

NATCA National Executive Board Meeting
Philadelphia, PA
September 30, 2025

The meeting of the National Executive Board was held on September 30, 2025, beginning at 9:36 am EST at The Warwick Hotel Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia, PA. President Nick Daniels and Executive Vice President Mick Devine were present.

Attendees

Nick Daniels, President
Mick Devine, Executive Vice President
Clint Lancaster, Alaska Regional Vice President
Aaron Merrick, Central Regional Vice President
Drew MacQueen, Great Lakes Regional Vice President
Dan McCabe, Southern Regional Vice President
Joel Ortiz, Western Pacific Regional Vice President
Stephanie Winder, Northwest Mountain Regional Vice President
Kevin Curtiss, New England Regional Vice President
Mark Rausch, Region X Vice President
Mike Christine, Eastern Regional Vice President
John Bratcher, Southwest Regional Vice President
Dean Iacopelli, NATCA Chief of Staff
Olivia Hughes, Executive Administrative Assistant

The meeting was called to order on September 30, 2025, at 9:36am EST.

Briefings

Shutdown

Chief of Staff, Dean Iacopelli, gave an update to the NEB on the upcoming government shutdown. This briefing included the logistics of the shutdown up to this point and the plans for any lengthy shutdown. The NEB then went and reviewed the shutdown Q&A to ensure it was accurate, the NEB understood the current answers, and to add questions RVPs have been getting that haven't been addressed already.

NNE VT State Coordinator

RVP Curtiss advised the NEB that Giordano Mancini-Wagner (BTV) was being named the VT State Coordinator.

The Alliance Meeting

President Daniels and RVP Ortiz briefed the NEB on the biannual Alliance meeting which was held on the backside of Communicating for Safety. President Daniels was named Vice President of the Alliance.

Collaboration Facilitators (CFs)

RVP Ortiz briefed the board on the expectations of the CFs and the reinforcement and commitment to collaboration, specifically revolving around safety and training. This briefing also included expectations for the Right from the Start program.

DRC Newsletter

Executive Vice President Devine debriefed the NNE DRC visit, including an issue with the DRC Newsletter and how to get it out nationwide. The NEB has agreed to have the council work with the committee on a system to get their newsletter to all of the membership. The council will report back next meeting with an update.

Discord

RVP McCabe briefed the NEB on the verification test for the Discord app with the idea of implementing this nationally. The test was successful. Now that the ability to automate authentication has been successfully tested, all hurdles have been cleared, and the ITC can begin working towards the final touches for a national launch.

National Town Halls

The NEB provided feedback to President Daniels on the recent round of four town halls held the week of September 22nd. Discussions were had on ways to improve the content, the logistics, the advertising and the scheduling of town halls going forward.

Human Performance Rep

National Human Performance Rep, John McFerren (MYF) briefed the NEB on the roles of the position. John reported how they are trying to access ATSAP data to better collect actual operational human performance data. Most things currently being worked on have a heavy focus on fatigue.

Washington State Coordinator

RVP Winder advised the NEB that Shanna Cole (ZSE) is being named the Washington State Coordinator.

Proposals

NATCA Wellness Day

RVP Curtiss proposed that the first ever NATCA Wellness Day be held on December 1, 2025. This was approved unanimously.

Logos

RVP Curtiss proposed two logos for NATCA Wellness Day. These logos were approved unanimously.

RVP Bratcher proposed a logo for the ABQ local. This was approved unanimously.

RVP Christine proposed a logo for the ILG local. This was approved unanimously.

NSTLC / Safety and Technology

Chief of Staff Iacopelli briefed the NEB on the historical roles of both the Director and Deputy Director of Safety and Tech. In order to accomplish some of the additional duties that the Directors and Deputy Directors have historically done, and with no permanent Director or Deputy Director currently on staff, the NSTLC has recommended to the NEB to hire Executive Vice President Emeritus Trish Gilbert as a contractor to act as the bridge between NATCA and industry as we approach the fast moving BNATS. The NEB unanimously supports President Daniels effectuating this request.

Campaign 2026 Chair

NLC Chair David Skarphol and NLC Vice Chair Allison Schwaegel briefed the NEB on the need to hire a chair for Campaign 2026 slightly earlier than last year. They presented the name Noel Kingston (RNAV) to be named the chair. Noel served in this role for campaign 2024. The NEB voted to unanimously support President Daniels hiring Noel Kingston to the role.

NCE NLC Alternate

RVP Merrick proposed James Heath (ZKC) to be named as the NCE NLC Alternate. This was approved unanimously.

NNE NFC Alternate

RVP Curtiss proposed naming Rebecca Dubois (BED) as the NNE NLC Alternate. This was approved unanimously.

A114 Liaison

RVP Rausch proposed Jason Holland (ENE) be named as the A114 liaison. This was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23pm EST.



Mick Devine
Executive Vice President