Adcock Represents NATCA on Panels Covering AAM, UAS, Integration of New Entrants, and the Aviation Workforce of Tomorrow

NATCA’s Director of Safety and Technology Tom Adcock represented our Union on two panels last week at the 36th Annual Aviation Issues Conference hosted by the American Association of Airport Executives. The first was, “Advanced Air Mobility (AAM), Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), and the Integration of New Entrants into the National Airspace System (NAS).” The second was, “The Aviation Workforce of Tomorrow: How are We Preparing as an Industry?”

Read more here.

Santa, LeBovidge Join New England Regional Rep Meeting

NATCA’s New England Region held a meeting last month for its FacReps and area reps with a training focus. Reps were briefed on negotiation tactics and participated in mock negotiation scenarios. President Rich Santa, Executive Vice President Andrew LeBovidge, and Southern Regional Vice President Jim Marinetti attended and spoke to the reps. Santa and LeBovidge answered reps’ questions and held discussions on topics raised during the meeting. Marinetti, who also
chairs the National Training Committee, audited the meeting to evaluate the material presented for future rep training for other regions.

Runway Safety Rep Singratanakul Focuses on Preventing Future Incidents During Panel

Pictured clockwise, starting in upper left: Singratanakul; FAA Eastern Service Area Runway Safety Team Manager Raymond German; Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport Aviation Superintendent Dustin Loftis; FAA National Resource Expert for Airport Design Steve Debban; AAAE Director of Regulatory Affairs Jeremy Valcich; Massachusetts Port Authority Deputy Director of Aviation Operations Bob Lynch.

NATCA’s National Runway Safety Representative Bridget Singratanakul (Gee) joined Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and aviation industry experts in a presentation during the American Association of Airport Executives (AAAE) Runway Safety Summit last month. The session detailed lessons learned from recent runway safety incidents, which included multiple runway incursions and wrong surface events at Part 139 airports.

“We also went into steps that airport operators can take to help prevent future incidents,” said Singratanakul.

Read more about the Safety Summit [here](#).

NCF 2nd Annual Step Challenge
The NATCA Charitable Foundation (NCF) 2nd Annual Step Challenge began Jan. 3 but remains open for participants to join through Feb. 16.

“We’re in full swing of the competition, but it’s not too late to join in,” said NCF President Corrie Conrad.

To participate, form a team or sign up individually and challenge others for the chance at the facility trophy or one of the top three individual spots and prizes for several categories.

The cost to participate is $25. [Sign up here](#).

The competition is hosted on the app Count.It, which works with the most common health tracking platforms and tools. In addition to walking or running, this year’s competition counts additional activities including cycling, swimming, and strength training.

“Count.It will sync your activities retroactively, back 27 days,” said Conrad. “So if you join by Jan. 30, you’ll be synced to compete for the full duration of the challenge!”