

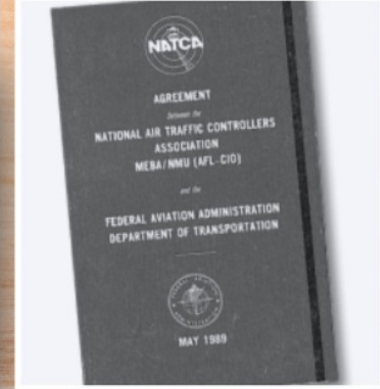


NATCA Marks 35 Years Since Historic First Contract with FAA

In May 1989, the National Air Traffic Controllers Association (NATCA) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) celebrated the ratification of their first collective bargaining agreement. This landmark contract, approved by a decisive 84 percent of union members, marked a significant turning point as the first time a union representing air traffic controllers and the FAA reached a collective bargaining agreement after the PATCO strike and subsequent decertification. Key provisions included mandatory breaks, immunity for reporting errors, and involvement in NTSB investigations, establishing a framework for improved working conditions and stronger union representation. NATCA also successfully bargained regional representatives 50 percent official time off to conduct union representational duties.

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The foundations laid by the dedicated NATCA founders and activists have continued to evolve, building a Union to further strengthen and expand the rights of aviation safety professionals, solidifying NATCA's role as a powerful advocate for its members. This anniversary not only commemorates a pivotal moment in labor history but also reflects on decades of progress in aviation safety operations and advocacy.

[Read more about NATCA's history](#) on our website.

Learn more about your [National Historical Committee](#).

Professional Standards Training Held at Phoenix TRACON

The Professional Standards Committee (PSC) members Lydia Baune (Spokane ATCT, GEG), Patrick Carter (Dallas/Fort Worth TRACON, D10), and Chris Keyes (Washington Center, ZDC) held a training from April 16-18 at Phoenix TRACON (P50). During the meeting, they welcomed the new members to the team and thanked them for volunteering to serve NATCA in such an important way. Attendees also learned tactics to improve communication, teamwork, and problem solving so they can lead by example at their facilities.

Professional Standards San Diego (SAN) District Chair Veronica Moeller (Hilo TRACAB, ITO) was one of the attendees. When asked about her experience she said, "it's really incredible to be a part of a program that both NATCA and

the Agency support, especially given that it engenders better communication and teamwork between BUEs. This is my second PSC training course, and once again, I find myself completely inspired to simply do better, both at work and in life."



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Other participants included Jordan Callahan (Reno ATCT, RNO), Zachary Chupp (Jacksonville Center, ZJX), Charles Craft (San Diego ATCT, SAN), Amanda Dechow (Jacksonville Center, ZJX), Justin Erdmann (Chicago Center, ZAU), Lukas Gabrys (DuPage ATCT, DPA), Shelbi Howard (San Juan Center, ZSU), Casy Heggen (Phoenix ATCT, PHX), Will Myers (Akron-Canton ATCT, CAK), Robin Oxenford (Engineer Aeronautical Center, EAC), Nicole Paider (Jacksonville Center, ZJX), Steven Pezold (Salt Lake City ATCT, SLC), Jacob Taylor (Fort Smith ATCT, FSM), Justin Webster (Springfield ATCT, SPI), Phillip Wolfe (Detroit TRACON, D21), and Gordon Williams (Denver Center, ZDV, Colorado District Chair).

Learn more about the Professional Standards Committee and view helpful resources [here](#).

Read NATCA Scholarship Winner Dalton Whildin's Essay

Every year, NATCA offers a scholarship program for spouses, children, stepchildren, and legally

adopted children of active, retired, and deceased members in good standing for at least two consecutive years. This scholarship is for full-time attendance at accredited colleges and universities within the United States and its territories for an undergraduate degree program.

This year's prompt asked candidates to examine why labor unions are experiencing a resurgence and what implications this has for the future.

Dalton Whildin, child of Jaime Lentz (Kansas City Center, ZKC) is among 2023's scholarship winners.

Read the essay that Dalton submitted [here](#).

“ Unions will continue to grow, evolve, and flourish as the younger workforce sees the value in having a voice and being part of something bigger than just themselves. ”



– 2023 NATCA
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