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## **AFL-CIO Executive Council Recognizes the Service of Paul Rinaldi**

The AFL-CIO recently thanked former NATCA President Paul Rinaldi, on behalf of their 57 affiliated unions, for his service on the labor federation's Executive Council as his tenure on the Council concluded. Rinaldi was elected as a vice president of the federation at its AFL-CIO's 2013 Convention and re-elected at its 2017 Convention. He was the first NATCA president to be elected to the Executive Council.

About Rinaldi, the AFL-CIO stated the following, "His fierce dedication to enhance NATCA members' quality of life was what inspired him to achieve better relations with the FAA and collaborate with industry leaders and policymakers. Rinaldi was successful at driving change from the bottom up, empowering members through education and activism to negotiate better working conditions, establishing labor-management collaboration, and improving professionalism at facilities throughout the country."

Read the full AFL-CIO statement [here](#).



**Photos:** (Left to right) Rinaldi, former AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka, and former NATCA Executive Vice President Trish Gilbert

## Santa Meets with Rep. Sam Graves, R-Mo.

On Thursday June 9, President Richard Santa held a productive meeting with Rep. Sam Graves, R-Mo., on Capitol Hill. As the Ranking Member of the influential House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee (T&I), Rep. Graves will be a key leader in the upcoming reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), major legislation of interest to NATCA that affects all FAA programs and activities. During their meeting, Rep. Graves expressed his strong support for the air traffic controller workforce, emphasized the outstanding work of NATCA members, and urged President Santa to continue collaborating with him and his team on issues of importance, particularly as the FAA reauthorization process gets underway.



**President Rich Santa with Rep. Sam Graves (R-Mo.)**  
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## May NEB Minutes Now Available

The minutes from the National Executive Board (NEB) meeting in Portland, Ore., on May 11-12 are now available [here](#) on the NEB minutes page of the website.



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## Save the Date: Archie League, NRX Awards Presentation June 17 to be Live Streamed

Save the date!  
NATCA will be  
honoring members  
on June 17 at noon  
CDT in New  
Orleans with the  
prestigious 2020 &  
2021 Archie  
League Medal of  
Safety Awards &





## 2020 and 2021 Awards to be Live Streamed on natca.org

Friday, June 17  
starting at Noon CDT



the Region X  
Commitment to  
Safety Awards.  
Plan to watch as  
we live stream this  
event on our  
Union's [website](#).

We have produced  
a book about each  
2020 and 2021  
award winner and  
the great work that  
they did to earn  
these honors. [View  
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