The 18th Biennial Convention in Houston will be live streamed on the natca.org website beginning on Thursday, Dec. 9 at 1 p.m. CST. The live stream will be on the members-only side of the NATCA website and requires a password. If you have already registered for MyNATCA and can log in to the members side of natca.org using the directions announced a few weeks ago, you won’t need to take any additional steps to access the live stream. However, if you have not registered for MyNATCA to obtain your new login credentials for both that resource and the members side of the website, you will need to do so before 1 p.m. CST on Dec. 9 in order to view the live stream.

For more information and registration instructions, click here.

If you need assistance, click here.

All video from the convention will be available to view on demand after the event. More details on that will be announced next week.

For link to the live stream and all news and information about the convention - before, during, and after the event, click here.

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**Union Synergy Committee Welcomes New Members**

The Union Synergy (US) Committee recently welcomed new members: Fort Lauderdale ATCT (FLL) member Amy Sayers, Engineers/Southwest Region (ESW) member Brittan Smith, Houston
TRACON (I90) member Kym Towns, and Southwest Regional Vice President Nick Daniels. The US Committee works to recognize and address the effects of bias on the work culture and climate amongst all of NATCA’s safety professionals. The goal of the committee is to promote and maintain a Union that is inclusive of all members and thrives on the talents of its diversity.

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**NSW RVP Daniels Tells Vox, ‘We Are Being Used as Pawns’ in the Game That Is a Government Shutdown**

While the threat of another government shutdown was averted this week, future threats are still possible. Vox produced a new video detailing what a shutdown is and why it still can happen in the United States. Among the federal employees interviewed for the story was Southwest Regional Vice President Nick Daniels. He said that air traffic controllers are still required to show up for work in a shutdown but will not get paid until the shutdown ends. He also explained that controllers don’t just show up with a headset and do that job by themselves. They rely on assistance from other aviation safety professionals, who would be furloughed during a shutdown. Watch the video [here](#).

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**NATCA Academy Classes Canceled for December**

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, all in-person NATCA Academy courses for December have been canceled. We appreciate your patience and will continue to keep you posted about 2022 courses. Please continue to check the NATCA Academy webpage for updates.

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**Professional Standards Committee Update:**
10-Year Anniversary Pins Available

The Professional Standards (PS) Committee, in continuation of the 10-year anniversary of the PS program, recently sent commemorative pins to each facility to be distributed to members. If you are interested in receiving a pin, please let your FacRep know.

The PS Committee also held two virtual member classes during November. The next PS class will be held Dec. 14-16. For more information, please email ps@natca.net.

The committee ensures compliance with Article 52 of NATCA’s collective bargaining agreements and maintains oversight of the PS program through a joint national workgroup composed of the NATCA PS members and three Federal Aviation Administration representatives.

Happy International Civil Aviation Day

Next Tuesday, Dec. 7, NATCA will join others in the aviation community in observing International Civil Aviation Day and highlighting the importance of international civil aviation to global social and economic development. Created by the United Nations in 1994 and also known as #FlyDay, the observance also highlights the unique role of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) for the last 77 years in helping nations cooperate and realize a truly global rapid transit network. From our NATCA Family, happy International Civil Aviation Day!