Convention Update: Keeping You Informed of All Event News, Information

The 18th Biennial Convention opens on Thursday Dec. 9 at the Marriott Marquis in Houston. We have all your event news and information covered through the following outlets, which you can monitor through the week and beyond:

From the Desk of Rich Santa: NATCA President Rich Santa explains the importance of NATCA’s Biennial Convention and says he’s looking forward to seeing NATCA’s delegates in Houston. Read his entire article here.

The Delegate: We have produced a 10-page convention preview edition of The Delegate newspaper, our official biennial convention publication. You can view and download a PDF of the issue here.

Convention Webpage: All information, news, resources (such as the full package of amendments), convention history, and more can be found here. You can bookmark the page on your browser and turn it into an app on your mobile device by following these simple steps: Apple | Android

Convention News Feed: Individual stories contained in The Delegate as well as news items posted over the course of the convention and beyond can be found on our convention news page here.

Social Media: NATCA will be sharing news from our 18th Biennial Convention on our Union’s social media channels. Get updates at Facebook | Twitter | Instagram | LinkedIn.

Convention to be Live Streamed on NATCA Website: The convention 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 this page 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, please click here. If you need assistance, please click here.

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

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**NATCA Thanks T&I Chairman DeFazio for More Than Three Decades of Leadership to Improve Aviation Safety**

Oregon Congressman and House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Chairman Peter DeFazio announced on Dec. 1 that he will not seek re-election in 2022. NATCA President Rich Santa issued a statement thanking and congratulating DeFazio, who for more than three decades has been a passionate advocate and fierce champion for aviation safety, transportation labor, and its front-line workers. DeFazio has proudly served his constituents in Oregon’s 4th congressional district since 1987, the same year that NATCA was certified by the National Labor Relations Authority as the exclusive bargaining representative of Federal Aviation Administration air traffic controllers. “Our relationship with him goes back to our earliest days of advocacy,” Santa said. “He has always understood the power of the word union and his intense curiosity always led him to seek a deeper understanding of how our members do their jobs and what our most important issues are as we have continued to try and make the system safer and make our members’ lives better.” Read the full statement

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**November NEB Meeting Minutes Now Available**

Minutes from the NATCA National Executive Board meeting on Nov. 2-4 at the National Office in Washington, D.C., are now available on the members side of the natca.org website. Please click here.
We continue to recognize our National Office Staff. NATCA’s Information Technology Manager Phil Yanchulis has shared a lot of information during his 23 years at NATCA. “Since my job has mostly been data-focused, I find providing accurate, timely, informative data to the requestor to be very rewarding,” says Yanchulis. “Whether it’s providing data needed by one of NATCA’s contract negotiating teams, calculating accurate quarterly facility dues rebate financial data, gathering data needed for a local or national election, or assisting an individual with their seniority dates, I take great satisfaction when the data assists in getting the job done.” Read more.

National Finance Committee Works with NEB to Develop and Approve 2022 Budget

The National Finance Committee (NFC) conducted its yearly budget meeting with the National Executive Board (NEB) on Nov. 3 where the 2022 budget was developed and approved. The NEB also approved Los Angeles Center (ZLA) member Carmen Martinez as the new Western Pacific Region (NWP) NFC representative and Southern California TRACON (SCT) member Cliff Stewart as the NWP NFC mentee.

The NFC is tentatively scheduled to conduct a FacRep and treasurer financial onboarding call on Tuesday, Dec. 21 at 3 p.m. EST. For more information, please visit the NFC webpage.