

*The Airports Line of Business and NATCA
- 2012, A Year of Progress -*



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FAA/NATCA Collaboration



- ❖ In the area of Collaboration itself, our National, Regional & ADO Managers and NATCA representatives, participated in multiple training sessions. Individuals who attended training included the following Managers, with their NATCA representatives:
 - In ASW, October 10-11: ASW Division Mgr. Kelvin Solco, Regional NATCA Rep., Andy Velayos.
 - In ASO, October 30-31: Division Mgr. Winsome Lenfert, NATCA Regional Rep., Rod Nicholson.
 - In ANM, November 14-15: ANM Division Mgr. Sarah Dalton, NATCA Regional Rep., Paul Johnson. AGL Division Mgr. Sue Schalk, Regional NATCA Rep., Melanie Myers.
 - In NATCA HQ DC, November 28-29: ARP Deputy Administrator Kate Lang, National Rep., Sam Samad; ACE Division Mgr. Jim Johnson, NATCA Regional Rep., Scott Tener; ASO Asst. ADO Mgr. Juan Brown, NATCA ADO Rep., Richard Owen.
 - In AWP, December 11-12: AWP Division Mgr. Mark McClardy, NATCA Rep. Sam Samad; AAL Division Mgr. Byron Huffman, Regional NATCA Rep., Eric Helms; AWP ADO Mgr. Robin Hunt, NATCA ADO Rep., Abel Tapia.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS



- ❖ Accomplishments and major projects during this last year, that have been or were aided by the collaborative process, include:
 - Reconciled key issues surrounding the ADO Geo-balancing initiative.
 - Established a new AWP Field Office in Arizona.
 - Worked towards national-level SOPs across ARP.
 - The DELPHI eInvoicing program.
 - The SOAR Mod V.
 - Others.



ISSUES BEFORE US FOR THE NEXT YEAR



- ❖ Collaborative training for the Supervisors, Managers, Directors and NATCA Representatives who have not received training this year.
- ❖ Regional Geo-balancing initiative.
- ❖ Assessing individual workload impacts due the Geo-Balancing & SOPs.
- ❖ Training.
- ❖ Working through issues surrounding our Airport Voluntary Reporting System (AVRS).
- ❖ Proposed new initiatives, and changes to Advisory Circulars, Handbooks, Orders and Procedures which are at various stages of development.
- ❖ Resolution of classic regional & ADO management/employee issues.
- ❖ Further improvement in channels of communications at every level of management



LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES AND FUNDING (FISCAL CLIFF)



- ❖ One issue, of course, that is facing everyone in the Federal Service right now is the Fiscal Cliff.



- ❖ NATCA released a report last week pointing out that in the absence of a deficit reduction deal, the 2011 Budget Control Act would trigger automatic budget cuts on January 2, 2013. These would cause an 8.2 percent reduction in FAA funding across the board. That could lead to furloughs for more than 2,000 air traffic control employees. The union based its estimates on a Center for American Progress (CAP) report.



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- ❖ The Associated Press reported the FAA itself has informally suggested that it could institute rolling furloughs that would lessen the consequences to the system, but no matter what measures might be taken, controllers and others aviation professionals would be working fewer hours.
- ❖ NATCA has been in the forefront of the legislative fight to avoid sequestration, which would reduce agency investments in flight towers and equipment, aviation safety research, and the Next-Generation Air Transportation System. Our National President and Executive Vice President, have been increasingly in the media, raising the alarm.



CONCLUSION



In these crucial times, we need to focus on our mission, and our goals with the Single-mindedness of a FAA/NATCA team.

Given our mission, and our many customers and stakeholders, Airports personnel have an affect on our agency and its mission, far beyond our numbers.

Working together, I believe we can continue to demonstrate the highest professional standards for the Civil Service.

Thank you