

National Legislative Committee Meeting
November 14-15, 2006

Attendees:

Patricia Gilbert, Grant Anderson, Jimmy Ray Garrett, Steve Weidner, John Fitzgerald, Dean Hall, Brad Burtner, Noel Kingston, Andy Nahle

General information:

- NATCA will be hiring another Lobbyist.

Proposed Amendment for December 2006 by Ken M and Jose C:

(a) IN GENERAL.-The amendment made by section 1 shall apply to changes to the personnel management system of the Federal Aviation Administration proposed on or after April 1, 2006.

(b) CHANGES SUBMITTED TO CONGRESS.-Any proposed change to the personnel management system of the Federal Aviation Administration submitted to Congress on or after April 1, 2006, and before the date of enactment of this Act under section 40122(a)(2) of title 49, United States Code, shall not be effective after such date of enactment unless agreed to by the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration and the exclusive bargaining representatives referred to in section 40122(a)(1) of such title.

- Should we take a shot on the 109th or wait till the 110th Congress? Ken does not believe the 109th will be doing anything. They have no clue what to do so far. The Omnibus bill may be stripped out from the individual bills (10 total, the other 2 covered defense and homeland security).
- If they are going to do an Omnibus, it may be a good thing for NLC to get involved during the month of December.
- NLC needs the above language to cover the other multi bargaining units imposed work rules that were implemented in June 05.
- Above language sends impasse to FSIP after Congress.
- Pat discussed the Hasting amendment with the NLC: Try to Amend language to stop consolidations and in the event of consolidation, collocation or deconsolidation that NATCA has a seat at the table in determining how, what, when, where and why. Also want us to address inherently governmental language in FAA reauthorization.

Meeting with NEB 11/14/06 @ 1100:

- By the end of this week, NEB will have more information about what they are working on with the FAA.
- NLC will provide NEB with a proposal for their consideration. The issues on the table are, fix Title 49, inherently government functions, consolidation.
- NLC wants to see the amendment covering all the other bargaining units and go back to year 2005.
- Status quo ante is the goal for 109th and 110th to put pressure on the Agency.

- Database: All NATCA databases are in need of updating to be able to have current info on PAC members as well as retirees, trainees, etc... In the meantime we will have to go to facreps for the info needed on the Hill.

PAC

- Recruitment: Jimmy and Steve will work on initiatives to increase our pac as we see many donors leave when they retire.
- Distribution: Will be posted on member's only site on the 15th of each month by Gov't Affairs
- Strategy: Debt relief. We need to split all these checks. \$5k in primary, and \$5k in the general. We need to give half in the field where members are physically delivering those checks.
- Fundraisers: Not a good idea to send all \$10k in one shot. Maybe it will be better to split those funds.
- Logistics

NIW

- Packet items:
 - Provide "We Guide you Home" Lanyards for 500 people. Action by Dean
 - Totes, 500 total, NATCA in Washington logo, black in color, no year. Action by Dean
 - Smaller badges with no agenda on the back
 - More up-to-date issue book rather than a glossy type.
 - Letter head leave behinds with plastic covers
 - Shirt for committee members. Action by Dean
- Schedule
 - Committee members to fly in on Friday 1/26/07, and fly out on Thursday 2/1/07. NLC meetings and preparation will be conducted on both Saturday and Sunday.
- Agenda,
 - Monday:
 - Welcoming remarks
 - Opening remarks,
 - Sentinel awards
 - Panel
 - Regional Archie League Medal of Safety Awards
 - PAC & Grassroots briefings
 - Tuesday
 - First timer training session
 - Remarks
 - Remarks
 - Legal LR Panel
 - Congressional Reauthorization
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 - Regional breakout. Cover Hatch ACT during these sessions.

- Monday: Registration, opening events, first sentinel award
- Receptions:
- Rooms/Registration
- Issues

Rolling Lobby Weeks

- Logistics being worked by Trish
- Dates to coincide when Congress is in session
- Issues – Fix to Title 49 and other needed items via appropriations

Training

- Educating members about the Hatch act is very essential. This type of training needs to be given at every opportunity to ensure the criticality of this knowledge.
- Regional committees
- Legislative activists
- Facreps
- Regional meetings

Contract Tower Controllers

There are a number of legislative issues that can be addressed to help working and equipment issues for Contract Towers. Trish has emailed and couple facreps in the Towers for their help on this.

Election campaigning

2008 election and steps to be taken prior to that. Now is the time to look that things that went well and things that can go better. Come up with a checklist to be used in preparation. Keep relationship at the beginning and not just sit and wait until the campaign is there.

FAA Administrator (future)

Will suggest that NATCA hire a group or firm specifically to influence the selection of the next administrator. Also be active during confirmation time.

NLC Charter

Charter is updated and needs to be reworked. The NLC sent proposals to the NEB a year ago. Trish and Randy gave a briefing to the NEB . Randy and Bob Marks were tasked with the revisions.

Travel Policy

Trish covered NATCA's travel and voucher policy.

Future meeting dates

Our next meeting after NiW is tentatively scheduled for the week of April 16th.

110th Congress database

Populate congressional data in excel. Action by: Fitzgerald, Nahle, Zimmerman,

Legislative Proposals – Will attempt to attach our language in 109th but there will probably be zero legislative activity for the remainder on this Congress.

1) Strategies for 110th Congress - Option 1

- Status Quo Ante (over ATC and Multi Units, + PASS); use generic language instead of dates
- Back to the bargaining table
- Change Title 49: Process if we go to Impasse
- Consolidation and Re-Authorization : Get better language for FY07 (Similar to Hastings) and pass it through the Senate

- Inherently Governmental

Strategies for 110th Congress - Option 2

- Status Quo Ante

Recommendation to propose option 1 to ask for all what we absolutely need. If you take option 2, then we may get stuck with that one and with no hope to fix the other things we need, and we may end messing it up for 110th Congress.