

NATCA National Executive Board Meeting
Chicago, IL
March 24-26, 2026

The meeting of the National Executive Board was held on March 24-26, 2026, beginning at 10:25am CST at the Sheraton Grand, Chicago, IL. 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 March 24, 2026, at 10:25am CST.

Briefings

LGA Incident

President Daniels briefed the NEB on the status of the tragic event at LGA.

Helicopter Visual Separation

Chief of Staff Iacopelli briefed the NEB on the status of the changes to visual separation around airports involving helicopters and fixed wing aircraft.

Committee Chair Meeting Update

RVP Von Almen discussed plans for the next Committee Chair meeting and the plans to add an additional two virtual meetings per year going forward.

ITC

ITC Chair, Jason Doss (ZJX) gave a briefing on the ITC, Logo module of the website, web redesign, including a completely customizable member page.

NLC / Campaign 2026 / Boots on the Ground

NLC Chair David Skarphol (PHX), Co-Chair Allison Schwaegel (STL), and Campaign 2026 Lead Noel Kingston (RNAV) gave briefings on NATCA in Washington and Campaign 2026.

RNAV Chair Tom Thompson (RNAV) gave a briefing on Boots on the Ground.

Reloaded Committee

Reloaded Chair, Sam Navarro (SEA) briefed the NEB on the status of the Reloaded Committee including ideas on a new delivery of NATCA 101 and new Welcome to NATCA video.

NRX Organizing Status

NATCA Organizing Committee member, Jefferson MacDonald (EWP) briefed the NEB on the status of Region X's organizing goals and provided a recap of the successes of this endeavor over the past few years.

ZHU Validation

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

Convention 2027

The Convention Committee briefed the NEB on a status of the 2027 convention in Chicago. The NEB then joined the Convention Committee to tour the potential locations of venues for the convention.

Proposals

Breakpoint Negotiations

President Daniels, in accordance with SRJ1, proposed that the NEB approves NATCA the ability to negotiate new breakpoints with the completion of phase one of Abacus. This proposal was approved unanimously by the NEB. (*conducted via telcon on 3/10/26.*)

TFDM Tower SME

President Daniels proposed the following people be named as tower SMEs for TFDM:

Primary

Jonathan Adams (DEN)

Graeme Gerdom (MDW)

Kurtis Fotheringham (PVD)

Antrone Rogers (ABQ)

Matt Schmidt (GEG)

Zoem Patel (LAX)

Taylor Prince (LAS)

TJ Woodyard (PHL)

Alternate
Tyler Wilke (MCI)
Crystal Wilbanks (RDU)
Austin Harkey (TUL)
April Ellis (TEB)

NATCA ITC Request

President Daniels proposes that the NEB authorizes the ITC to transition NATCA's email domains from .net to .org. This proposal was approved unanimously by the NEB.

President Daniels proposed that excluding staff, the ITC pursues moving from E3 and E5 accounts to M365 Business Standard accounts. This proposal was approved unanimously by the NEB.

Charters

RVP Bratcher proposed that NATCA charters TME. This proposal was approved unanimously by the NEB.

Logos

RVP Von Almen proposed two logos for OSH. This proposal was approved unanimously by the NEB.

RVP Winder proposed a logo for NNM Training. This proposal was approved unanimously by the NEB.

RVP Winder proposed a logo for NWM Legislative. This proposal was approved unanimously by the NEB.

RVP Ortiz proposed a logo for SAN. This proposal was approved unanimously by the NEB.

Onboarding Committee

Onboarding Chair, Anthony Schifano (CLT) briefed the NEB on the Onboarding Committee and their charter. Onboarding Chair Schifano proposed changes to their charter. This proposal was approved unanimously by the NEB. (see Appendix A)

Onboarding Chair Schifano proposed naming James Lovett (EWR) be named as Vice Chair of the Onboarding Committee. This proposal was approved unanimously by the NEB.

RVP Curtiss proposed Hanan Weisman (A90) be named as the NNE Onboarding Rep. This proposal was approved unanimously by the NEB.

Professional Standards Indy District Chair

RVP Von Almen advised the NEB that James Pepper (HUF) is becoming the Indy District Professional Standards Chair.

ASI Committee Renewal

ASI Chair Karena Marinas (ZLA) proposed renewing the following members of the ASI:
Kristin McTee (MCI), Corey Davids (ZNY), Chris Hilbert (PHL).

This proposal was approved in closed session by the NEB.

IFATCA Speak English Program

President Daniels proposed the following members be approved to participate in the IFATCA Speak English Program:

Alyssa J Martinez (DVT), Kurtis Fotheringham (PVD), Michael Takeda (LGB).

This proposal was approved by the NEB in closed session.

Training and Events Administrator

President Daniels proposed hiring Matthew Rosenberg to be a Training and Events Administrator. This proposal was approved by the NEB in closed session.

Train the Trainer Instructors

RVP Lancaster proposed the following members be approved to instruct the Train the Trainer course: Kristi Perigo (ZKC), Jamie Sanders (APA), Cameron Hayes (ICT), Charles Howell (ZOA), Leah Montes (SCT), Catherine Davis (PCT). This proposal was approved by the NEB in closed session.

NSW Reloaded Rep

RVP Bratcher proposed Beau Seabourn (ABI) be named as the NSW Representative on the National Reloaded Committee. This proposal was approved unanimously by the NEB.

Minutes

The NEB unanimously approved the meeting minutes from SAN and LEX.

A114 Extensions

Safety and Tech Director Iacopelli proposed the two-year extension of numerous A114 reps. This proposal was approved unanimously by the NEB. (see Appendix B for names)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:47am CST on March 26, 2026.



Mick Devine
Executive Vice President

Appendix A

NATCA National Onboarding Steering Committee Charter

The NATCA National Onboarding Steering Committee shall be chartered for the purpose of developing methods and materials to assist new facility representatives in transitioning to their new roles and provide them with consistent direction and guidance.

The committee will provide feedback and recommendations to the NATCA National Executive Board on issues identified through the onboarding process.

The committee will be comprised of a designee from each region and any ad hoc members as needed. The National Executive Board shall appoint one committee member to serve as the chairperson of the committee. The committee shall select one of its members to serve as vice-chairperson, subject to NEB approval.

The committee will meet at least once annually or as necessary. Committee members shall be allowed to participate in meetings electronically in the event they cannot physically attend.

Appendix B

First Name	Last Name	Position
Corey	Soignet	FIDI, FDIO, EFSTS
Amanda	Richardson	E-IDS
Paul	Behan	Commercial Space
Ray	Berndt	DataComm
Joshua	Haviland	Airspace
Mark	Ostronic	Strategy
Jimmy	Smith	UAS
Matt	Trimble	AIS
Brent	Luna	Surveillance
William	Hutson	UAM
Jessica	Anaya	OA
George	Herbert	CHI
Adam (Robert)	Searcy	ESC IFP
Steven	Brown	IDSR
James	Walsh	NVT Member
Eric	Johnson	OSG Modernization
Christopher	Thomas	OSG Modernization
Joey	Tinsley	OSG Modernization
Zebulon	Snyder	DIP