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Subject: NATCA Update: Sep. 22, 2023: CFS Keynote from Polly Trottenberg, FAA Administrator (Acting)

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CFS Keynote: Polly Trottenberg, FAA Administrator (Acting)

On Wednesday, FAA (Acting) Administrator Polly Trottenberg spoke to attendees to begin presentations for the last day of the conference. Trottenberg also holds the position of Deputy Secretary at the US Department of Transportation (USDOT). With over 30 years of public sector experience, she previously served as New York City's Transportation Commissioner from 2014 to 2020, overseeing the city's transportation network's safe and efficient operation.



Acting FAA Administrator Polly Trottenberg Speaks to CFS Attendees

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Read more about Trottenberg's transportation policy experience and expertise [here](#).

CFS Panel: FAA Funding and Policy Priorities, What's in It for Us?

NATCA Special Counsel to the President Eugene Freedman moderated a panel at CFS about the status of FY 2024 appropriations and FAA Reauthorization, with a focus on the risks to and opportunities for the National Airspace System (NAS).



FAA FUNDING & POLICY PRIORITIES: WHAT'S IN IT FOR US?



CFS Panel: FAA Funding and Policy Priorities

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Speaking on the panel were NATCA National Program Management Organization Representative Dan Hamilton, Airlines for America (A4A) Senior Vice President for Legislative and Regulatory Policy Sharon Pinkerton, and American Association of Airline Executives (AAAE) Senior Vice President for Government Affairs Brad Van Dam.

CFS Panel: Our Medical, The Barriers We Face, and How to Work Through Them

On Wednesday, NATCA Executive Vice President Andrew LeBovidge moderated a panel about maintaining medical evaluations, which included FAA Federal Air Surgeon Susan Northrup and Aviation Medicine Advisory Service (AMAS) President/CEO Quay Snyder, M.D., M.S.P.H.



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Medical evaluations for air traffic controllers are essential to maintain their health, ensure their capability to handle the demands of the job, and ultimately contribute to the overall safety and efficiency of air travel, but medical requirements create unique employment and personal challenges for those in aviation safety careers. AMAS has been providing consultation regarding FAA medical certification issues to the nation's largest aviation unions since 1969.

CFS Panel Series: Pilots and Controllers

For the last presentation on the CFS 2023 main stage, a series of panels focused on pilot-controller communications and featured speakers from across the National Airspace System (NAS). NATCA's National Recurrent Training Lead Richard Kennington and NATCA Confidential Information Share Program member Dawn Johnson moderated the panels.

The discussion covered topics from safety considerations during go-arounds and missed approaches to the challenges posed by newer, more efficient aircraft in complying with multiple clearances, and included a roundtable

among military, general aviation, and business pilots, along with controllers, to address various issues, improve communication, and explore best practices.



Panel 1: Go Arouns and Missed Approaches

Panelists: NATCA Miami ATCT (MIA) Local Safety Council member Dayron Fernandez and Allied Pilots Association (APA) National Safety Representative Brian Townsend



Panel 2: Go Down and Slow Down

Panelists: ALPA Los Angeles ATCT (LAX) Base Safety Chairman Jason Herman, NATCA Aviation Safety Inspections Committee Chair Karena Marinas, United Airlines Chief Technical Pilot Ron Renk, and NATCA Phoenix TRACON (P50) member Carlton Wickstom



Pilot/Controller Round Table

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Panel 3: Roundtable

Panelists: NATCA National Procedures Representative Scott Fineron, NetJets Association of Shared Aircraft Pilots (NJASAP) Industry Affairs and Industry Analyst Paul Flynn, NATCA National Airspace Representative Josh Haviland, Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA) LAX Base Safety Chairman Jason Herman, United States Air Force Maj. Jack Ingber, and Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) Senior Vice President Air Safety Institute Richard McSpadden

Unum Open Season Extended Until Oct. 2

The enrollment open season for NATCA's Unum group long-term disability (LTD) program has been extended! The Unum LTD program protects NATCA members and their families with peace of mind in the event they lose their medical or become disabled. LTD insurance can be the most important part of your overall benefits package.

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In 2023, our Union is offering a number of incentives for new enrollees and current plan participants. Learn more about these incentives [here](#).

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