“Professionalism Creates a Safety & Efficient Workplace for All”: PS Training in Indianapolis

NATCA’s Professional Standards (PS) Committee hosted a three-day training in Indianapolis, March 21-24, for 18 members of our Union. PS Committee members Lydia Baune (Spokane ATCT, GEG), Patrick Carter (Dallas/Fort Worth TRACON, D10), and Christopher Keyes (Washington Center, ZDC) led the training, welcoming the new members to the team and thanking them for volunteering to serve NATCA in such an important way.

"Professional Standards training provides committee members with the essential tools to resolve issues in the workplace at the lowest level," Chelsea Greenwell (Elmira ATCT, ELM) said. “The program upholds professionalism and by doing so creates a safe and efficient workplace for all.”

“The professional standard training was one of the best classes I have ever experienced while in the FAA,” Jessica Graham (Islip ATCT, ISP) said. “It was educational and inspiring. It not only gives you tools to make your work environment better for you and your coworkers, but also your personal life. I can’t wait to bring this positive program to my facility.”
The PS program helps to maintain, promote, and inspire professionalism of aviation safety professionals throughout the National Airspace System. The program uses peer-to-peer mediation, conflict resolution, and mentoring to achieve these goals.

Members interested in learning more about the PS program should ask their local PS Committee member, visit www.natca.org/ps, or email ps@natca.net.
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OSHA/OWCP Training Class Held at the National Office

The NATCA Academy held an OSHA/OWCP class at the NATCA National Office in March which provided participants a chance to acquire the training they would need to address employee safety issues on the job. This group is composed of NATCA facility presidents, regional and facility OSHA and OWCP representatives, and interested members who took the NATCA Academy course for Occupational Safety and Health (OSHA) and Office of Workers Compensation (OWCP) joint training. This training also gave attendees the training they would need to address OWCP claims at their facilities.
About the training, Pete Alvarez (FS2), the newly appointed NATCA AFSS OSHA Representative stated, "Attending the class definitely opened my eyes to some of the shortcomings at my own facility, but provided the resources and knowledge needed to address these things with management confidently. Uncoincidentally, we're having our first local-level OSHA meeting in a week after not having been conducted since before COVID."

Alvarez added, “In addition, the class covered a lot of ground on pretty common issues, from filing UCR's to injury reports. The discussion amongst peers helped to increase my knowledge and confidence as I transition into my new position. I know that after this class, NATCA Alaska Flight Services leadership is excited to send more BUE's from our facilities to receive the training!"