



Navigating the Cosmos: NATCA Represented at FAA's Commercial Space Conference

NATCA's Article 114 National Commercial Space Representative Paul Behan represented our Union at the 26th Annual FAA Commercial Space Transportation Conference in Washington, D.C. Feb. 21-22. As one of the space industry's leading events, the conference was hosted by the FAA in partnership with the Commercial Spaceflight Federation and featured panels, speakers, and networking events.

Behan collaborates with the FAA on ensuring the National Airspace System (NAS) can accommodate commercial space operations with minimal disruptions to air traffic and no detriment to safety. He works with his FAA counterparts on all aspects of planning for commercial space, including policy, procedure, implementation, training, and all launch and reentry preparations. Full integration of space operations into the NAS will eventually lead to air traffic controllers overseeing operations of spacecraft as part of their normal air traffic control service.



Pictured, left to right: Behan; conference featured speaker Brian Babin, Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics

“It's crucial that we have a seat at the table when conversations like this are happening,” Behan said. “By collaborating with industry leaders and FAA counterparts, we are working towards the full and seamless integration of space operations into the National Airspace System, prioritizing safety and efficiency for all airspace users.”

Read more about Behan and others' work as Article 114 reps [here](#).

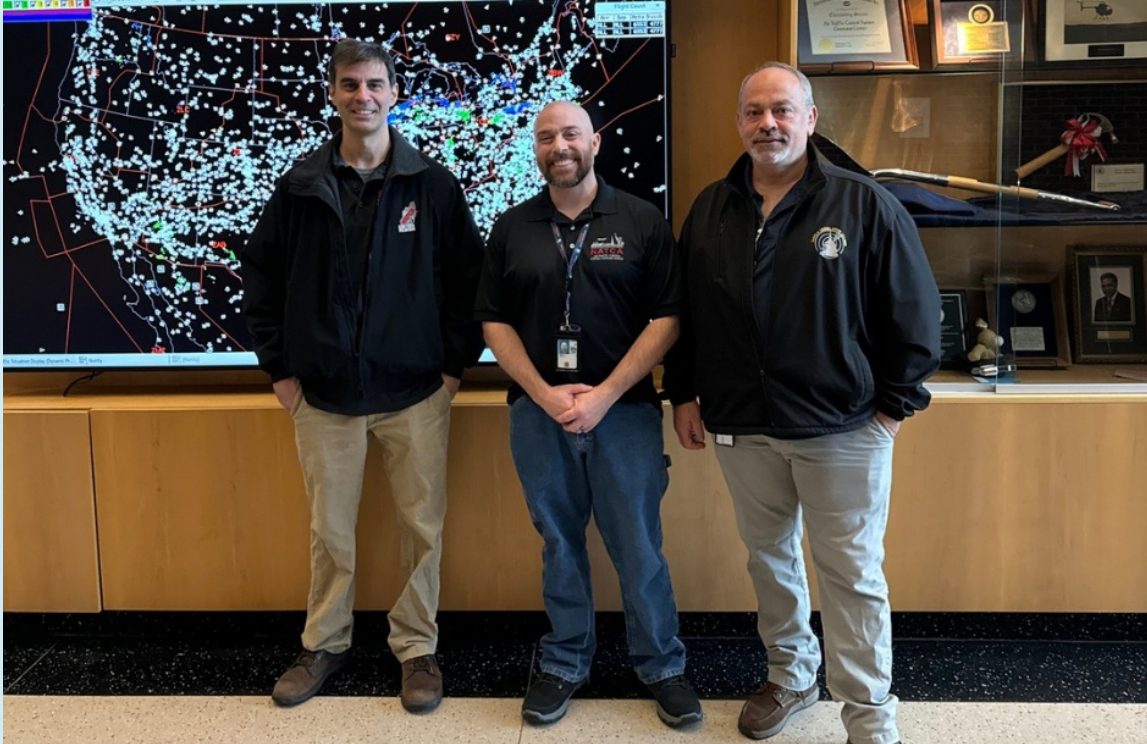
NATCA Leaders Visit Potomac TRACON and Command Center, Address Operational Challenges

On Jan. 23, NATCA President Rich Santa and Eastern Regional Vice President Brian Shallenberger visited Potomac TRACON (PCT) and the Air Traffic Control System Command Center (DCC). The facility visits occurred before a joint DCC/PCT Membership Meeting, aiming to directly engage with the membership and understand the operational challenges of these facilities.

At the Command Center, discussions focused on the unique challenges due to its critical role in managing air traffic flow. Santa and Shallenberger spoke with members of each function and area of the Command Center to see and understand the operation firsthand.

Following the site visits, the joint membership meeting provided a platform for

open communication, allowing NATCA members to directly express concerns and suggestions to our Union's leaders. This visit highlighted NATCA's commitment and focus on supporting members' needs and improving air traffic control operations' safety and efficiency.



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Pictured, left to right: Santa, Treat, Shallenberger

Welcome to NATCA's Newest Members

Welcome to NATCA's newest members! Let's give a warm welcome to these sisters and brothers joining our NATCA family! We encourage NATCA members to reach out in their facilities to these new members, share your experiences, and help integrate them into our Union activities. Your guidance is invaluable in fostering our new members' growth and involvement. Together, we can ensure our members are well-informed and ready to advance our commitment to safety and advocacy in the skies. In the spirit of solidarity, here's to strengthening our union with fresh perspectives and energy.

There were 44 member applications processed for the week of Feb. 26, 2024.



Welcome New NATCA Members



Alaskan Region

Jonathan Ciarlo (Flight Services
(NAATS) - ENA Local, FS1)
Dana Rehm (Flight Services (NAATS)
- ENA Local, FS1)
Maria Rivera (Flight Services
(NAATS) - FAI Local, FS2)
Hannah Eichacker (Flight Services
(NAATS) - JNU Local, FS3)
Clinton Blaszak (Anchorage ATCT,
ANC)

Central Region

Martin Alef (Omaha ATCT, OMA)
Andrew Hoffart (Omaha ATCT, OMA)

Eastern Region

Shantel Haughton (Albany ATCT,
ALB)
Claire Mileca (Philadelphia ATCT,
PHL)
Nicholas Nemetz (Pittsburgh ATCT,
PIT)

Great Lakes Region

Kelsi Carney (Bloomington (IL) ATCT,
BMI)
Christian Dutton (Chicago Center,

Region X

Kathleen Beetner (Engineer/Central
Region, ECE)
Brian Montes-Tellez
(Engineer/Eastern Region, EEA)
Zachary Chua (Engineer/Great Lakes
Region, EGL)
Geoffrey Nelson (Engineer/Great
Lakes Region, EGL)
Linda Preston (Engineer/Great Lakes
Region, EGL)
Viet Vo (Engineer/Great Lakes
Region, EGL)

Southern Region

Jonathan Millner (Memphis TRACON,
M03)
Roman DeGiulo (Tri-Cities ATCT,
TRI)
Samantha Brown (Memphis Center,
ZME)
Kevin Jones (Memphis Center, ZME)

Southwest Region:

Kenneth Ryan (University of
Oklahoma Westheimer FCT, OUN)
Sean Bailey (Fort Worth Center,
ZFW)

ZAU)

Audrey Foster (Chicago Center, ZAU)

John Richard Mariano (Chicago Center, ZAU)

Clayton McShannon (Chicago Center, ZAU)

Jesse Orestis (Chicago Center, ZAU)

Gabriel Ortiz (Chicago Center, ZAU)

Benjamin Probus (Chicago Center, ZAU)

Vincent Slade (Chicago Center, ZAU)

Connor Wilke (Chicago Center, ZAU)

New England Region

Alexa Liucci (Boston Center, ZBW)

Micah Pope (Boston Center, ZBW)

Nicholas Rodriguez (Boston Center, ZBW)

Northwest Mountain Region

Scott Young (Denver Center, ZDV)

Jesse Klenner (Salt Lake City Center, ZLC)

Marlon Mestre Rivera (Salt Lake City Center, ZLC)

Western Pacific Region

Sarah Hwang (Honolulu Control Facility, HCF)

Justin Maples (Phoenix TRACON, P50)

Absalom Maniwong-Schlottman (Los Angeles Center, ZLA)

Khalil Miller (Los Angeles Center, ZLA)

Vincent Paul (Los Angeles Center, ZLA)

Eduardo Sanroman-Marquez (Oakland Center, ZOA)

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