



NATCA FacReps Gather in Philadelphia for Key Discussions and Regional Solidarity

NATCA's Eastern Region and New England Region FacReps met May 14-15 in Philadelphia. The meeting included Eastern Regional Vice President (RVP) Brian Shallenberger and New England RVP Mick Devine. NATCA President Rich Santa and Executive Vice President Andrew LeBovidge spoke to the members, thanking them for their service to their members, and emphasizing the importance of their work to the Union.

The FacReps discussed key issues relevant to their roles and the regions' membership. Participants included Professional Standards Committee member Chris Keyes (Washington Center, ZDC), National Legislative Committee Rep. Dave Romano (New York Center, ZNY), and National Validation Team (NVT) members Brody McCray (ZDC) and Jake Detwiler (Boston Center, ZBW), among others.



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The meeting also provided an opportunity for members to strengthen relationships and engage with peers on the regions' committees. The Eastern Region paid tribute to Shallenberger, who is retiring, presenting him with a plaque signed by attendees.

The two-day gathering underscored the union's commitment to solidarity and progress in their initiatives.

NATCA President Rich Santa Champions Unity at Raleigh-Durham Solidarity Event

NATCA President Rich Santa recently attended a solidarity event for members from Raleigh Durham ATCT (RDU) and the surrounding area. The event provided a perfect backdrop for members to engage directly with union leadership, gain insights into NATCA's legislative agenda, and discuss key topics such as FAA reauthorization and upcoming contract negotiations.

Santa highlighted the importance of unity and active participation in our Union's efforts to secure favorable outcomes in these areas. Gathering as a union family is a chance to discuss NATCA's goals and strategies, and also to strengthen the bonds within local communities.



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“The event was well-attended, with a good turnout of families and children, making it a fun and informative day for everyone involved,” RDU FacRep Nick Stott said. “It offered a valuable opportunity for members to ask questions, voice their concerns, and connect with one another in a relaxed, friendly environment.”

Welcome to Our New 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.



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Alaskan Region

Jacob Ludtke (Flight Services
(NAATS) - ENA Local, FS1)
Sietske Nichols (Flight Services
(NAATS) - ENA Local, FS1)

Central Region

Brandon Vanta (Cedar Rapids ATCT,
CID)

Eastern Region

Melissa Chu (New York Center, ZNY)
Jessie Colon (New York Center, ZNY)
Joshua Hagermann (New York
Center, ZNY)
Benjamin Nattenberg (New York
Center, ZNY)

Great Lakes Region

Brendon Kaylor (Indianapolis Center,
ZID)
Benjamin Minnick (Indianapolis
Center, ZID)
Connor Mullis (Indianapolis Center,
ZID)
Jesse Catronio (Cleveland Center,
ZOB)
Christopher Ohara (Cleveland Center,

Region X

Rondelle Besson (Engineer/Eastern
Region, EEA)
Wei Zhao (Engineer/Eastern Region,
EEA)
Jeremy Cook (Engineer/Northwest
Mountain Region, ENM)
Christopher Duncan
(Engineer/Southern Region, ESO)
Robert Junior (Engineer/Southern
Region, ESO)
Ozzie Watson (Engineer/Southern
Region, ESO)

Southern Region

William Maness (Cecil ATCT, VQQ)

Southwest Region

Ryan Peterson (El Paso ATCT, ELP)
Joshua Edwards (Albuquerque
Center, ZAB)
Vaughn Sink (Fort Worth Center,
ZFW)
Avanti Smothers (Fort Worth Center,
ZFW)

Western Pacific Region

Jason Fellers (Long Beach ATCT,

ZOB)

New England Region

Bryan Rivera (Burlington ATCT, BTV)
Sakai Howard (New Bedford, EWB)

Northwest Mountain Region

Donald Lim (Denver Center, ZDV)
Kathryn Patrick (Denver Center, ZDV)

LGB)

Zhanna Linko (Sacramento ATCT, SMF)

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