



NATCA Thanks Steve Dickson for Leadership, Collaboration During Challenging Period



FAA Administrator Steve Dickson announced on Wednesday his resignation effective March 31, 2022. President Rich Santa issued the following statement:

“On behalf of NATCA’s National Executive Board and the more than 19,000 dedicated aviation safety professionals we represent in 15 FAA bargaining units, I thank Administrator Dickson for his strong leadership and for strengthening the successful collaborative relationship we have built with the Agency.

“We are proud of our work with Administrator Dickson during a two-year period of unprecedented challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. NATCA and the FAA swiftly worked to make decisions and create new procedures to protect the aviation safety professionals we represent, so they could ensure the continuation of the safe and efficient operation of the National Airspace System.

“From the earliest opportunity, we pressed for FAA employees to be included with other essential workers receiving priority for personal protective equipment (PPE), and we helped the FAA distribute it across the country. Since March 2020, we have consistently negotiated to ensure that the use of masks at FAA facilities was in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) guidance as we collaborated with the Agency to mitigate member exposure to the virus. We have valued the leadership of Administrator Dickson throughout these efforts.

“NATCA members are also proud of the work we have done during this difficult time. Our members, and all of the FAA under Administrator Dickson’s leadership, have been responsible for the safe and efficient delivery of PPE throughout the pandemic and have helped deliver hundreds of millions of vaccine doses across the country and internationally.”

Congratulations to Our Newest FacReps

The NATCA Onboarding Committee welcomes and thanks all new NATCA leaders who have recently taken office for their terms as FacReps at their local facilities:

Alaskan Region

Anchorage TRACON (A11),
Joshua Rivera

Eastern Region

Albany ATCT (ALB), Simon Jones

Great Lakes Region

Grand Forks ATCT (GFK), Sarah Simek
Mansfield ATCT (MFD), Cory Glembot

Southern Region

Sarasota Bradenton ATCT (SRQ), Justin Rodriguez
Knoxville McGhee Tyson ATCT (TYS), David Harness
Atlanta Center (ZTL), Shad Mitchell



Safety and Technology Update: Runway Safety



Every day in the National Airspace System, there is approximately one wrong surface alignment or landing, according to Article 114 Representative for Runway Safety Bridget Singratanakul (Dallas-Fort Worth ATCT, DFW). The Surface Safety Group (SSG) met earlier this month to discuss that and other issues. The group's purpose is to analyze surface safety risk to include runway incursions, surface collisions,

runway excursions, and wrong surface events. The group also has three subgroups that work on data analysis, technology initiatives/mitigations, and outreach. During the meeting, Singratanakul said they received updates from those respective subgroups as well as discussing memory aids, runway incursion mitigation (RIM), runway end identification (REIL) evaluation study, and approach runway verification (ARV) potential capability. Read more about this [here](#).

Boots On The Ground 2022 Solicitation

NATCA's Boots On The Ground

(BOTG) program has been a successful part of our Union's political activity since the 2008 election and will continue for the 2022 election. NATCA is recruiting primarily retired members who would be willing to participate full-time in the program beginning in the late spring/early summer. Selected members will receive training on procedures and participation. They would then be assigned to a specific geographic area.

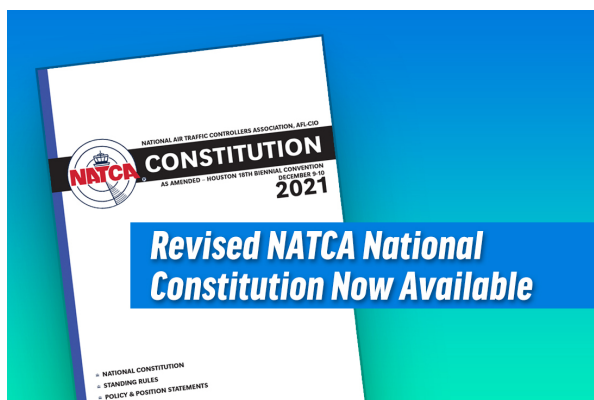


Participants will be paid as independent contractors — not as NATCA employees — and will receive a monthly stipend, plus appropriate approved expenses for travel and lodging. As such, participants will be responsible for their own income and payroll taxes. All expenses will require vouchers and receipts in accordance with the NATCA expense reimbursement policy.

Selections will be made by NATCA's National Executive Board. If you are interested, [please click here](#) to complete the following application. If you have any questions, please contact National Legislative Committee Chair Richard Kennington (richkennington.nlc@gmail.com / 360-909-1402) or Election 2022 Project Manager Tom Thompson (thomas.thompson@natca.net / 317-331-3423). The application period will end March 7.

If you are selected to participate, you will be contacted by Thompson with further instruction no later than May 31.

Second in a Series: National Constitution Committee Presents Updates to the NATCA Constitution



The NATCA Constitution was created to govern members in efforts to advance the status, professionalism, and working conditions of all aviation safety professionals through collective bargaining, political action, and other lawful concerted activity. During the 18th Biennial Convention in Houston last December, members discussed

and approved changes to the NATCA Constitution, Standing Rules, and Policy & Position Statements. The National Constitution Committee (NCC) is continuing to provide the membership with some of the most notable updates. Read the second set of these updates [here](#).

NATCA Recognizes Pro-Labor Presidents in Honor of Presidents Day

Presidents Day, officially called Washington's Birthday, is a U.S. federal holiday celebrated on the third Monday of February in honor of George Washington, the first president of the United States. Increasingly, the holiday has become an occasion to recognize the achievements of

U.S. presidents throughout our nation's history. Today, NATCA recognizes several presidents who helped pave the way for the success of American labor unions, especially for federal employees. From President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Wagner Act to John F. Kennedy's Executive Order 10988 and President Jimmy Carter's Civil Service Reform Act of 1978, today we recognize the administrations of our national leaders who helped advance the rights of federal workers to organize and collectively bargain. Read more [here](#).



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