



NATCA EVP Andrew LeBovidge Highlights Air Traffic Controllers' Role and Future Challenges at Airspace World 2024

At Airspace World 2024 in Geneva, NATCA Executive Vice President Andrew LeBovidge engaged in two panel discussions on key issues facing the global aviation industry.

In his first session, LeBovidge addressed the challenges and opportunities presented by new entrants and technologies in aviation, focusing on the role of air traffic control in safe integration of new technology. This panel, representing aviation safety professionals from across the globe, aimed to ensure that the workforce has a say in the ongoing evolution of airspace management. Also participating in this dialogue were Prospect's ATCOs' Branch Vice-Chair Mike Reed, New Zealand Airline Pilots' Association Vice-President (Air Traffic Control) Mike Slack, and Canadian Air Traffic Control Association Vice-President Scott Loder. They discussed the vital need for safe, efficient integration of new technologies in aviation, underlining the importance of collaborative efforts and inclusion of air traffic controllers in these industry developments.



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During his second panel, LeBovidge discussed the critical role of air traffic controllers in advancing the Civil Air Navigation Services Organisation's (CANSO) Vision of the Skies 2045 plan. This initiative, developed by the Complete Air Traffic System (CATS) Global Council, aims to create a unified, optimized, and sustainable airspace environment, accommodating both manned and unmanned vehicles efficiently and safely. During this session, LeBovidge, along with industry leaders, highlighted the necessity of integrating the air traffic controller workforce into this future vision. This discussion included insights from Canadian Air Traffic Controllers Association President Nick von Schoenberg, Global Air Traffic Controllers Alliance Vice President Paul Rinaldi, ATCOs Branch Prospect UK Chair Paul Winstanley, CANSO Director General Simon Hocquard, and Airservices Australia President Tom McRobert.

Learn more about the conference [here](#).

U.S. Rep. Celeste Maloy Visits Salt Lake City TRACON and Tower

Salt Lake City TRACON (S56) and Salt Lake City ATCT (SLC) recently hosted U.S. Representative Celeste Maloy, who represents Utah's second congressional district, and her Chief of Staff Bryan Wheat, for a tour of the facilities. The duo came ready with questions, insights, and an enthusiastic interest in air traffic control.

Rep. Maloy shared her experiences flying into Salt Lake City International

Airport and the small regional airport that services her hometown. The controllers were able to communicate the differences between busy tower-controlled airports, uncontrolled facilities, and the difference a TRACON and Tower can make to the efficiency of the area.



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Pictured, left to right: Bryan Wheat (Chief of Staff to Congresswoman Maloy), Chris Botts (S56 Legislative Rep), Congresswoman Celeste Maloy, Rich Watson (ZLC NATCA VP), Brandon Johnson (SLC Tower), and Tyler Ellis (NLC Utah State Coordinator)

NATCA members emphasized the importance of maximum hiring as a provision in FAA Reauthorization as well as the need to upgrade aging equipment. They also discussed the negative impact of lapses in funding, shutdowns, and how even when a continuing resolution passes at the last minute, it has already done a lot of damage.

Before departing, Rep. Maloy expressed interest in touring Salt Lake City Center soon.

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