



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we continue our work on the details of the upcoming NATCA convention, we are reminded of the significance behind the convention theme, "Salute to Service." Day one we honor and say thanks to our members, as well as those outside our membership, who have or continue to serve our country in the military. Day two we focus on service to the community, especially that of the NATCA Charitable Foundation (NCF). And finally, on day three, we highlight service to our great union.

Daily, NATCA members all across the country reach out and help others in so many ways. Below are just a couple of examples of current efforts:

- Denver Center is conducting a fundraiser for the Yellow Ribbon Foundation (YRF). Click [here](#) to purchase a shirt and help support the cause.



- Baton Rouge members are raising funds to help deal with the impact of the severe flooding in Louisiana the last couple of weeks. A majority of the area is a no flood zone and they were told flood insurance wasn't a necessity; therefore, insurance will not cover the costs of the repairs. Their GoFundMe account can be found [here](#).





- Oakland Center set up a GoFundMe account to help a developmental that had all of her personal items stolen from her car immediately after arriving in Fremont from the Academy. The fundraising goal has been met.

These are just a few of the things NATCA members are doing for others.

Year round, NCF fundraises and more importantly, provides support to those in our communities that are overlooked and underserved. Every August, NATCA members in dozens of places across the country participate in the NCF backpack program in order to ensure students in need have the supplies they need to start school.



Our collective ability to support each other, as well as NCF and its many efforts to care for the many men, women and children who are in need in our communities, always amazes us.

We are continually proud and impressed at the generosity of our

members. You all are incredibly thoughtful and work hard to help those in need. To learn more about the NATCA Charitable Foundation, join them on Facebook [here](#). If you are interested in sponsoring or



donating to one of the NCF convention events, please click [here](#).

As we reflect on the importance of service to others, we reflect on our own blessings and feel fortunate and thankful for so many things.



Portland, Oregon



Cleveland, Ohio

The NATCA Family is truly a powerful force that has done so much good for so many throughout our history,

In Solidarity,

Paul Rinaldi  
President

Trish Gilbert  
Executive Vice President





## NATCA's 16th Biennial Convention is Next Week!

There are no more NATCA-reserved hotel rooms available at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront Hotel. Anyone who has not yet secured a hotel room through NATCA is now responsible for their own lodging.

See the available pre-convention [classes](#).

Here are electronic versions of the proposed constitutional amendments and resolutions packages.

- [National Executive Board \(NEB\) Resolutions](#)
- [NEB Report on Policies/Position Statements](#)
- [2016 Proposed Amendments and Resolutions](#)

For SRF-12 Facilities, access the local convention subsidy form [here](#).

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## Archie League Medal of Safety Award Nominations

Dec. 31, 2016, is the deadline for the 13th Annual Archie League Medal of Safety Awards!

Remember - any member can nominate another member. All events since Jan. 1, 2016, are eligible for nomination. All winners will be honored during Communicating For Safety 2017 at Bally's in Las Vegas.

To submit nominations:

NATCA is proud to introduce the new Archie League Medal of Safety Awards Nomination [form](#). Please be as detailed as possible in your submissions and include all relevant materials. Nominations will be considered during the annual Archie League Medal of Safety Awards judges meeting that will take place in January 2017.

You can also mail nomination submissions (postmarked on or before Dec. 31, 2016) to the NATCA National Office at:

National Air Traffic Controllers Association  
Attn: Sarah Zilonis  
1325 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20005

The NATCA Communications Department is here to assist you. Direct all questions and requests for additional information to Archie League Medal of Safety Awards Coordinator Sarah Zilonis at [szilonis@natcadc.org](mailto:szilonis@natcadc.org). Please do not hesitate to contact her if you have any questions, concerns, or issues in submitting the nominations.



## **Professionalism Award Application Now Available!**

Do you know someone who is an outstanding professional? Have you seen someone whose individual contribution and performance enhanced the standings of our profession? Then help us recognize them by nominating them for the second annual NATCA National Professionalism Awards, presented



at [Communicating For Safety \(CFS\) 2017](#)! The deadline for submissions is Dec. 31, 2016. [Submit a NATCA Professionalism Award Application](#) today!

The National Professional Standards Committee (PSC) will invite the award winners to attend CFS to be recognized for their achievement and to receive their award. They will be entitled to travel and expense reimbursement, in accordance with the NATCA travel policy, similar to the reimbursement provided to the Archie League Medal of Safety Award winners.

The goal of NATCA's Professional Standards program is to maintain and promote professionalism across all of NATCA's bargaining units. We achieve that through a commitment to safety and the public's trust. We work to inspire, motivate and provide personal examples of our professionalism to others and to maintain the highest standard of excellence. We know our actions represent all our fellow professionals and we work to bring honor and respect to all that we do.

The NATCA National Professional Standards Workgroup has created a "NATCA Professionalism Award" as a means to recognize the actions of those who continually strive to achieve these goals.

Last year's recipients were:

WSA-Dan Rossmango, ZLA  
CSA-Randy Clark, MCI  
ESA-Dave Fournier, ZME

Any NATCA member may nominate another member for the award, with no limit on the number of nominations received from a single Facility, Region or Service Area. Only members in good standing will be eligible to receive the award(s). A team of members is also eligible for the award and will be judged in the same manner as a single member.



[The PSC must receive one \(1\) nomination via electronic submission](#) for each event in order for the committee to consider it. Professionalism is seldom based on a single event but rather on a demonstration of consistent personal commitment to safety and excellence, on professional contributions and on individual performance that enhances the standings of our profession. Nominations should include a description of why the nominee deserves the award and all relevant information. The nominator should identify what the nominee did that enhanced the profession or promoted and maintained professionalism, and he or she needs to include statements or testimonials from other individuals supporting the nomination. The description can include transcripts or recordings of events and official documentation. Please submit as much information as possible on the nominee to assist the PSC in determining the award winners.

Nominations can be submitted via the [NATCA National Professionalism Awards Application](#). Any documentation or questions may be sent

to [PS@NATCA.net](mailto:PS@NATCA.net) or mailed to:

NATCA  
Attn: Professional Standards  
1325 Massachusetts Ave. N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20005

The PSC will email you proof of receipt of the nomination.  
All nomination forms for the second annual National Professionalism Awards must be submitted electronically or postmarked by Dec. 31, 2016.

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## **Internet Reimbursement Reminder**

As a reminder, in accordance with SRF-22, locals that are covered by SRF-12 (annual dues less than \$4,500) are entitled to \$50 per month for internet access.

### **SRF-22 Internet for Smaller Locals**

NATCA shall reimburse up to \$50 per month to locals covered by SRF-12, for internet access. Wireless cards, hot spots, and internet in the facility are reimbursable, home service is not.

If you have any questions, please contact your [Regional Vice President](#).

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We are pleased to announce that we've added an additional Advanced Legislative Activism class this year. The class will be held at the NATCA National Office in Washington DC, November 29 - December 1 (Tuesday to Thursday). This class is now available for registration via the NATCA Portal. If you have any questions, please contact NATCA Legislative Committee Chair, [Steve Weidner](#).

## NATCA Academy Schedule 2016

Training Review Board	September 13-14	Las Vegas, NV
Secretary/Treasurer Training	September 13-14	Las Vegas, NV
Basic Legislative Activism Training	September 19-20	Las Vegas, NV
Basic Representative Training	September 26-30	Las Vegas, NV
Advanced Representative Training	October 17-20	Las Vegas, NV
Arbitration Advocacy Training - II	November 28-December 1	Phoenix, AZ
Advanced Legislative Activism Training	November 29-December 1	Washington, DC
Basic Representative Training	December 5-9	Las Vegas, NV
Basic Legislative Activism Training	December 7-8	Las Vegas, NV

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We started the week of August 8 in San Diego at the last convention planning meeting before the convention starts on August 30. Paul stayed for a solidarity event for SCT while Trish flew to New Orleans for a chat and chew event for NATCA, PASS and AFSCME members at the NBCFAE meeting.



At NBCFAE with NATCA LoB  
Rep. Sally Smith

Trish then joined Paul in Indianapolis for a membership meeting there before joining central service area reps at the contract training session in Chicago.



SLC FacRep Chris Bakke giving a presentation on DataComm during the event.

On Monday, Aug. 15, the Federal Aviation Administration hosted a press event at Salt Lake City ATCT (SLC) to tout the implementation of Data Comm at the facility. Trish, NATCA Northwest Mountain Regional Vice President Doug Pincock, NATCA Data Comm Representative Jim McAllister and NATCA SLC FacRep Chris Bakke attended the event and spoke on behalf of NATCA to explain the program's benefits to air traffic controllers and the flying public.

Read more about the press event in the [NATCA Insider](#).

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