

NATCA National Executive Board Meeting  
Lexington, KY  
February 10-11, 2026

The meeting of the National Executive Board was held on February 10-11, 2026, beginning at 9:04 am CST at the Lexington Marriott City Center, Lexington, KY. President Nick Daniels and Executive Vice President Mick Devine were present.

Attendees

Nick Daniels, President  
Mick Devine, Executive Vice President  
Clint Lancaster, Alaskan Regional Vice President  
Aaron Merrick, Central Regional Vice President  
Dean Von Almen, 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 February 10, 2026, at 9:04am CST.

**Briefings**

**Legislative Briefing**

President Daniels gave a legislative briefing around Campaign 2026. This briefing was joined by David Skarphol (PHX), Allison Schwaegel (STL), Tom Thompson (RNAV), and Noel Kingston (RNAV) to go further into detail on Campaign 2026 and Boots on the Ground.

**Committee Chair Meeting**

The NEB had a discussion on the Committee Chair Meeting on January 26-27. Many members of the NEB were unable to attend due to the snowstorm across the country.

**Regional Legislative Team Briefings**

Each Region's legislative teams briefed the NEB on their plans for 2026.

## **Mental Health Aviation Rules Committee**

Sarah Grampp (ZKC) briefed the NEB about the Mental Health Rules Committee's (ARC) status, issues and projections. This briefing focused on Section 411 and 413 of FAA Reauthorization of 2024.

## **Houston Validation**

Chief of Staff Dean Iacopelli briefed the NEB on the status of the ZHU validation.

## **Flight Deck Training**

Chief of Staff Dean Iacopelli briefed the NEB on the status of Flight Deck Training,

## **CRWG Implementation**

Nichole Surunis (A80) briefed the NEB on the status of the CRWG implementation.

## **FCT Group**

The NEB received a briefing and had a discussion with the FCT Group.

## **OJTI / CIC Survey**

RVP Ortiz briefed the NEB on a survey conducted in the NWP with regards to OJTI and stand alone CIC.

## **Proposals**

### **Untimely Vouchers**

EVP Devine proposed an untimely reimbursement of \$453.80 for Felicia Reeves (RNAV). This proposal was approved unanimously by the NEB. *(conducted via telcon on 1/14/26.)*

EVP Devine proposed an untimely voucher for Dan McCabe for \$4,000. This proposal was approved unanimously by the NEB. *(conducted via telcon on 1/14/26.)*

EVP Devine proposed an untimely voucher for John Valdez (NSO) for \$691.35. This proposal was approved unanimously by the NEB. *(conducted via telcon on 1/14/26.)*

### **National Procedures Representative**

President Daniels proposed Ben Latimer (CLT) be named the new National Procedures Representative. This proposal was approved by the NEB. *(conducted in closed session via telcon on 1/14/26.)*

### **NATCA Academy Classes**

President Daniels proposed to continue to hold the NATCA academy classes in light of the projected length of the newest government shutdown. This proposal passed with RVP Lancaster voting in opposition.

## **Budget Adjustments**

EVP Devine gave a briefing on the 2025 final budget. NATCA was \$640,839 under budget in 2025. EVP Devine proposed final budget adjustments to balance out the 2025 budget. This proposal passed unanimously. (*see appendix A*)

## **Corporate Membership**

RVP Bratcher proposed that Rohde & Schwarz Inc. be accepted as a Premium Corporate membership. This proposal was approved unanimously.

## **NAL GRT Team Member**

RVP Lancaster proposed naming Cassidy Roensch (FS2) be named as the Alaskan Region member to the Grievance Review Team. This proposal was approved unanimously.

## **NAL Labor Relations Team Changes**

RVP Lancaster advised the NEB that Cassidy Roensch (FS2) is being named as the NAL LR Team Lead and Elijah McDonald (ZAN) is being named as the Co-Lead.

## **NEA Reloaded Committee Member Change**

RVP Christine proposed that Lauren Underwood (ROA) be named to the Reloaded Committee. This proposal passed unanimously.

## **NGL Reloaded Committee Member Change**

RVP Von Almen proposed that Justin Hink (TOL) be named to the Reloaded Committee. This proposal passed in closed session.

## **NRX Onboarding Representative**

RVP Rausch proposed that Nicole Wysong (ENM) be named to the Onboarding Committee from NRX. This proposal passed unanimously.

## **NSO Reloaded Committee Member Change**

RVP McCabe proposed that Eric Goldman (PNS) be named to the Reloaded Committee. This proposal passed unanimously.

## **Drug Abatement Inspector Representative**

RVP Rausch proposed that Janette Chandler (ESO) be named as the National Drug Abatement Inspector Representative. This proposal passed in closed session.

## **NNE Legislative Chair**

RVP Curtiss proposed that Bryan Loquet (BGR) be named as the Legislative Chair for NNE. This proposal passed in closed session.

### **RVA Contract Team Member Changes**

RVP Winder proposed Kisha Mason (FNL) be named to the RVA Contract Team. This proposal passed unanimously.

### **Surface Surveillance Representative**

President Daniels proposed that Jamie Sanders (APA) be named the new Surface Surveillance Representative. This proposal passed in closed session.

### **YKM Charter**

RVP Bratcher proposed a charter for YKM FCT. This proposal passed unanimously.

### **Logos**

RVP Christine proposed a logo for PIT local.

RVP McCabe proposed two logos for MYR local.

RVP Von Almen proposed a logo for MBS local.

RVP Merrick proposed two logos for R90 local.

RVP Rausch proposed a logo for NRX.

These logos were all passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:37pm CST



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Mick Devine  
Executive Vice President



## Appendix A

10 NNH	320,000
11 NAL	(1,205)
12 NCE	1,645
13 NEA	705
14 NGL	5,553
15 NNE	2,150
16 NNM	(3,187)
17 NSO	(3,050)
18 NSW	(2,300)
19 NWP	23
20 SAFETY & TECHNOLOGY DEPT	(15,158)
21 POLITICAL & LEGISLATIVE	(58,251)
22 COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT	(1,655)
23 NEGOTIATIONS	725
24 ARBITRATIONS	(21,148)
25 MEMBERSHIP & MARKETING DEPT	26,319
27 ONBOARDING	(10,203)
28 OSHKOSH EAA	39,377
29 OKC MEET AND GREETs	10,672
30 NATIONAL FINANCE COMMITTEE	(5,495)
31 NATIONAL CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE	(732)
32 NRX	(4,453)
33 TRIAL COMMITTEE	(10,000)
34 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION	(479)
35 LEGAL RESEARCH	11,595
36 AFFILIATION FEES	(15,851)
37 PAYMENTS TO LOCALS	10,000
38 IFATCA	2,515
39 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD	52,658
40 ELECTIONS EXPENSES	(76)
41 CONVENTION	730,116
42 NATCA ACADEMY	(94,479)
43 CONTRACT EXPENSES	(316,389)
44 RELOADED	1,341
45 NTSB REPRESENTATION	5,439
46 POLICY/RESEARCH	(1,177)
48 SCHOLARSHIP	(3,446)
49 NATCA IN WASHINGTON	(22,860)
50 NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE	81,244
51 NATIONAL SAFETY COMMITTEE	(33,547)
52 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	88,342
53 IT COMMITTEE	(2,534)
54 OUTREACH EXPENSES	7,605
55 OSHA COMMITTEE	(4,580)
56 BENEFITS TO MEMBERS	(15,115)
57 ADVOCACY PROJECT	(75,000)
58 OWCP COMMITTEE	(10,263)
59 AIR SAFETY COMMITTEE	(14,635)
64 NATCA BENEFITS COMMITTEE	(1,189)
65 COMMUNICATING FOR SAFETY	317,909
66 ORGANIZING COMMITTEE	(254)

67 GRT WORKGROUP	(15,987)
68 RETIRED NATCA ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS	396
69 PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS	(85)
70 DRUG & ALCOHOL COMMITTEE	(9,467)
71 AIRSPACE COMMITTEE	55
73 NCF-NATCA	(3,000)
74 IFATSEA	(2,278)
75 CISM	1,210
76 RIGHT FROM THE START	(40,875)
77 DISASTER RESPONSE COMMITTEE	567
78 NATCA SAFETY TECHNOLOGY LESDERSHIP COUNCIL	(3,861)
79 TRAINING COMMITTEE	(15,511)
83 UNION SYNERGY COMMITTEE	2,231
87 NCEPT	(8,303)
88 ELECTION SUPPORT COMMITTEE	(1,860)
90 NATIONAL HISTORICAL COMMITTEE	(9,999)
91 TRAINING CONFERENCE	(153)
92 COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE	(3,993)