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Alaska Chapter NECA Newsletter

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Chapter Calendar

July 4

July 6

July 11

July 13

July 14

Independence Day

Anchorage JATC

2010 NECA Open at Moose Run Hill Course

Safety Committee

Board/Membership Meeting Cancelled

Tool Box Talks

July 05, 2010

July 12, 2010

July 19, 2010

July 26, 2010

Injury Prevention, Hands/Injury Prevention, Neck

Ladder Safety

Lift Trucks

Lockout/Tagout Energy Sources and Procedures

About NECA

Expiration of Officer' Terms Announced

The terms of office for the following member officers will expire as of December 31, 2010, and elections for filling these offices will be held at the NECA Board of Governors meeting at the Westin Waterfront in Boston, Massachusetts, on October 2, 2010:

- Vice President, District 2
- Vice President, District 4
- Vice President, District 6
- Vice President, District 8
- Vice President, District 10

Nominations for District Vice Presidents must be signed by a Governor from that District and sent in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer between the dates of **August 3 and September 2, 2010**. [Click here for more information on NECA's governance](#)

On The Job

NECA Updates Standard on Temporary Power at Construction Sites

[NECA 200-2010, Standard for Installing and Maintaining Temporary Electric Power at Construction Sites \(ANSI\)](#) is the latest updated publication in our series of

[National Electrical Installation Standards®](#). It covers the planning, installation, expansion, maintenance, cutover, and removal of temporary power systems operating at 600 volts or less on construction sites to ensure a safe, functional, and reliable

temporary electrical power system for all trades working onsite. [Get more information on NECA 200-2010 and get yours today](#)

Meetings & Events

Easy to Change Registration to Add Pre-Convention Workshops and Tours

So, you've already registered for NECA 2010 Boston, but now you want to add [Pre-Convention Workshops](#) or [Boston-area tours](#) to your itinerary? No worries! Easy, step-by-step instructions for changing your registration are provided on our [convention website](#), and you can always contact **Katie Nolan** for help (e-mail: Katie@necanet.org; phone: **301-215-4506**). [Let's see those step-by-step instructions for changing my convention registration](#)

Note #1: Friday, August 13, is the cut-off date to qualify for early registration discounts. [Click here to register for NECA 2010 Boston.](#)

Note #2: You can register for the [tours offered October 1-4](#) through our convention site. If you want to participate in the [Post-Boston Fall Foliage Tour](#) (October 6-8), register directly with American Travel Association. (See the next item for more information.)

Post-Boston Fall Foliage Tour Extends Convention Experience

Our **Post-Boston Fall Foliage Tour** heads sets out on Wednesday, October 6, heading west to [Stockbridge](#) and the [Norman Rockwell Museum](#). Thursday morning finds participants enjoying Vermont's fall colors traveling north on [scenic Route #7](#) to [Rutland](#) and the [Killington Ski Resort](#) for lunch and to see the colors first-hand from the ski-mountain gondola ride. A drive along Vermont's spectacular [Green Mountains](#) ends in [Burlington](#), from where participants will fly home Friday. [Explore information on the Post-Boston Fall Foliage Tour and register today](#)

Note #1: Payment in full for the Post-Boston Fall Foliage Tour must be received in ATA's office by no later than **August 20**. Questions? Contact **Geoff Robertson** (e-mail: travelata@aol.com; phone: **706-663-2171**).

Note #2: [Executive Travel Associates](#) (ETA) is NECA's preferred travel agent. To make airline reservations, call ETA at **1-800-498-2270**.

Take Action

What's Your Opinion of Opinion Polls?

NECA CEO [John Grau](#) reveals his love/hate relationship with opinion polls and surveys in his latest [NECA Transmissions blog](#). He also shares his funny thoughts on the results of a recent Harris Interactive survey about public attitudes towards groups that influence government policy. As always, you are invited to share your opinions with him, too. [Check out John Grau's NECA Transmission blog on public perception percentages](#)

Energy Solutions

EC Magazine Examines Marketability of Alternative Energy

Even during the recession, the alternative-energy market has remained strong and is expected to boom as the economy recovers, according to a new article in ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR. "To gain a competitive edge, enroll in every green-energy class and gain expertise in these technologies," said Bernie Kotlier, director, Green Energy Solutions, California LMCC. Representatives from [Romanoff Electric](#) (Toledo, Ohio) and [O'Connell Electric](#) (Victor, New York) also offer insights and sound advice. [Investigate the EC article on how green construction is helping bolster business](#)

Safety

eSafetyLine Topics For July

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. * Four toolbox talks will be available for July. Click on the red numeral for the week (shown on the [eSafety Line calendar page](#)) to download this employee training material.

Free Webinar on Scaffolding, a Major Violation for ECs, Coming July 27

Bad news: Scaffold-related accidents account for approximately 4500 injuries and 50 deaths each year in the construction industry. *More bad news:* Far too many electrical contractors were cited and fined for failing to meet various OSHA requirements for scaffolding last year. *Great news:* A FREE webinar on **Tuesday, July 27**, will explore OSHA's scaffolding standards in CFR 29 1946, Subpart L (including aerial lifts) and help connect you with resources for compliance assistance. [Don't be a statistic; register for the FREE July 27, 2010, webinar on scaffolding](#)

Publications & Resources

Tool & Equipment Rental Schedule Available as Book, PDF, or CD

NECA contractors have long relied on the average rental rates in our regularly updated **NECA Tool & Equipment Rental Schedule** for expert assistance with internal estimating and cost accounting. Our [April 12, 2010, NTW](#) announced that an all-new edition is available in book or PDF format. Now, we are pleased to report that the CD version is also available to provide you easy access to the most recent tool and equipment rental rates, whether you're in the office or on the job site. [Order NECA's Tool & Equipment Rental Schedule\) in book or PDF format \(Index #5065-10\)](#)
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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