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Alaska Chapter NECA Newsletter

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Chapter Calendar

October 1

October 3

October 6

October 7

October 11-14

October 13

Steve's 14th Anniversary with NECA

Susan's 3rd Anniversary with NECA

Anchorage JATC

Board of Directors/Membership Meeting

NECA Labor Relations in San Antonio

Safety Committee

Tool Box Talks

October 05, 2009

October 12, 2009

October 19, 2009

October 26, 2009

Shock Hazards

Silica Dust

Slipping/Tripping Hazards

Testing: Pre-Op and Startup

About NECA

Meet The New NECA Vice Presidents Joining Our 2010 Executive Committee
Action at NECA's Board of Governors Meeting on Saturday included the election of four new district vice presidents to two-year terms commencing January 1, 2010. (District 1 Vice President **David MacKay** was elected to a second term.) In addition, a new vice president at-large was appointed to represent large NECA-member firms in the U.S, that have annual payrolls in excess of 900,000 manhours. You can read the biographies of the five contractors who will join our Executive Committee for the first time in 2010 by clicking on their names in the following list.

- Vice President, District 3 - [Lanny Thomas](#)
- Vice President, District 5 - [Chris Schoolcraft](#)
- Vice President, District 7 - [Daniel Schaeffer](#)
- Vice President, District 9 - [Stan Lazarian](#)
- Vice President at-Large - [Ron Autrey](#)

Safety

Governors Adopt New Policy Promoting Zero Energy Work Environments

While NECA and its member contractors have long supported safe construction practices and programs, our association has never adopted a formal policy statement on safety - until now. At their meeting on Saturday, NECA chapter governors adopted "[Standing Policy 19: Safety Programs and Safe Workers](#)" which breaks new ground by

urging all NECA members to strive for "zero energy work environments," where electrical work is done on de-energized systems as often as possible.

[Read the full text of our new policy on safety on NECA's website](#)

Online Course Details How To Meet The New Zero Energy Safety Policy

Did you know that NECA's [Management Education Institute](#) offers an online course on [Electrical Safety in the Workplace - 70E](#) that you or your employees can take at your convenience, whenever and wherever you have Internet access? Reflecting the NFPA 70E *Standard for Electrical Safety in the Workplace*, this course addresses lockout/tagout, how to recognize when work on or near live parts is justified, and why personal protective equipment (PPE) must be used whenever employees are exposed to, or have the potential to be exposed to, a hazard. The fee is only \$75.

[Register for our online course on Electrical Safety in the Workplace - 70 E](#)

Line Contractors Urged To Attend EEI Safety Summit. Register by Oct. 15!

In addition to partnering with the [Edison Electric Institute \(EEI\)](#) in the [OSHA Transmission & Distribution Partnership](#), NECA has been actively working with EEI to more closely align electrical contractor safety programs and utility safety programs. That's why we urge members - **line contractors, in particular** - to attend the [Contractor Safety Summit November 5-6](#) at the [Hilton Alexandria Mark Center](#) in **Alexandria, Virginia**, where EEI will unveil its new *Contractor Safety Model Program*.

[Get more information on the EEI Contractor Safety Summit and register by October 15](#)

Meetings & Events

Successful In Seattle: Wrapping Up Another Great Convention & Show

Our Convention closed last Tuesday evening with lots of "ooo's and ahhh's" and spontaneous applause, and now it's time to thank all of you who joined us for an unforgettable week. An [article wrapping up NECA 2009 Seattle](#) appears on our [2009 NECA Convention Blog](#) to explain what all the cheering was about and to provide some helpful reminders and point to what's ahead.

Another good read! NECA CEO [John Grau](#) offers "*Random Thoughts and Impressions from the NECA Convention in Seattle*" in his latest blog at [www.necatransmissions.org](#).

[Take a look at the site we just launched for NECA 2010 Boston!](#)

Management Education & Training

Convention Management Seminars Available On DVD And Via Download

The Management Seminars presented at NECA 2009 Seattle were recorded via the unique Dynamic Screen Capture™ method that simultaneously synchronizes session audio with all visual presentation materials. For an order form you can mail along with payment, go to <http://blog.necaconvention.org/> and click on the link to [NECA09MgtSemOrderForm](#). Or go to www.conferencemedia.net/912874 to order DVDs online or buy downloads for your mp3 player. *\$14.95 each or \$124.95 for the whole set.*

Don't Forget! PDFs of all presentation handouts are also available through our 2009 Convention Blog.

[Download FREE Management Seminar handouts from NECA's Convention Blog](#)

Numerous Management Education Programs In October And November
NECA's [Management Education Institute](#) is presenting a wide variety of programs throughout the country this fall, 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 nearly 30 courses on the schedule for October and November, the [MEI catalog of Courses](#) lists dozens of other programs that can be arranged for future presentation in your area.
[Check out the MEI courses planned for October and November and register now!](#)

Labor Relations

IBEW-NECA Employee Benefit Conference January 28-29 In Naples, Florida
The annual **IBEW-NECA Employee Benefits Conference** is distinct from the [NECA Labor Relations Conference](#), but both may be of interest to contractors who are local benefit plan trustees or who are involved in labor negotiations. The 2010 IBEW-NECA Benefits Conference will be held **January 28-29** at the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club in **Naples, Florida**. It will address today's complex health and pension issues and focus on how to improve or expand our reciprocal agreements.
[Register for the next IBEW-NECA Employee Benefits Conference](#)

Local LMCCs In The Spotlight At Convention's Labor Relations Special Session
Each of the four NECA regions was represented at the [special session on labor relations](#) in Seattle where NECA contractors and chapter managers discussed the good work being done by their local Labor Management Cooperation Committees. Attendees heard updates on the [St. Louis LMCC](#), the [Western Ohio LMCC](#), the [East Tennessee LMCC](#) and the [Northern California LMCC](#). Watch for an announcement of a video of the session coming soon to NECA's website. In the meantime, you can ...
[Read about the Labor Relations Special Session on NECA's 2009 Convention Blog](#)

FUTURE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS.....

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