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Alaska Chapter NECA Newsletter

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Chapter Calendar

February 2

February 9

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February 14

February 15

Anchorage JATC

Safety Committee

Board/Membership Meeting

Valentine's Day

President's Day

Tool Box Talks

February 01, 2010

February 08, 2010

February 15, 2010

February 22, 2010

Ceiling and Overhead Work

Circuit Breaker Panelboards

Cold Weather Safety

Commercial Vehicles

Chapter News

Board Members for 2010

Scott Bringmann, President

Jim Fullford, Vice President

Gabriel Marian, Treasurer

Mick Manning, Governor

Dave Lantz, Jason Hodges, Larry Rhymer, Ralph Kibby, Troy Smith

Welcome aboard Larry!

National News

Resources Planned

More NECA contractors contributed to ECPAC last year than in any year since our political action committee was established, with more than 1100 individual contributions received in 2009. Those contributions totaled a record-breaking \$800,012! But we think we can do better.

Political Leadership Council Chairman Larry Cogburn was honored for his 2009 efforts and recently announced our most aggressive political fundraising program to date, "VICTORY 2010," which seeks to attract 2010 contributions from NECA members in 2010. Both personal gifts to ECPAC to support campaign contributions and corporate gifts to our Corporate ECPAC Partners program to support administrative costs will be considered in the total. For more information contact your NECA Chapter office.

Labor Relations

Contractors, Chapters Face March 31 Deadline For Filing LM-10 Form

Employers and employee benefit plans are required to file a Form LM-10 with the Department of Labor if they gave items (money or other “things of value”) with a combined value of \$250 to a union or union officer, agent, shop steward, employee, or other representative of a union. Those whose fiscal year ending December 31, 2009 must **file the form for 2009 by March 31, 2010**. We’ve gathered up the details, links to additional information, filing instructions, and the form itself all in one place. [Go to NECA's one-stop online source for assistance with Form LM-10 filing](#)

Safety

Annual OSHA Posting Requirement In Effect Today Through April 30

Don't Forget: Covered employers are required to post a summary of the total number of job-related injuries and illnesses experienced in 2009 (**OSHA Form 300A**) from **February 1 through April 30**, wherever workplace notices are usually posted and to provide a copy to employees who move from worksite to worksite. A recording of an eSafetyLine presentation on this requirement is available in our archive of safety and standards webinars at <http://www.necanet.org/job/safety/webinars>. [Get more information, and required recordkeeping forms, through NECA's website](#)

Management Education & Training

MEI Announces Program Schedule For February And March

NECA’s Management Education Institute is presenting a wide variety of programs throughout the country this month and next, all of them qualifying attendees for **Continuing Education Unit (CEU) credit** per the International Association for Continuing Education and Training. And remember, in addition to the 15 courses on the schedule for February and March, the MEI catalog of Courses lists dozens of other programs that can be arranged for future presentation in your area. [Check out the MEI course schedule and register for your choice\(s\) right now!](#)

Take Action

A Record-Breaking Year For ECPAC and PLC, Thanks To You!

Despite the poor economy (in some cases, maybe because of it), more members contributed to ECPAC last year than any year since our political action committee was established in 1978, with more than 1100 individual contributions received in 2009. And those contributions totaled a record-breaking **\$800,012!** Membership in NECA’s Political Leadership Council has also grown, by 50 percent over the past 12 months. A great big **THANK YOU** to all participants! [Learn all about our political action committee and how YOU can make a difference](#)

Meetings & Events

NECA To Return To Boston For 2010 Convention And Trade Show

Mark these important dates on your brand-new calendar: **October 2-5**. That’s when we’ll be enjoying **NECA 2010 Boston**, which will feature an expanded **Energy Solutions Zone** with new “building green” resources, special safety sessions for line

contractors, and a keynote speech from famed ocean explorer [Bob Ballard](#). Learn more at www.necaconvention.org, become a [fan of NECA Convention on Facebook](#), and get updates via Twitter, twitter.com/NECAConvention. [Take a look at what we're telling the world about NECA 2010 Boston](#)

Member News

78 NECA-Member Companies Celebrated Major Milestones In 2009

Last month, a lengthy article in the News-Gazette recognizing Davis Electric's 50th anniversary described a family-owned firm that has gone through many changes since opening in Urbana, Illinois, in 1959. But Tom Davis's firm was not the only one celebrating longevity. Every year, NECA's national headquarters office presents member companies with a commemorative plaque to celebrate 25-, 50-, 75- and 100-year anniversaries. In 2009, a total of 78 plaques were distributed. [Find out which NECA members celebrated significant anniversaries last year](#)

FUTURE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS.....

October 2-5, 2010	NECA Convention/Boston, MA
October 22-25, 2011	NECA Convention/San Diego, CA
September 30-October 3, 2012	NECA Convention/Las Vegas, NV
October 12-15, 2013	NECA Convention/Washington, DC

NECA Government Affairs Update

The Snowpocalypse Edition

While Blair stands in 2.5 hour lines in preparation for the biggest snowstorm DC has seen in decades, Lake spent Thursday and Friday at the District 2 Council meeting in Florida. He presented on legislative developments in Washington and discussed VICTORY 2010, NECA's newest fundraising effort. Next week, Lake will participate in a NLMCC meeting where he and IBEW's Brian Baker will discuss recent legislation where NECA and the IBEW have worked in collaborative fashion in addressing electrical construction issues. Later next week, Lake will attend the District 3 and 5 Council meeting in Dallas.

Last week, Blair delivered legislative updates to the District 1 and District 4 Council meetings, and spent time with the Wisconsin chapter NECA. Thanks to Mark Hady, of the Wisconsin chapter NECA, for assisting in raising over \$5,000 for ECPAC!

Jobs legislation – As a follow up to President Obama's State of the Union address and with the nation's unemployment rate hovering at 10% (over 20% for the construction industry), Congress is soon to take up legislation designed at job creation. NECA believes this will be the first in a series of measures aimed at job creation. NECA wrote to the entire Senate seeking inclusion of Building STAR, a program of rebates and incentives designed to create retrofitting opportunities the commercial, industrial, and institutional sectors. Building STAR emphasizes retrofitting opportunities for exterior and interior lighting, advanced motor applications, and building energy audits. Included in Building STAR is an increase from \$1.80 to \$3.00 (per square foot) for energy efficient improvements in commercial buildings.

Lake attended a reception for Blue Dogs, a group of fiscally-conservative Democrats

when he spent time with Rep. Travis Childers (D-MI).

Earlier this week, you hopefully received a "Save the Date" announcement of NECA's 2010 Legislative Conference, scheduled for May 4-6. Like last year, the PLC Summit will follow the conference and is scheduled for May 6. Summit participants are encouraged to participate in the legislative conference, in particular, the lobbying visits on May 5 and the evening reception with Representatives and Senators. The reception is also scheduled for May 5.

We are hearing many positive remarks on the Friday legislative and regulatory re-cap.