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Alaska Chapter NECA Newsletter

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Chapter Calendar

September 1

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September 7

September 8

September 9

September 12-15

Meeting @ Convention

Fullford Electric's 25th Anniversary with NECA

Anchorage JATC

Labor Day

Safety Committee

Membership Meeting Cancelled

NECA Convention/Seattle, WA/Board of Directors

Tool Box Talks

September 07, 2009

September 14, 2009

September 21, 2009

September 28, 2009

Personal Protective Equipment

PPE: Rubber

Responding to Your Customer's Unsafe Acts

Safety 101: General Guidelines

Obituary: Former Alaska Chapter Manager Ike Waldrop

Isaac "Ike" M. Waldrop Jr. passed away August 1 at his home in Tyler, Texas. He had been the manager of NECA's Alaska Chapter from 1980 to 1995 and was elected by his peers to chair the 1986 NECA Chapter Managers Institute (now called the NECA Association Executives Institute.) Prior to that, Mr. Waldrop had been business manager of IBEW Local 1547 from 1969 until 1980.

More Than 240 Exhibitors To See At The NECA Show. Plan Ahead Now; Pace Yourself There!

There's a good reason why the 2009 NECA Show is open for three full days — to allow Show-goers enough time to meet all the exhibitors and try out their newest and best products. It's just too much to pack into a single day, *or even two!*

Technical Workshops will be going on during the NECA Show as well, so it's a good idea to plan your schedule in advance. Use our interactive Show floor guide and 2009 exhibitors list to see what companies and products will be there — including first-time exhibitors like Galaxy Control Systems, Candels Consulting, Black Rhino, PEDOC Power Solutions, and DYMO/RHINO (*sponsors of our 2009 NECA Show water bottles*). Also check the schedule-at-a-glance to assist in planning your itinerary.

Don't forget, the New and Featured Product Room opens an hour before the Show floor each day. It provides a great opportunity for you to browse new items and updated services at your convenience so you can determine which ones to follow up on with the exhibitors at the Show.

Download a coupon good for a \$10 discount off Show admission

Meetings & Events

Keep Up With NECA 2009 Seattle Through Blog AND New Social Media

The NECA 2009 Seattle live blog, blog.necaconvention.org, is *NOT* the only place where you can get information about the event now *and* during NECA's convention and trade show. You can become a fan

of the [NECA Convention on Facebook](#) to receive important updates before the events and while they transpire. Or follow us on Twitter, twitter.com/necaconvention for quick updates about new blog posts, room changes, and raffle drawings. If already on Twitter, you can tag your own tweets with #NECA09 to let your followers know you're tweeting about NECA 2009 Seattle.

There won't be a lot of time to spare in Seattle, so [take advantage of NECA's social media](#) for event updates and to stay in touch!

[Learn how you can benefit from NECA's social networking](#)

Don't forget: While you're in Seattle, be sure to check out [Social Media: How It Can Help Your Business](#).

Labor Relations

Room Block, Registration Extended For 2009 Labor Relations Conference

Our [2009 Labor Relations Conference](#) on trust issues from the management perspective will be held at the [Hilton Palacio del Rio](#) in San Antonio, Texas, October 12-14. The room block at the hotel expires September 25 and conference registrations will be accepted until Friday, October 9. *Pre-registration is required.* An updated schedule of events, speakers, and questions and quick access to online registration is available through the following link.

[Get updated information on the 2009 Labor Relations Conference and register ASAP!](#)

Mark your calendar! The next [IBEW-NECA Employee Benefit Conference](#) is set for January 28-29, 2010, in Naples, Florida. More information coming soon.

You Don't Have To Wait Until The NECA Show To Learn About New Products And Exhibitors

You already know that the ***New & Featured Product Room*** at The NECA Show focuses exclusively on new and outstanding innovations in electrical construction. After all, for the past several years we've been advising attendees to make it their *first stop* before exploring the show floor aisle-by-aisle so they can get a close-up view of items to ask about when they visit the exhibitors booths. But, did you know you can get an [online preview of the New & Featured Product Room](#) before you even arrive in Seattle?

You can also learn more about exhibitors and their products from the [online list of 2009 NECA Show exhibitors](#), which provides website addresses for nearly all of these fine organizations. In addition, we've posted several [press releases from exhibitors](#) about their products and services; go to the NECA 2009 Seattle website, NECAConvention.org, and click the Press Release tab to view them.

[Get a preview of what's new on the show floor before you arrive in Seattle!](#)

About NECA

NECA Board Of Governors To Vote On Officer Nominations

In accordance with Section 10.4 (b) of the [NECA Bylaws](#), the following NECA-member contractors have been nominated for District Vice President for two-year terms commencing January 1, 2010, and their nominations will be voted upon at the [2009 NECA Board of Governors Meeting](#) on September 12, 2009, in Seattle. All candidates are unopposed.

- Vice President, District 1 — **David R. MacKay** (*Edward G. Sawyer Company, Weymouth, MA*)
- Vice President, District 3 — **Lanny S. Thomas** (*Allison-Smith Company, Atlanta, GA*)
- Vice President, District 5 — **Chris Schoolcraft** (*Shawver & Son, Oklahoma City, OK*)
- Vice President, District 7 — **Daniel G. Schaeffer** (*Schaeffer Electric Company, St. Louis, MO*)
- Vice President, District 9 — **Stan Lazarian** (*Electric Service & Supply Company, Pasadena, CA*)

Additional Important Information Posted On Governors Meeting Webpage

As previously reported in [NECA This Week \(August 3\)](#), proposals to be considered at the 2009 NECA Board of Governors Meeting have been posted online. Additional material has since been added, including the reports of staff officers, NECA standing committees and task forces which provide a good update on NECA activities and areas of concern. *It's YOUR association; keep up with it!*

[See the proposals, reports and more on the Board of Governors webpage](#)

Publications & Resources

Updated Officer and Overhead Personnel Compensation Report Available

During these trying times, it's more important than ever to evaluate your company's compensation and benefits accurately. NECA's 2009 Officer and Overhead Personnel Compensation Report is ready to help. It's been thoroughly updated based on an industry-wide survey of electrical contracting firms and includes additional information on how the economy is affecting employee benefits.

Order NECA's 2009 Officer and Overhead Personnel Compensation Report today

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