NATCA Advocates on Global Stage at World ATM

Executive Vice President Andrew LeBovidge represented NATCA at the recent World ATM Congress in Madrid. This event was last held more than two years ago due to the pandemic. Its return signaled a key step in the global aviation recovery, and LeBovidge joined over 6,500 attendees at the eighth annual event that connects the world’s air traffic professionals, users, and industry. “NATCA must remain part of both domestic and global discussions with industry, other labor unions, and regulators on issues that directly affect our members and our airspace,” LeBovidge said. “Our participation in events such as World ATM is critical to our ability to have a voice and to influence the future of our professions.”

Photo: (left to right) Paul Winstanley, president of the Global Air Traffic Controllers Alliance and chair of Prospect ATCOs’ Branch United Kingdom, LeBovidge, and Mike Hornby from NATS U.K.

Read more here.

Tom Flanary Named NATCA National Lead for Collaboration

The National Executive Board last week named Miami Center (ZMA) member Tom Flanary as NATCA’s new national lead for collaboration. Flanary takes over from Phil
Hughes, who retired after leading the Union in this important role for the last decade. In addition to serving as Miami Center (ZMA) FacRep for the last two years, Flanary conceived the idea of creating the Disaster Response Committee, serving as its first chair. He was also instrumental in the collaborative success at ZMA for the level 3 cleaning process during the early part of the COVID-19 pandemic, helping to lay the foundation for what became established protocol around the country to prevent the full closure of large facilities during busy traffic periods. "I'm absolutely thrilled to be selected for this awesome opportunity as the collaboration lead," Flanary said.

Read more.

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**NCEPT UPDATE: First Quarter Results Released**

The National Centralized ERR (employee requested reassignment) Process Team (NCEPT) has released the first quarter (fiscal year 2022) results. You can view them here, on our NCEPT page on the members side of the natca.org website.

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**Minutes Available from NEB Meeting Oct. 12-13**

The minutes from the National Executive Board meeting Oct. 12-13 in Boise, Idaho, are now available. They are located here. Among many topics, the Board discussed the calendar of meetings for 2022. A schedule will be developed to hold an NEB meeting approximately once every four weeks.

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**NATCA Members Meet with North Carolina Congresswomen**
Charlotte ATCT (CLT) FacRep Anthony Schifano and Raleigh Durham ATCT (RDU) Secretary and North Carolina State Coordinator James Walsh participated in a virtual meeting with North Carolina Congresswomen Kathy Manning and Deborah Ross and Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi. “Congresswoman Ross represents RDU airport and a lot of the Raleigh area, so we have a lot of member constituents at my facility in her district,” said Walsh. These members of Congress will now be able to put a face to the name as these activists continue the relationship-building and educating on NATCA issues. Walsh also noted, "It was exciting to see the Speaker of the House participating in a North Carolina event.”

**ORL Member Meets with Florida Congressman**

Orlando Executive ATCT (ORL) FacRep Jeff Little recently participated in a virtual meeting with Florida Congressman Darren Soto (pictured right). “Congressman Soto discussed the infrastructure bill and touched on where he would like to see the funds used locally, including at Central Florida TRACON (F11) and Kissimmee Federal Contract Tower (ISM),” said Little. “I updated the congressman on some local issues and of course thanked him and his office for their continued support of NATCA. He replied that he looked forward to visits with NATCA members as well.”

**NATCA Historical Committee: NATCA Conventions Part 3**

NATCA's 18th Biennial Convention is approaching.
Dec. 9-10. (Register here; reserve room here.) The NATCA Historical Committee (NHC) has completed the third and final installment in its series looking back at all of NATCA’s first 17 conventions and the importance they have had in shaping our Union. NATCA conventions bring together local delegates from across the United States to vote on and decide the direction of our Union. Conventions from 2010-2018 brought a new era to the Union; one where we were out of the White Book and growing and succeeding with fairly negotiated collective bargaining agreements covering each of our 15 FAA bargaining units.

Read more here.