

## NATCA NLC MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, September 24, 2005 at 10:00am.

Attendees: Randy Weiland, Brett Baxter, Grant Anderson, Rich Ulmes, John Fitzgerald, Alex Silva, Trish Gilbert, Mark Athas, Andy Nahle, Dub Pearman, Christine Corcoran.

- **Sweeney's letter:** Letter generated by John Sweeney (R-NY-20) to Chairman Knollenberg (R-MI-9) requesting an increase of 120 AT Supervisors. Trish met Friday with Tony Essalih and Jeff Westmoreland of Congressman Culberson's (R-TX-7) Office. They discussed the NATCA issues within the letter. Others that signed the letter were Hal Rogers (R-KY-5), Kay Granger (R-TX-12), Jim Walsh (R-NY-25), Ernest Istook (R-OK-5), Ralph Regula (R--OH-16), John Carter (R-TX-31), Henry Bonilla (R-TX-23) and Robert Aderholt (R-AL-4). Trish is planning to set up meeting with their offices as well to relay the same sentiment. The goal is to encourage the offices to get the NATCA position on these issues before circulation of future letters.
- **RSC Budget Options 2005:** Christine is making phone calls to inquire about this report. She clarified that this summary is not endorsed by all the members of that committee.
- **Grassroots Campaign:** Letter drafted to be issued to Congress. Letter was intended to be sent on Wed 9/21 and may be delayed till Wed 9/28. NLC members should continue to encourage NATCA members to sign up on the Grassroots website on the <http://www.natca.net> website legislative activism or directly at <http://www.unionvoice.org/natca/join.html>
- **Grassroots Website:** Alex suggested that NATCA include in their Secretary/Treasurer class a section on local's signing up their members on the site.
- **NLC Budget and NIW budgets:** Both budgets were submitted by Trish on September 15, 2005. We will receive our budget allocations in late November.
- **Training:** Legislative 101 and more advanced classes are proposed to be offered. These types of classes will be developed and offered at the National Office. John suggested having NATCA HQ look into posting legislative classes on the NATCA internet. ACTION by Trish
- **Use of PAC Funds:** The committee will research and attempt to develop a white paper on use of PAC funds for other than campaign contributions. Action by John.
- **BBS updates:** CC Trish on updates and grassroots activities in the field in order for her to share them with others via grassroots updates.
- **Briefing by Christine:**
  - Appropriations Bill: House Bill done. Senate Bill still working. There are approximately 33 legislative days left before Thanksgiving. House leadership and chairman may want to run them individually with CR until next year. Senate looking into consolidating Bills
- **PAC**
  - Committee to come up with PAB process, with one page form to be used.
  - Tracking system required.
  - Events/ expediting requests
  - Pre approval may be needed
  - Action by Richard
- **Senate '06:** Christine briefed us about NATCA disbursement for upcoming US Senate seats.
- **House Seats:** Trish will work one on one with committee to get recommendations on NATCA support for the House candidates.

**Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am.**

• **NiW Online Registration :**

- webpage will be updated for 2006, via <http://dinobyte.com/lobby/> A disclaimer will be added for those requesting single rooms to agree on paying half the cost. **ACTION by Dub.**
- NIW allocations per Region. We have 200 rooms/peak night including NEB and not NLC. Look into filling up all 100% of the room blocks. We may use an overflow hotel.
- Room list to Brett by December 16, 2005. Attendees' deadline should be scheduled prior to December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Region	Number of bodies	Number of rooms in 2004
GL	40	28
SO	49	27
EA	35	29
WP	34	23
CE	11	13
AL	1	3
NW	14	11
RX	20	19
CTI	4	2
SW	24	31

**2006 NIW Schedule:**

**Friday 1/27/06** NLC Travel  
**Sat 1/28/06** NLC Meeting 9-5  
**Sun 1/29/06** NLC Meeting 9-5, Participants travel, Registration 1-5, Reception-evening  
**Mon 1/30/06** NIW 9-5, 8am for 1st timers  
**Tue 1/31/06** NIW 9-12, Hill Visits after 1 p.m., Congressional Reception  
**Wed 2/1/06** Hill Visits a.m., Participants depart in the afternoon.  
NLC Meeting after 1 p.m.  
**Thr 2/2/06** NLC Travel day

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• **Committee Training:**

- Trish asked committee members to let her know if they need training in FrontPage or Excel for committee work. Some training may be available if the budget permits.
- RDO schedule for committee members:
  1. Mark: MT
  2. Brett: SS then to WTh
  3. John: MT then to MTW
  4. Dub: MT
  5. Grant: MT
  6. Alex: FS
  7. Andy: FSS
  8. Rich: SS
  9. Dean: WTh
  10. Jimmy: ThF
  11. Trish: Rotating

• **PAC:**

- PAC is about 3.4 million per cycle from 6465 PAC members.
- PAC drive will take place to conclude at the 2006 Boston Convention. Goal is to obtain \$4 million per election cycle by April 2006. Target the below \$5 contributors. Resources will be provided by the N.O. if needed.
- Update charts and send them out.

- **Telcons:** Trish will be conducting regular committee telcons. Initially every two weeks then possibly once per month.

- **NLC Charter:** Tabled until the NLC meeting at Convention.