President Rich Santa met recently with House Aviation Subcommittee Chairman Rick Larsen, D-Wash., in his congressional office. During the meeting, Santa thanked Larsen for his longtime support and working relationship with NATCA. They discussed the NATCA workforce and how our Union’s members have successfully navigated the many challenges related to COVID-19. Congressman Larsen asked how he can continue to be helpful to ensure NATCA members’ working conditions are as safe as possible. Santa also thanked Congressman Larsen for his support on the bipartisan infrastructure bill and specifically his leadership in supporting $5 billion in ATC facility upgrades. They also discussed collaboration related to the 5G issue that is necessary to ensure a safe and efficient airspace and what Congress is doing around 5G deployment and aviation safety. Congressman Larsen wants NATCA to continue to be engaged as important aviation issues like 5G are considered.

First 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 providing the membership with some of the most notable updates. Read the first of these updates [here](#).

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**Member Benefit Spotlight:**

**Penn State World Campus**

In a first-of-its-kind collaboration with Penn State University, NATCA is pleased to offer members a benefit that assists those pursuing a college degree. The Penn State World Campus/NATCA alliance provides members with a 5% tuition discount off all tuition rates, and college credit for completion of certified NATCA Academy courses.

NATCA members can also help a family member realize their dreams of pursuing a college education. This benefit extends to spouses, domestic partners, and children. The participating family member will receive all the same benefits as NATCA members in the program. The Penn State World Campus/NATCA alliance is just one way NATCA is committed to the success of its members.

Click [here](#) for more information or contact the National Benefits Committee at [benefits@natca.net](mailto:benefits@natca.net).

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**DFW FacRep Trevor Barry Named New IDS-R Article 114 Rep**

The National Executive Board has named Dallas-Fort Worth ATCT (DFW) FacRep Trevor Barry to serve as the Union’s new Information Display Systems Replacement (IDS-R) Article 114 Representative. Information display systems provide a wide variety of information to air traffic controllers such as current weather, airspace delegation, access to approach plates, Notice to Air Missions (NOTAMS), Significant Meteorological Information (SIGMETS), flight route verification, and aircraft information.

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**NATCA Academy Spotlight:**

[Image of Trevor Barry]
Representative Training (RT1) Course

The 4 1/2-day Representative Training 1 (RT-1) course offered by the NATCA Academy focuses on developing and enhancing effective methods of advocacy grounded in understanding and upholding our rights under the law and the Collective Bargaining Agreements. Members who attend the course learn how to apply collaborative and traditional labor principles to real-life situations and about NATCA’s expectations of local leaders. The goal is for attendees to return to their locals with an understanding of NATCA’s history and core principles and be better prepared for their daily roles and responsibilities.

NATCA encourages any NATCA member or representative to sign up for RT-1. Participants embark on an investment in our Union’s future, individually and collectively.

Learn more and obtain sign-up information on the NATCA Academy webpage.

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NATCA Advantage:
Upcoming Retirement Briefing Webinars

Whether you’re building for your future in retirement, or ready to put your retirement plan into action, NATCA offers a valuable benefit to members via online retirement briefings. These briefings are a valuable resource that explains the features of the federal benefits program, including choices that can be made at retirement and the impact of those choices on the retirees, their spouses, and potential survivor spouses.

Spouses are encouraged to attend. There are two briefings this month, Feb. 16 at 2 p.m. CST and Feb. 26 at 10 a.m. CST. Further virtual and in-person seminars are being discussed and developed for 2022.

For a full schedule and more information, click here.

Register at portal.natca.org.
Super Bowl LVI this Sunday is brought to you by union brothers and sisters from over a dozen U.S. labor unions. The lineup of labor at SoFi Stadium in Los Angeles includes union workers from the transportation, sports, broadcasters, entertainment, food service, public safety, and hospitality sectors.

And, of course, outside the stadium, all the out-of-town fans and players will arrive in Southern California and then return home safely thanks to the aviation safety professionals of NATCA, Air Line Pilots Association, International (ALPA), Association of Flight Attendants-CWA (AFA-CWA), Transport Workers Union of America (TWU), and Machinists (IAM). Read more about this here.