



## **President Nick Daniels Joins AFL-CIO Executive Council, Meets with Other Labor Leaders**

On Nov. 7, at the start of the AFL-CIO Executive Council meeting, the governing body of the labor movement between conventions, AFL-CIO President Liz Shuler nominated NATCA President Nick Daniels to the Executive Council as a Vice President of the AFL-CIO. He was confirmed unanimously.



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*PHOTO (left to right): AFL-CIO President Liz Shuler and NATCA President Nick Daniels*

The Council immediately began its work by discussing the outcome of the

2024 election and the effectiveness of the Labor-to-Labor get-out-the-vote effort in which NATCA's Boots on the Ground program participates. Union members in key battleground states significantly outperformed the general population supporting union-endorsed candidates. This year the labor movement had twice as many activists working in battleground states as it did in 2022, and it also doubled its contacts with union members.

Of course, NATCA's Boots on the Ground Program was a major contributor to the AFL-CIO's program, and as of now, with some races not yet determined, over 92% of NATCA Majority candidates have won their elections.

The Executive Council set its priorities for the Congressional Lame Duck session between now and the end of the year, including funding the government, strengthening protections for federal employees' civil service rights, and fixing the social security loophole for CSRS and state and municipal retirees. The Council also spent a significant amount of time discussing the imminent threats to workers, employee rights, government services, and unions in Project 2025.

The AFL-CIO Executive Council recognized that federal employees are the workers most at risk under Project 2025. They are unified in working to protect all federal employees. They specifically cited the Trump Administration's previous executive orders targeting federal employees and their unions, the implementation of procedures to politicize government workers and erode civil service protections, and the attacks on specific protections for workers such as OSHA.

In the other business conducted by the Council, it passed a statement recognizing the service of former NATCA President Rich Santa. It read, in part, "As president, Santa was a leading voice for the stable and sufficient government investment necessary to maintain and modernize the national airspace system, and to ensure it was adequately staffed with trained and certified aviation safety professionals."

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## **U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell Presented with NATCA's James L. Oberstar Award**

During Communicating For Safety, NATCA announced that our Union was honoring U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell of Washington with our James Oberstar Sentinel of Safety Award. On Nov. 13, NATCA President Nick Daniels met with Sen. Cantwell on Capitol Hill to present her with the award in person.



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***PHOTO (left to right):** NATCA President Nick Daniels and Senator Maria Cantwell (Wash.)*

This award is the highest honor that our Union bestows on individuals who are outside our organization. NATCA created the Sentinel of Safety Award as a way to honor aviation leaders outside NATCA who have displayed outstanding achievement in the advancement of aviation safety. At our Biennial Convention in 2014, in Minneapolis, NATCA proudly renamed the award to honor Congressman Jim Oberstar, who was a tireless advocate for aviation, air traffic control, and NATCA during his tenure in Congress and as the Chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

Sen. Cantwell has represented Washington state in the U.S. Senate since 2001 and currently serves as Chair of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Throughout her tenure, she has been a staunch advocate for aviation safety, playing a pivotal role in the passage of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024.

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## **Registration for NATCA's 2nd Biennial Activism and Training Expo (ATX) Ends on Monday, Nov. 18**

**ATTN NATCA Members:** ATX registration closes on Monday, Nov. 18 at 11:59 p.m. EST.

The 2nd Biennial Activism and Training Expo (ATX) takes place Dec. 9-12, at Caesars Palace, Las Vegas. ATX 2024 offers members a unique chance to

engage with training courses, union committees, and NATCA representatives. Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your skills and connect with your fellow union members.

View the planned class schedule for ATX 2024 and register for the event on the [ATX webpage](#).

A promotional banner with a blue background and white paper airplane graphics. A white rounded rectangle in the center contains the text: "Reminder! Nov. 18 is the last day to register for ATX!". Below this is a blue button that says "Register Now". In the bottom right corner of the banner is the NATCA ATX logo, which includes the text "ACTIVISM & TRAINING EXPO" around a circular graphic and "NATCA ATX" in bold letters.

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