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Alaska Chapter News

Upcoming Meetings & Events

The next Board of Directors and Membership meeting will be held February 7, 2018. Tentative dates for all future meetings in 2018 are listed to the right. It is very important to let Michelle know if you will be attending meetings or not as early as possible so that the Chapter may get an accurate head count for catering.



Government Affairs

Top Three

1. On January 3, 2018, NECA, as a member of the Infrastructure Working Group, sent a letter to Congressional leaders urging them to take swift action on an infrastructure bill in 2018. The letter stated that infrastructure investment must be a top priority for the 115th Congress.
2. Earlier this week, the Department of Labor (DOL) offered a proposed rule to allow greater acceptance for associations under the ERISA to offer association health plans across state lines. This proposed rule comes on the heels of the executive order issued by the Trump Administration in October of last year, urging federal agencies to loosen the restrictions placed on associations who wish to offer insurance plans across state lines.
3. On January 9, 2018, Representatives Dr. Phil Roe (R-TN) and Donald Norcross (D-NJ) held a brief press event to announce their upcoming introduction of the long awaited, *Growing Retirement Options for Workers (GROW) Act*. Sponsored by numerous contractor associations and North America's Building Trades Union the GROW Act allows for the creation of multiemployer pension composite plans.

Events

02/07/18

**Board of Directors /
Membership Meeting**
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02/19/18

President's Day

03/21/18

**Board of Directors /
Membership Meeting**

04/11/18

**Board of Directors /
Membership Meeting**

05/09/18

**Board of Directors /
Membership Meeting**

05/28/18

Memorial Day

06/06/18

**Board of Directors
Only Meeting**

07/04/18

Independence Day

07/11/18

**Board of Directors
Only Meeting**

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NECA CEO Statement on Tax Cut and Jobs Act

NECA CEO John M. Grau has published the below statement to NECA Contractors regarding the recent Tax Cut and Jobs Act legislation passed, and what it means for our association and the industry.

After many years of discussion, education, and activism by NECA, Congress at long last passed a comprehensive tax reform bill that we believe will help reduce your tax burden and help grow the electrical construction industry for the foreseeable future. When Congress began to pull together its first take on reform many months ago, it quickly became unclear whether this was going to be truly beneficial for our industry.

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2017 NECA Government Affairs Accomplishments

NECA Government Affairs has worked every day throughout 2017 to advance our members' priorities and educate members of Congress and the Trump Administration about our key issues.

As a matter of policy portfolio, we have advocated on numerous issues covering six areas: [infrastructure](#), [tax reform](#), [health care](#), [workforce](#), [energy](#), and [contracting](#). We have made significant progress reaching out to the Trump Administration and held meetings at the White House, the Department of Labor, the Department of Energy, the Department of Transportation, and the General Services Administration.

We are pleased to report on our [2017 Government Affairs Accomplishments](#), and look forward to a very productive 2018.

The above is what your NECAPAC contributions go to. Thank you to those that contributed in 2017. If you would like to contribute for 2018, you may ask the Chapter for a NECAPAC contribution form at the upcoming meeting Wednesday, February 7, 2018, or click on "Learn More" below to contribute online.

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Meetings & Events

Registration for the National Legislative Conference Opens Monday

Registration opens Monday, January 15, 2018 for the annual National Legislative Conference, held **May 16-17, 2018** in Washington, D.C. Don't miss the premiere legislative conference for electrical contractors to hear about the top issues

08/15/18
Board of Directors /
Membership/Veteran
Member/Guest/Spouse
Meeting

08/16/18
NECA Open at
Anchorage Golf Course

09/03/18
Labor Day

09/12/18
Board of Directors /
Membership Meeting

09/29-10/02/18
2018 NECA Convention
& Trade Show
Philadelphia, PA

10/10/18
Board of Directors /
Membership Meeting

11/11/18
Veteran's Day

11/14/18
Board of Directors /
Membership Meeting

11/22/18
Thanksgiving Day

12/01/18
Annual Board of
Directors / Membership
Meeting & Holiday
Party in Anchorage

12/25/18
Christmas Day

01/01/19
New Year's Day

affecting the industry and to meet the leaders who are working to provide real solutions. Our conference is about policy, not partisanship. Accordingly, leading members from both sides of the political aisle will be on hand to brief participants on the latest happenings on Capitol Hill.

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Publications & Resources

New NECA Tool & Equipment Rental Schedule

The 2017-2018 Tool & Equipment Rental Schedule is now available to Accredited Representatives on the Chapter's website under the "Resources" page.

All Accredited Representatives should have received letters from NECA National to request your free copy of the new Manual of Labor Units. Requests for copies are **due by February 1, 2018**.

The 2017-2018 edition features an exciting organizational change-to better align the data in the MLU with the specification documents that you receive, this edition has been reorganized to correspond with the Construction Specification Institute's *MasterFormat*, 2016 Edition. Labor units have been placed with the 15 *MasterFormat* Divisions that NECA members most commonly bid on and reference of these changes is found within the Manual.

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NECA Premier Partners

Greenlee, United Rentals Become NECA Premier Partners; Westex Reinstates Commitment

Westex by Milliken, a provider of flame-resistant (FR) fabrics used to protect workers, has reinstated their commitment as a NECA Premier Partner. Greenlee, a provider of quality tools to the electrical industries, and equipment rental provider United Rentals are the newest members of the NECA Premier Partner sponsorship program effective January 1, 2018.

NECA's Premier Partner program connects member contractors with leading companies in the electrical construction industry. Other partners include: Graybar, Milwaukee Tool, Federated Insurance, Schneider Electric, Thomas & Betts, Southwire and 3M.

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Safety

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.

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