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Alaska Chapter NECA Newsletter

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Chapter Calendar

January 1

January 3

January 10

January 11

April 30

New Year's Day

Anchorage JATC

Safety Committee

Board of Directors/Membership Meeting

Steve Boyd Retires from NECA

Alaska Chapter Year End Updates

Please welcome Larry Bell as he transitions into the Chapter Manager position. He will be working with Steve until his retirement at the end of April.

Our Board of Directors for 2012 are as follows:

Scott Bringmann-President

Troy Smith-Vice President

Gabriel Marian-Treasurer

Mick Manning-Governor

Jason Hodges

Larry Rhymer

Mike Fullford

Ralph Kibby

Tim Haakenson

President Obama signed into law legislation to repeal the 3% withholding tax that was scheduled to take effect in 2013.

The repeal of this tax lifts a burden of uncertainty for NECA contractors and the entire business community. NECA played an important role in the repeal of the 3% withholding tax through efforts during constituent meetings, letter writing, and lobbying visits during the legislative conference where the issue had been a priority. On behalf of NECA, Lake and Kristen attended a 3% withholding victory reception at the Chamber of Commerce with members of the **Government Withholding Relief Coalition**, the group that was formed to repeal the 3% withholding bill. **Reps. Wally Herger (R-CA) and Earl Blumenauer (D-OR) and Sen. Brown (R-MA)** led the legislative effort to repeal this tax and while they were unable to attend the reception because of votes, several of their key staff who worked tirelessly on the issue were present.

Publications & Resources

NEIS Yearbook Volume 7 Now Available on CD

You *could* buy all 40 of the *National Electrical Installation Standards*™ currently in print at a total cost of \$800. Or you could just purchase the newly released [NEIS Yearbook Volume 7](#) and get the complete digital collection of all NECA's current performance standards for electrical construction and maintenance, including all the new, revised and expanded standards published through mid-2011, at the member price of *only* \$150.

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Labor Relations

Alaska Business Monthly Features Joint Electrical Apprenticeship

An article in the October issue of [Alaska Business Monthly](#) discusses how the [Alaska Chapter, NECA](#) and [Laborers Local 341](#) have joined forces to train a new cadre of construction workers in the face of attrition and workforce shortages. Chapter Executive **Steve Boyd** and LU 341 Business Manager Joey Merrick explain how recruiting and educating apprentices has changed to accommodate a more technology-connected generation. [Investigate how joint electrical apprenticeship works in Alaska](#)

Safety

FREE Materials to Teach Employees about Healthy Living

Intec's [eSafetyline, available in the safety section on NECAnet](#), addresses **healthy living** this month and enables you to provide [weekly toolbox talks](#) to teach your workers about good sleeping habits, maintaining proper weight, combating high blood pressure, and kicking the tobacco habit. [Check out eSafetyline for December 2011 for information on healthy living and get FREE training materials](#)

New Study: Line Construction and Safety Risk Management

A recently completed ELECTRI International study, ***Safety Risk Management for Electrical Transmission and Distribution Line Construction***, is now available to all line contractors. The research evaluated risks associated with common T&D construction tasks, the costs and benefits of related safety management techniques, and the effectiveness of specific injury prevention techniques. [Learn more about the new ELECTRI study on Line Construction and Safety Risk Management](#)

eSafetyLine Toolbox Talks

Each month, the [special safety site available through NECA's website](#) addresses a specific topic and offers downloadable materials to enable you to provide related [weekly toolbox safety talks](#) * to employees. * Click on the red numeral for the week (shown on the [eSafety Line calendar page](#)) to download the current employee training material. Click on the toolbox icon for the archive of previously issued toolbox talks.

FUTURE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS.....

September 30-October 3, 2012

NECA Convention/Las Vegas, NV

October 12-15, 2013

NECA Convention/Washington, DC