

NATCA National Executive Board Meeting
Nashua, NH
August 4-5, 2026

The meeting of the National Executive Board was held on August 4-5, 2026, beginning at 9:05 am EDT at the Four Points by Sheraton, Nashua, NH. 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 August 4, 2026, at 9:05am EDT.

Briefings

ATX Media Training

President Daniels briefed the NEB on the plan to conduct media training at ATX in December in Las Vegas, NV. The NEB members were briefed to start looking into getting people enrolled into this class.

ITC Update

ITC Chair, Jason Doss (ZJX) gave a briefing to the NEB on the status of projects being worked by the ITC. Those projects included the transition from .net emails to .org emails, the BidATC rewrite, the seniority audit as well as an ITC member review.

Boots on the Ground / Campaign 2026

Campaign 2026 coordinator, Noel Kingston (RNAV) briefed the NEB on Campaign 2026. The NEB reviewed the sign-ups by region and gave goals for the next meeting. Additionally, RNAV Chair Tom Thompson (RNAV) briefed the board on the status of Boots on the Ground.

Legislative Update

National Legislative Committee Chair, David Skarphol (PHX) and Vice Chair Allison Schweagel (STL) briefed the NEB on the status of activities of the Legislative Committee and legislative activities with relation to NATCA. David and Allison proposed changes to their charter to the NEB. The NEB gave feedback which will be brought to the NLC where they can discuss and propose at a later date.

Committee Chair Meeting

RVP Von Almen briefed the NEB on the new ideas proposed for the next committee chair meetings, both in-person and virtual. The next in-person meeting will be January 18-19, 2027.

RVP Interregional Visits

Each RVP briefed the NEB on their interregional visits with other RVPs.

ZHU 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.

ARC Recommendations

Chief of Staff Dean Iacopelli briefed the NEB on the status of the ARC recommendations.

AJR Traffic Data

RVP Christine briefed the NEB on the AJR traffic data. The local reps should get the same data the agency uses from their counterparts, and that no national one-stop vehicle exists right now from the Agency.

A32/24 Negotiations

The NEB discussed the 2027 BWS and Annual Leave negotiations with each RVP giving a status check into their region's facilities. Additional feedback was given from the webinar.

CLAT Class Schedule

RVP Lancaster advised the NEB that the following would be the dates for the 2027 CLAT classes:

February 15-18

June 15-18

October 11-14

December 6-9

Proposals

NCE ARVP

RVP Merrick advised the NEB that Patrick James (ZKC) will be named as a NCE ARVP.

NNM ARVP

RVP Winder advised the NEB that Rick Tornabell (D01) will be named as a NNM ARVP.

NRX Reloaded Committee Alternate Rep

RVP Rausch proposed that Katie Fields-Pack (ESW) be named as the NRX Alternate Rep to the Reloaded Committee. This motion passed unanimously.

Right from the Start Budget

EVP Devine proposed an increase of \$20,000 to the Right from the Start budget. This motion passed unanimously.

NNE GRT Member

RVP Curtiss proposed that Kevin Coeyman (ZBW) be named as the NNE member on the Grievance Review Team. This motion passed unanimously.

Logos

RVP Christine proposed a logo for the PIT local.

RVP Bratcher proposed two logos for the I90 local.

RVP Winder proposed a logo for the PUB local.

RVP Bratcher proposed a logo for the AFW local.

RVP Ortiz proposed four logos for the PSP local.

RVP McCabe proposed eight logos for the ZTL local.

RVP McCabe proposed a logo for the ZME local.

All of these logo proposals passed unanimously.

Retirement Seminars

RVP Curtiss requested locations for the 2027 retirement seminars. Those locations are as followed:

NNE- Boston, MA and Nashua, NH.

NEA- Ronkonkoma, NY and Pittsburgh, PA.

NNM- Longmont, CO and Spokane, WA.

NSW- Albuquerque, NM and Austin, TX.

NSO- Cincinnati, OH and Raleigh, NC.
NGL- Chicago, IL and Minneapolis, MN.
NAL- Juneau, AK and Fairbanks, AK.
NRX- Jamaica, NY and Atlanta, GA
NWP- Los Angeles, CA and Honolulu, HI
NCE- Kansas City, MO and Omaha, NE.

UNUM

RVP Bratcher briefed the NEB about UNUM's open season and new ideas on open seasons as well as briefed the NEB on three new add on plans for UNUM. RVP Bratcher proposed the NEB to pursue these three new plans to add on to our existing plans. This proposal passed unanimously. Additional discussions were had about the mental health provisions in the UNUM plan and ways to increase those benefits to the membership.

Sexual Harassment Training

RVP Winder proposed that NATCA pay for all council chairs, ARVPs and Committee Chairs/Leads within the council structure to take Sexual Harassment Training. This training must be conducted before December 31, 2026. This motion passed unanimously.

National Remote Tower Rep

President Daniels proposed that Nick Stott (RDU) be named the National Remote Tower Rep and Kyle Turner (SFB) be named as the alternate. This motion passed in closed session.

CSA ATSAP Terminal ERC Member

President Daniels proposed Mike Taylor (CMH) be named as the CSA Terminal ERC Rep for ATSAP and Randy Merrihew (F11) be named as the alternate. This motion passed in closed session.

Commercial Off the Street (COTS) Hands On Requirements Up Leveling Sessions (CHORUS) Rep

President Daniels proposed that Anthony Schifano (CLT) be named as the CHORUS Rep for Terminal and Michael Mosher (TUL) be named as the alternate, while Lindsay Knox (ZJX) be named as the CHORUS rep for Enroute and Jason Casey (ZDV) be named as the alternate. This motion passed in closed session.

National Historical Committee Members

President Daniels proposed that the following members be named to the National Historical Committee:
Brooke Stierwalt (ZOB)
Justin McIntosh (ZLA)
Anthony Terranova (EEA)
Chuck Owens (RNAV)
Sandi Follmer (ZDC)
This proposal passed unanimously.

Seniority Change

RVP Winder proposed that Chris Levitt's seniority be recalculated (SLC.) RVP Winder presented background and further data to address the manner in which Mr. Levitt's seniority should have been calculated. This proposal did not pass in closed session. (via telcon 6/30/26)

RVP Winder proposed resetting the seniority of James Longmore (S56) by 120 days. RVP Winder presented background and further data to address the manner in which Mr. Longmore's seniority should have been calculated. This motion passed in closed session. (via telcon 7/10/26)

IND Laborfest Funding

President Daniels proposed to fund the IND Laborfest as follows: \$1,000 for a presenter's donation and \$2,000 for NATCA Branded Merchandise. This proposal passed unanimously.

Leave Cash Out

EVP Devine proposed to cash out eighty hours of annual leave. This proposal was approved unanimously. (via telcon on 7/10/26)

President Daniels proposed to cash out one hundred fifty hours of annual leave for a member of NATCA's staff. This proposal was approved unanimously. (via telcon on 7/10/26)

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05pm EDT on August 5, 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mick Devine', written over a horizontal line.

Mick Devine
Executive Vice President