



## **From the Desk of President Rich Santa: Michael Whitaker Confirmed as New FAA Administrator, House Speaker Confirmed**

On Tuesday, October 24, the U.S. Senate voted unanimously to confirm President Joe Biden's nominee for Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Michael Whitaker. The FAA has been without a Senate-confirmed Administrator since March of 2022.

With Administrator Whitaker sworn in, the FAA can direct its focus to addressing the ongoing challenges that are in the public spotlight including air traffic controller shortages, hiring, and technology and infrastructure modernization.

NATCA believes the first step Administrator Whitaker must take is to commit to long-term hiring and training that is based on the Certified Professional Controller (CPC) staffing targets developed by the Collaborative Resource Workgroup (CRWG), including maximum hiring for five years.

Only then can we move toward addressing the critical issues that affect the safety and efficiency of the National Airspace System including the staffing shortage that has led to the FAA assigning mandatory overtime of 10-hour days and six-day workweeks to members at facilities across the country. You and your families deserve an opportunity to improve your quality of life.

This past week, we also saw the election of a new speaker in the U.S. House of Representatives. It is NATCA's hope, that with House leadership reestablished, Congress can move toward negotiating and passing full-year appropriations that avert a government shutdown, and long-term FAA reauthorization.



In Solidarity,



Rich Santa  
President, National Air Traffic Controllers Association

## CFS 2023 Awards Presentation Videos Now Live

This year's Communicating For Safety Conference, held Sept. 18-20 at the Horseshoe in Las Vegas, featured awards presentations for NATCA members across the country for their contributions to our Union and the safety of the National Airspace System. All the videos from these awards presentations are now live on NATCA's YouTube channel. Check out all the videos [here](#).



## Save the Date for NATCA ATX 2024

Save the date for NATCA's 2nd Biennial Activism and Training Expo (ATX). The event will be held at Caesars Palace Las Vegas from Dec. 9-13, 2024. Please note that the end date is tentative until a course schedule is finalized.

We will keep you updated on our [event webpage](#).

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