

The Delegate

Update about NATCA's 19th Biennial Convention



This issue of The Delegate includes news from the last day of NATCA's 19th Biennial Convention.

Convention Supreme Body Makes Paul Rinaldi NATCA President Emeritus

During the final day of their 19th Biennial Convention, following a resolution submitted to the Supreme Body by NATCA's entire National Executive Board, the delegates unanimously agreed to bestow our Union's former president, Paul Rinaldi, with the title of President Emeritus. Rinaldi joins other NATCA giants Barry Krasner, Mike McNally, and John Carr in receiving this great honor. This full resolution can be read [here](#).

Rinaldi began his Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) career in 1991 at Washington Dulles ATCT (IAD) where he served as local president and alternate Eastern Regional Vice President. He served as NATCA Executive Vice President from Sept. 1, 2006, to Oct. 16, 2009. Rinaldi was elected President and began serving on Oct. 17, 2009. Rinaldi is the only President in NATCA's history to serve four terms. He retired after his fourth term in 2021.



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PHOTO: Rinaldi at the Convention podium

Convention Delegates Make Dean Iacopelli NATCA Regional Vice President Emeritus

After NATCA President Rich Santa submitted a resolution to the 19th Biennial Convention delegates, dozens of our Union's members from across the country stood to voice strong support. Santa then moved for unanimous consent, and the Supreme Body unanimously voted to honor Dean Iacopelli with the title of Regional Vice President Emeritus. This portion of the Convention was chaired by President Emeritus Paul Rinaldi.

Iacopelli spent his entire career as a controller at New York TRACON (N90). He served as FacRep at New York TRACON (N90) for 13 years, from 2002 to 2015. Prior to that, he was the vice president of the N90 local from 1994 to 2001. Dean also served as Alternate Regional Vice President for the Eastern Region for four years, starting in 2012, while continuing his role as FacRep for N90. He was later elected as the Regional Vice President for the Eastern Region, serving from 2015 to 2018. Since retiring from the FAA in 2018, Iacopelli has worked as the chief of staff for the NATCA National Office. Dean Iacopelli has been instrumental in the strengthening of our Union, serving as a chief negotiator for several Collective Bargaining Agreements, including the Light Blue, Purple, and Slate Books.



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PHOTO (left to right): LeBovidge, Rinaldi, Iacopelli, and Santa

NATCA Honors Andrew LeBovidge With Presidential Award

At NATCA's 19th Biennial Convention, President Rich Santa presented the newly created NATCA Presidential Award to Executive Vice President Andrew LeBovidge. This award is presented to a member who has demonstrated a career-long commitment to serving NATCA in a variety of roles and positions within our Union and a long-term commitment to activism on behalf of our membership. The recipient of the Presidential Award has demonstrated a singular focus on strengthening NATCA through a strong work ethic, lending their energy, expertise, and commitment to our common cause over their career.



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PHOTO (left to right): LeBovidge and Santa

NATCA Honors Scott Robillard With Dale Wright Award for Distinguished, Professional and Exceptional Career Service

At the 19th Biennial Convention, NATCA presented the 2023 Dale Wright Award to Scott Robillard (Boston TRACON, A90). Named for NATCA's former Director of Safety and Technology, the Dale Wright Award honors an extraordinary, positive impact made on our ability to call the U.S. National Airspace System the world's safest. This award, first presented in 2012, symbolizes a career devoted to service to NATCA and safety.



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PHOTO (left to right): LeBovidge, Robillard, Santa, and New England Regional Vice President Mick Devine

Supreme Body Votes for 2027 Convention in Chicago

The delegates of our Union's 19th Biennial Convention voted for NATCA's 21st Biennial Convention to be held in Chicago in 2027.



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