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Alaska Chapter NECA Newsletter

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Chapter Calendar

September 5

September 6

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October 22-25, 2011

December 3

Labor Day

Anchorage JATC

Safety Committee

Board of Directors/Membership Meeting

NECA Convention/San Diego, CA

Annual Meeting/Christmas Party

About NECA

Staff Changes in NECA's Western Region

Bill Orgill became the new executive director of NECA's Western Region on August 1, after having served as a field representative for NECA District 6 and, before that, for District 8 and as executive director of the Oregon-Pacific-Cascade Chapter, NECA. He had previously worked in labor relations for a major construction firm in the Northwest.

Bill Kuhr resigned as executive director of NECA's Western Region on July 31, where he had served since 2000, to accept a new position with the San Mateo County Chapter, NECA. He had previously served as a NECA field representative for both Redwood Empire and San Francisco NECA chapters.

Effective September 1, **R. Terry Hatch** will be joining NECA's national staff as field representative in the Western Region. He will replace Bill Orgill in NECA District 6.

Terry has been the executive manager of the Oregon-Pacific-Cascade Chapter, NECA since 1998 and managed our Montana Chapter before that.

Governors to Vote on Bylaw Amendment and Two Other Proposals

A proposal to eliminate the [Marketing Committee](#) in light of the creation of taskforces to further its work will be considered at the Board of Governors Meeting. Governors will also vote on updating NECA's Policy on Contractor-Utility Relations and changing the grievance presentation process at [CIR](#). [Download "Proposals Received by Deadline" for NECA's 2011 Board of Governors Meeting >>](#)

On The Job

Something Special for Line Contractors Coming to San Diego

Recognizing that line contractors are at the forefront of the energy revolution, NECA invites all participants in the outside line construction industry to enjoy special programs just for them, and **special savings**, in San Diego this fall. (**Note:** Some programs have

enrollment limits; prompt [registration](#) is a MUST!) [Investigate opportunities for line contractors at NECA 2011 San Diego >>](#)

Meetings & Events

ELECTRIC Council Holds Successful Mid-Year Session

Presentations by young academic researchers, opportunities for contractors and industry partners to work with current project researchers, and an update on the state of our industry and association topped the agenda when [ELECTRI Council](#) members gathered in Chicago. [Read more about what went on at the 2011 ELECTRI Council Mid-Year Meeting >>](#)

ECPAC

News on ECPAC has been good so far this year

As of August 23, **over \$692,000 has been collected from 863 contributions. Over \$600,000 in personal ECPAC contributions has been collected from nearly 600 contributors with the remaining \$90,000 collected from 276 corporate gifts.** Political Leadership Conference Chairman Tom Wolden and the regional PLC chairs met via conference call to discuss efforts to meet ECPAC's two goals this year, those being securing \$1 million in ECPAC contributions and at least one ECPAC contribution from every NECA chapter. [Keep watching for more information regarding prize drawings for items offered during the NECA Convention in San Diego.](#)

Legislative Update

House moving closer to consideration of the 3% withholding tax

Republican Majority Leader Eric Cantor issued a statement on Tuesday, August 30, regarding the activities of the House upon its return from its August break. Cantor's statement focused on legislation that would eliminate burdensome regulations that impede job creation efforts. One of the bills mentioned for consideration is **HR 674, legislation that would repeal the 3% withholding tax.** No timetable has been set for consideration of the legislation.

Labor Relations

Labor Relations Special Session to Help Shore Up Local Pension Plans

All NECA conventioners are urged to join us in San Diego Monday, **October 24**, 10:00-11:30 a.m., to learn about the current and future state of local pension funds and potential options and actions that can be taken to remain competitive. [See what's planned for the Labor Relations Special General Session at NECA's 2011 Convention >>](#)

Safety

Calling All Safety Professionals...to NECA 2011 San Diego!

Our new **Safety Track Session Pass** provides access to all safety-related Management Seminars and Technical Workshops and the Safety Roundtable in San Diego for only \$500. Perfect for professionals who want to build on what they learned at

the first [NECA Safety Professionals Conference](#) and rack up more [CEUs!](#) [Learn all about the NECA 2011 San Diego Safety Track Session Pass >>](#)

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