that were important. We met our goal and were able to contribute everywhere we needed.

We discussed the amount of money we contributed to races that may not have needed a max out. We need to better educate our activists to say “no” or attend for less. Campaigns will always ask for the maximum you can give them whether they need it or not. Much better job this cycle giving \$1000 ten times vs. \$5000 twice. We will discuss this as an agenda item for NIW.

PAC drives/Membership meetings-In 2007, Oct-Chicago, Nov-Dallas/Ft.Worth, Dec-Denver. In 2008, Albuquerque, Anchorage, Asheville, Atlanta, Charleston, Charlotte, Cleveland, Detroit (in Dec), Houston, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, Memphis, Minneapolis, Mobile, Montgomery, Nashville, Orlando, Pensacola, Seattle, Savannah, South Florida, and Tampa/Pie.

We are at just over 83,000 a pay period (4.3 mil a cycle).

Legislative Agenda:

110th Congress – Lame duck activity, Congress will be focusing on Auto Bailout and economy.

111th Congress - FAA Reauthorization will probably be the same bill. Depends on Executive activity?? Reauthorization bill may be dropped in early February which is good timing or mini-lobby week. Reviewed legislative agenda of approximately 22 items ranging from high priority to low.

Next Meetings:

January – Fly-in Sunday (18th), meet Monday, Inauguration Tuesday, Fly-out Wednesday. Contacting your Republican offices where you have good relationships is the best bet to get tickets to the inauguration.

February - Mini Lobby Week Feb 2-5 at the Washington Court hotel. Committee/attendees can fly in Monday or Tuesday and depart Wednesday or Thursday. Bulk of lobbying will be done on Tuesday and Wednesday. We will have 2-3 identical issue briefing Tuesday/Wednesday. A congressional reception will be held at the Rayburn cafeteria on Tuesday night. The Capitol Hill club is booked for lunch and rest area from 12-5 on Tuesday and Wednesday. Allow your members to arrive and depart as necessary depending on how many appointments they have to cover. Discussed a possible awards dinner on Wednesday night to recognize members that have gone above and beyond doing legislative and political work for NATCA. (Trish still needs to discuss w/ Pat and Paul).

March – Communicating For Safety, March 2-4: If you requested to attend, make sure Trish has your name. You still need to sign up on the website. We will have some after work meetings at the event to work on NIW planning as that event is two months later.

May – NiW. May 18-20. Committee needs to be there Friday night to meet all day Saturday and half of Sunday. Sunday afternoon registration for the event opens at 1pm. Arrival for participants is Sunday night. Event starts with training/speakers all day Monday and Tuesday morning. Hill visits Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning. Participants depart on Wednesday afternoon. NLC to meet and debrief on Wednesday afternoon and depart on Thursday.

NLC Chair:

Trish's term is up at the end of 2009 and she notified the committee that she would not be seeking another term. Due to the incredible workload of the NLC and importance of our legislative agenda and activism Trish would like to start transitioning the next NLC chair by having her replacement shadow her on all activities and duties of the position. As per the National Constitution, the NLC will vote in the next chair at the January 2009 meeting so they can start the transition and be ready to take office at the beginning of 2010. Jimmy Ray Garrett (EA region chair) and Steve Weidner (GL region chair) have submitted their name and intent to run for the position.