

NLC Meeting - January 19, 2009

Attendees: Trish Gilbert, Joe Zimmermann, Jeff Aulbach, Tomaso DiPaolo, Jerry Nash, Dean Hall, Brody McCray, Steve Weidner, Grant Anderson, Mike Ingrao (guest)

Boots On the Ground - Debrief on program. Some of the participants would be used again, not just in future programs but also in training new participants. NLC gave feedback on improving the vetting system for participants. All participants also need to attend a full day training course by Mike, Trish (NLC) and/or former Boots participant in addition to AFL-CIO training. This training would cover expectations (NATCA perspective and also pitfalls of AFL program), coordination and communication, expenses/vouchering, etc...

CLC and Labor Council Affiliations – During none election year we discussed that this would be the perfect opportunity to evaluate our locals affiliations with the Central Labor Council and/or the State AFL-CIO Federation. The NLC agreed that this should be done outside the NLC. Mike will go to the and request a regional point of contact. That POC will help Mike coordinate with the Facreps in each region and evaluate the best plan for each local with regard to affiliations.

Mini Lobby Week –

- Talking Points. Unlike previous Rolling or Mini Lobby Weeks the Government Affairs department will take the lead on the Backgrounder and Talking Points. The Department is staffed adequately to handle the research and writing for our members with Genna now on board. Also Unionware and other sources allow us to obtain needed data for the Talking Points so we will not need to seek the numbers and stats from the Facreps.
- The “Ask”. As the mini lobby week is the timed to be one of the first groups to hit the new Congress as they start the 111th the end of January.
 - The House- We will ask for support of the FAA Bill that according to Committee staff should be introduced in February. We expect our language to be in the comprehensive bill when it is introduced. Last Congress we had to attach it in committee mark-up. We need to work with committee staff to strengthen the realignment language and the Back Pay Act language.
 - The Senate- We discussed a new approach to dealing with the Senate. We will decide our approach via telcon/email and brief to attendees via email/briefing.
- Briefings and Leave Behinds. Will we hold two identical briefings. One on the afternoon of Monday, Feb 2 and one at 8am on Tuesday, Feb. 3.
- Appointments. If your POCs have not already they should immediately start making their appointments for the mini lobby week. It will be a bit harder as the new Congress is just getting their office and staff into place.
- Congressional Reception. Tuesday night in the Rayburn cafeteria.
- Vouchers/Expenses. Reviewed the need for itemized receipts from restaurants and names of riders in cabs, per diem, etc..

Legislative Agenda –

- Reviewed Legislative Agenda:

IWR status quo ante (Pay By Area, CIP, etc)
IWR Binding Arbitration
Collaboration in ATC Modernization
Consolidation Co-Location (ATO Reorganization fallout)
Inherently Governmental (A-76 and the Presidential Management Initiative)

FAA Personnel Management System (Job Classification Appeal Procedures, Pay Retention and Equity)
Designee Program
San Juan School
FAA Core Compensation Plan
Drop Program
Credentialing
MSPB/FLRA Back Pay Act remedy restored and Merit System Protection Board jurisdiction issues
Family and Medical Leave
Contract Tower Program (improved benefits for CT controllers, research OPM regs)
Good Time for Staff (need cost)
Staffing Standard
Automated External Defibrillator (AED)
Professional Liability Ins
PHX 20
10% Waiver Penalty tax
Second Career

NIW –

- Roomlist/Attendees (Elena volunteered for room list)
- Agenda (WH speaker, Ed Schultz show live at event)
- Packages (something useless to attendees- decided on portfolios)
- Regional dinners, Monday night
- NLC meeting, Sat and Sun before event and Wednesday after event.
- Regional breakouts, 2 hours broken up before and after lunch to allow for banquet room to be turned.

Training -

- Legislative Activist Class, curriculum mostly done, videos of activists done. Want to take to NEB for approval to start the two-day course in 2010. Three to four times per year. Also to provide on-line tutelage for new activists wanting to get legislative training.
- FacRep Classes, Assign NLC to give leg briefings at Facrep classes. Trish will give St/ Louis training immediately following the mini-lobby-week. March is in Seattle, April in Boston and May in Atlanta.
- Get Active grassroots site, need to get N. O. and more NLC members trained on the site.

NLC Chair Election –As covered in the November 2008 NLC meeting: *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.*

- NLC elected Steve Weidner for 2010 to 2012 NLC Chair. In the up-coming months Steve will work with GL RVP to seek a replacement for GL chair to start that training. Trish relayed her desire to have that person in place by NIW so they can work with the NLC during the event.