

NATCA National Executive Board Meeting
Spokane, WA
May 12-13, 2026

The meeting of the National Executive Board was held on May 12-13, 2026, beginning at 9:15 am PT at the Davenport Hotel, Spokane, Washington. 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

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Briefings

NATCA in Washington

The NEB debriefed NATCA in Washington (NiW), including the Political Reality briefing and worked on a rollout of the briefings to the rest of the membership. National Legislative Committee (NLC) Chair, David Skarphol (P80), NLC Vice Chair Allison Schweagel (STL) and Boots on the Ground Chair, Noel Kingston (RNAV) joined the call for a briefing on NiW, PAC and Campaign 2026 along with sharing feedback amongst the group.

Facrep / Rep Engagement

The NEB discussed the next round of communication with members and FacReps and the importance of speak as one. The NEB will finalize and schedule the next FacRep Roundtable and a national townhall for FAA members and a separate call for FCT members.

1188 Season

The NEB debriefed the list of members who got out of the union this season and the plan going forward.

Council Meetings

RVP Von Almen briefed the board on the upcoming virtual meeting.

Safety Briefing

National Safety Rep John Murdock (PHL) briefed the NEB on the uptick in TCAS alerts, especially at TEB, BUR, VNY, DEN, SFO and HCF. The NEB also discussed the LGA NTSB investigation, 2026 Communicating for Safety (CFS) and an update on ATSAP reports.

ZHU Validation

Chief of Staff Iacopelli gave an update the NEB on the status of the ZHU validation arbitration.

CRWG Implementation Recommendation

President Daniels gave an update to the NEB on the CRWG Implementation.

Flight Deck Training

Chief of Staff Iacopelli gave an update on the status of flight deck training.

Stove / Cooktops in Facilities

RVP Von Almen gave an update on an issue that has arisen regarding stoves and cooktops in the facilities. The NEB is looking further into this.

Nashua Community College Enhanced CTI Visit

RVP Curtiss briefed the NEB on the visit to Nashua Community College's Enhanced CTI program. At the visit was RVP Curtiss, Executive Vice President Devine, NNE ARVP Jake Detwiler, and National Training Rep Jamaal Haltom.

ITC Briefing

ITC Chair, Jason Doss (ZJX) briefed the NEB on the transition from .net emails to .org emails and the issues with rack space. He also briefed the NEB on the logo module inside the website and the new website redesign.

Regional Updates

The NEB heard updates from each RVP on the current status of their respective regions. This includes current projects being worked on, things that are working well and any struggles the regions might be having.

RVP Joint Facility Visits

The NEB discussed the plans for dual RVP facility visits to each other's regions. They agreed on two facility visit minimum per visit with the following pairs: NSO/NCE, NSW/NGL, NNM/NAL, NNE, NWP, NEA. All RVPs will also join Region X RVP, Mark Rausch to visit Region X locals within their geographical regions.

Proposals

Professional Standards (Pro Stands) KC District Chair and Alternate Chair

RVP Merrick advises the NEB that Kristi Perigo (ZKC) become the next KC District Pro Stands Chair and Lisa Cunningham (MCI) become the Alternate Chair.

DLH Untimely Voucher

RVP Von Almen proposes the untimely internet voucher for DLH. This proposal failed with RVP Von Almen voting in the affirmative.

ERC Central South Terminal Position

President Daniels proposed the removal of the Central Service Area ERC Representative *in accordance with SRH-13*. This proposal passed in closed session.

Logos

RVP Ortiz proposed a logo for the SAN local. This proposal passed unanimously.

RVP McCabe proposed a logo for the TYS local. This proposal passed unanimously.

RVP McCabe proposed a logo for the ZSU local. This proposal passed unanimously.

RVP Bratcher proposed a logo for the NSW Legislative Team. This proposal passed unanimously.

RVP Bratcher proposed a logo for the DFW local. This proposal passed unanimously.

RVP Bratcher proposed a logo for the ACT local. This proposal passed unanimously.

RVP Bratcher proposed a logo for the TUL local. This proposal passed unanimously.

RVP Von Almen proposed a logo for the PTK local. This proposal passed unanimously.

RVP Von Almen proposed a logo for the OSU local. This proposal passed unanimously.

RVP Curtiss proposed a logo for the joint NEA/NNE facrep meeting. This proposal passed unanimously. *(conducted via telcon on 4/8/26.)*

RVP Ortiz proposed a logo for the FFZ local. This proposal passed unanimously. *(conducted via telcon on 4/8/26.)*

RVP Rausch proposed a logo for ESO local. This proposal passed unanimously. *(conducted via telcon on 4/15/26.)*

RVP Merrick proposed a logo for the ZKC local. This proposal passed unanimously. *(conducted via telcon on 4/15/26.)*

RVP Winder proposed a logo for the S46 local. This proposal passed unanimously. *(conducted via telcon on 4/15/26.)*

NAL ARVP

RVP Lancaster advised the NEB that Cassidy Roensch (FSSFAI) is being named as the next NAL ARVP. *(conducted via telcon on 4/15/26.)*

NSO ARVP

RVP McCabe advised the NEB that Nicole Surunis (A80) is being named as the NSO ARVP. *(conducted via telcon on 4/15/26.)*

NSO GRT Member

RVP McCabe proposed that Danny Garcia (ZMA) be named as the NSO member on the GRT. This proposal passed unanimously. *(conducted via telcon on 4/15/26.)*

Director of Safety and Tech

President Daniels proposed Toby Hauck (ZAU) to be named the next director of Safety and Tech which would begin in August. This proposal passed unanimously. *(conducted via telcon on 4/22/26.)*

Nexcom Program Air/Ground Communications

President Daniels proposed the following names be used in the Nexcom Program Air/Ground Communication project:

Matt Williams (MCI), Cody Baker (BIL), Kevin McMullin (CLE), Damon Curry (BUF), Andrew Bryant (PWM), Matt Chapman (A11).

This proposal passed unanimously. *(conducted via telcon on 4/29/26.)*

TAMR Lead

President Daniels proposed naming Jamie Green (PVD) as the next TAMR lead. This proposal passed unanimously. *(conducted via telcon on 4/29/26.)*

Charters

RVP Bratcher proposed the chartering of BLI, RDM, and MSO Federal Contract Towers. These proposals passed unanimously.

NCE OSHA Rep

RVP Merrick proposed that Bryan Schwappach (MCI) be named the new NCE OSHA Rep. This proposal passed unanimously.

NCE OWCP Rep

RVP Merrick proposed that Bryan Schwappach (MCI) be named the new NCE OWCP Rep. This proposal passed unanimously.

ABQ District Professional Standards Chair

RVP Bratcher advises the NEB that Taylor Rubin (ZAB) be named as the Professional Standards ABQ District Chair.

NATCA Benefits

NATCA Benefits Committee Chair Jen Rivera (ZID) proposed that Aura Sign on for Union Plus be accepted as a new NATCA benefit. This proposal passed unanimously.

Chicago Convention 2027 Fee Structure

RVP Von Almen proposes the fee structure for the 2027 Convention. This proposal passed unanimously. (*see appendix A*)

NCE Election Support Committee

RVP Merrick proposed that Josh Brown (ZKC) be named as the new Election Support Committee member from the NCE. This proposal passed unanimously.

ASI Committee Member Renewal

ASI Chair, Karena Marinas (ZLA) proposed the renewal of Chris Rosati (ZOA) to the ASI Team. This proposal passed unanimously.

ASI Accident Checklist

ASI Chair, Karena Marinas (ZLA) proposed new accident checklists. This proposal passed unanimously.

Pay Review Committee Vice Chair

Pay Review Committee Chair, Aaron Wilt (ZDC) proposed naming Jason Casey (ZDV) be named as the Vice Chair of the Pay Review Committee. This proposal passed unanimously.

National Common Automation Platform Rep

President Daniels proposed naming Matt Trimble (CAE) be named as the newly formed National Common Automation Platform Rep. This proposal passed unanimously.

ERAM SIG SME

President Daniels proposed the following names be named as ERAM SIG SMEs:

Primary:

Kyle Kimsey (ZDC), Ian Gilliam (ZKC), Scott Hughes (ZAB), Jeff Guthrie (ZDV) and Brandon Mayorga (ZOA)

Alternate

Chris Bright (ZTL)

This proposal passed unanimously. *(conducted via telcon on 4/1/26.)*

Right from the Start (RFTS) Budget

The NEB approved the RFTS budget in November while their travel was banned. Now that travel has been approved, their budget needed to be adjusted to allot for the increase in spending. Executive Vice President Devine proposed an increase of \$20,000, which will be moved from budget line 10, to the RFTS budget. EVP Devine and RFTS Lead Sarah Grampp (ZKC) will work together to make a budget request for the rest of the year in the coming weeks. This proposal passed unanimously. *(conducted via telcon on 4/1/26.)*

ITC Member

RVP Merrick proposed adding Calvin Schultz (D01) to the ITC. This proposal passed unanimously. *(conducted via telcon on 4/8/26.)*

Oshkosh 2026 Volunteers

President Daniels proposed a list of names to be approved as volunteers for Oshkosh 2026. This proposal passed unanimously. *(conducted via telcon on 4/15/26. (See Appendix B)*

The meeting was adjourned at 3:58 pm PT on May 13, 2026.



Mick Devine
Executive Vice President

Appendix A

Evening Event Rates

- **Pricing Overview**
 - 100% refund through March 31; no refund after that
Early Bird is through March 31
Between April 1 through April 24 is Regular Pricing
 - Onsite Pricing starts April 25

- **Opening Reception at the Navy Pier**
 - \$25 the entire time
 - Kids 6 and under are free

- **Solidarity Night**
 - Early Bird: \$40
 - Regular: \$60
 - Onsite: \$80
 - Kids 6 and under are free \
 - Requesting 10% of all fees go to NCF, Jill to breakdown for accounting after Convention is over

- **Closing Ceremony at the Museum of Science and Industry**
 - Early Bird: \$50
 - Regular: \$75
 - Onsite: \$125
 - Kids 12 and under \$30 whole time
 - Kids 2 and under are free

Appendix B

Jesse	Strickland
Corey	Soignet
Rachel	Gilmore
Andy	Rhodes
Lee	Moore
Patricia	Davitt
Eirlys	Willis
Ray	Castlewhite
Brittney	Armbrust
Joshua	Haviland
Scott	Hughes
Kendra	Mock
Alex	Handsaker
Christopher	Porta
Paul	Konosky
Mary	Ellis
Neil	Patel
Carlton	Wickstrom
Paul	Behan
Adam	Juriga
Allison	Schwaegel
Clay	Harding
Steven	Untch
Stefania	Graziano
James	Conlon
Arshan	Appleby
John	Goebel
Jeffrey	Litwin
Sean	Smith
John	Perez
Jessica	Rakovitis
Christopher	Lloyd
Nicholas	Stengl
James	Murphy