NATCA President Santa Participates in Global ATC Alliance Meeting

NATCA is a member of the Global Air Traffic Controllers Alliance, the coalition of labor unions representing more than 30,000 air traffic controllers and other aviation safety professionals in countries around the world, who oversee more than half of the global airspace. The Alliance is a collective voice contributing to the safety and efficiency of the modern airspace system by influencing technology and advancing collaborative industry relations. NATCA President Rich Santa serves on the Alliance’s executive board.

Yesterday, Santa participated in a meeting of the Alliance members in Geneva,
Switzerland. Also participating in the meeting was former NATCA President Paul Rinaldi, who is the Vice President of the Global Alliance.

For more information about the Alliance, click [here](#).

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**Submit Nominations for the 2023 Archie Awards Before May 15**

The Archie League Medal of Safety Awards, named for the first U.S. air traffic controller, honor a variety of aviation “saves” — some which involve a team of controllers working together, while others are the result of one controller’s efforts.

The nomination period for the 2023 Archie Awards ends on May 15. We are looking for the best saves that have occurred at your facilities between May 1, 2022 and April 30, 2023. The winners will be honored in September at NATCA’s Communicating For Safety. For the nomination form, click [here](#).

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**Union Spotlight: The WNBPA Joins AFL-CIO**

NATCA continues to highlight union members in other AFL-CIO affiliated unions. Today, we recognize our siblings of the Women’s National Basketball Players Association (WNBPA) who just joined the AFL-CIO.
The WNBPA was formed on Nov. 6, 1998 and is the first labor union for female professional athletes. The WNBPA handles the negotiation of collective bargaining agreements, filing grievances on their behalf, and counseling players on benefits and post-WNBA career opportunities. The WNBPA also serves as a resource for current players, while they are competing internationally during the offseason.

The AFL-CIO and WNBPA will work together to develop new initiatives to advance equal pay, better conditions and justice on the job for all workers.