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Please see below for Rally 2024 Hotel Room reservations:

Call the reservations center at (800) 362-2779

or

Book online via the hotel's website:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/wasotes-embassy-suites-alexandria-old-town/>

ELECTION 2024



NOMINATIONS NOTICE FOR ACT'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Nominations open on March 1, 2024, and will close on April 15, 2024

As of March 1, 2024, The Election Committee will begin accepting Nominations for the positions of National:

President

Treasurer

Vice President NE

Vice President NW

Only written nominations will be accepted. All nominations must be submitted electronically, and date stamped by the e-mail server no later than April 15, 2024. To be eligible for office a nominee must have been a member in good standing and on the membership rolls since July 1, 2023.

When submitting your nomination, include the member's name/phone number/ chapter name, and number/e-mail address as well as your name/phone number/chapter name and number / and e-mail address. This complete information is necessary to validate the nomination. Failure to provide this information could result in a nomination not being validated. Before submitting your nomination, confirming that the individual is willing to accept the nomination is advisable.

ELECTION 2024

**ALL NOMINATIONS ARE TO BE E-MAILED TO THE 2024 ACT
ELECTION COMMITTEE AT THE FOLLOWING E-MAIL ADDRESS:**

2024.ACT.ELECTION.COMMITTE@ACTNAT.COM

**ONCE NOMINATIONS ARE VALIDATED, THE ELECTION COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN WILL CONTACT THE NOMINEES BY E-MAIL TO OBTAIN
ACCEPTANCE AND BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION WHICH WILL BE
PRINTED IN THE ACT TECHNICIAN NEWSPAPER BEFORE THE BALLOT
IS E-MAILED TO ELIGIBLE ACT VOTERS.**

Vote

2024 ACT NATIONAL RALLY AGENDA FOR 6-11 FEB. 2024

ASSOCIATION OF CIVILIAN TECHNICIANS
Felicia Neale
National President



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024

*ARRIVAL OF CHAPTER
REPRESENTATIVES*

&

HOTEL CHECK-IN

2:00 PM

*REGISTRATION BEGINS TOP OF
ATRIUM STAIRS*

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2024

*VIRGINIA BALLROOM (ATRIUM LEVEL)
SNACKS AND LUNCH PROVIDED*

8:00 AM

TRAINING DAY BEGINS

5:00 PM

TRAINING DAY ENDS

2024 ACT NATIONAL RALLY TRAINING AGENDA FOR 6-11 FEB. 2024

ASSOCIATION OF CIVILIAN TECHNICIANS
Felicia Neale
National President



THURSDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2024

CONGRESSIONAL VISITS

OPTION TO MEET WITH REGIONAL

REPS

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2024

CONGRESSIONAL VISITS

1:00 PM

Legal Presentation /Open forum Q&A with
Bonney, Allenberg, O'Reilly, & Eddy, P.C

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2024

8:00AM

2024 ACT BUSINESS MEETING

VIRGINIA BALLROOM (ATRIUM LEVEL)

12:00 PM

LUNCH BUFFET (ATRIUM)

1:00 PM

2024 ACT BUSINESS MEETING cont'd

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2024

DELEGATES RETURN HOME

****Note: Times / Dates / Subjects / Meeting Location Subject to change**

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Pat Straka Joins Executive Board

Greetings let me introduce myself, my name is Patrick (Pat) Straka. My journey started with A.C.T. in 2007 when I became a technician. I started as a Tools and Parts attendant for FMS 15-A PAARNG TMP. One day I came back from parts run and fellow crew was on break, back in our little break room. They said Hey you would make a great shop Steward, and run our office fund (snack bar). I said sure what do I do? The then retiring Steward Steve said I will show you; it is easy. Thereafter I started at the lowest level and began my career with A.C.T. Then in 2016, I was approached by the State Council to become the Treasurer. Because I was thorough in my work. So, in 2017 I was elected to the board as State Council Treasurer and went to work cleaning up the coffers preparing for the next generation of members of the Board, and making sure we had proper procedure in processing DOL tax forms and audits of the Chapters. I then continued up the ranks to VP, EVP, and finally Chairman of the State Council. I also served as Chapter president for Blue Mountain Chapter 46 until I trained a replacement for the role. I served on negotiation teams for CBA negotiations and as Chairman I served as lead contract negotiator during COVID-19 and those Challenges. I have taken over training for all Stewards in my 7 Chapters creating more comprehensive grassroots-to-live scenarios training to enhance lower-level handling so I can focus on executive-level policy review and fostering a work environment protecting the rights of my fellow employees. I travel my State as surge team Leader to cover down where we have no Stewards to represent bargaining members. I have volunteered for service on the National Board before to serve as the Secretary Admin. I Sit on my State level Safety Council for all employees, I sit on the Tennent Board to keep track of building projects and how they will change work conditions, and I conduct quarterly meetings with the DAGS to address trends and apprise them of concerns of the workforce. I have volunteered to learn and to be part of the FPRAC committee. I will leave you now to get back to the important work you all do as part of our collective which makes up the strength of our team!

Keep the Faith! Respectfully yours,
Pat.



LM REPORTS & 990Ns Due Soon!

**I hate to be a Nag but
this is your reminder
that LM reports are due
March 15th & 990Ns are
due May 15th.**



DC METRO LINE

RALLY HOTEL IS:

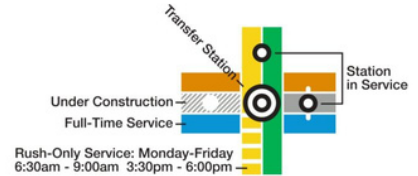
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- Legend**
- RD** Red Line • Glenmont / Shady Grove
 - OR** Orange Line • New Carrollton / Vienna
 - BL** Blue Line • Franconia-Springfield / Largo Town Center
 - GR** Green Line • Branch Ave / Greenbelt
 - YL** Yellow Line • Huntington / Fort Totten
 - SV** Silver Line • Wiehle-Reston East / Largo Town Center

- Station Features**
- Bus to Airport
 - Parking
 - Hospital
 - Airport
- Connecting Rail Systems**
- AMTRAK
 - VIA
 - MARC



MetroRail Operating Times

Mon-Thu
5am-midnight

Fri
5am-3am

Sat
7am-3am

Sun
7am-midnight

Times are approximate

Metro is accessible.

Map is not to scale

- No Smoking
- No Eating or Drinking
- No Animals (except service animals)
- No Audio (without earphones)
- No Littering or Spitting
- No Dangerous or Flammable Items



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