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Alaska Chapter News

Upcoming Meetings & Events

The next Board of Directors and Membership meeting will be held March 21, 2018. Calendar invites have gone out for all future tentative meetings this year. We will send out NECAGrams as we have in the past a couple of weeks prior to each meeting. If there is a change in date or time, your calendar will be updated accordingly. 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.

Upcoming Seminar

The Pricing and Negotiating Change Orders & Claims Like A Pro seminar is being held in Anchorage, March 12, 2018. The fee for NECA Members is \$199/person. If you are among the first 15 to register, you will save an additional 25%. The Chapter has had members attend this training in the past and found it to be worthwhile. I encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity, and the savings associated with it.

Labor Request Forms

We have added the Local union's labor request forms to our website, you can find them [here](#) under NECA/IBEW.

Government Affairs

Top Three

1. Despite a filibuster by Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY) over spending concerns, and a failed attempt by House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) to obtain a firm commitment for an immigration vote, Congress Friday morning passed a six-week stopgap spending bill and ended a several-hour government shutdown. The Continuing Resolution (CR) funds the federal government at current (FY 2017) levels through March

Events

02/19/18

President's Day
[Holiday Notice](#)

03/12/18

Pricing & Negotiating Change Orders & Claims Like a Pro Seminar
[Registration Form](#)

03/21/18

Board of Directors / Membership Meeting
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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

23, 2018 and includes an agreement on a long-term plan for the next two years.

2. The new budget agreement also contains language to create a *Joint Select Committee on Solvency of Multiemployer Pension Plans*. This new and temporary joint committee will consist of the following parameters:
 - The Committee will be made up of 12 members to be appointed by House and Senate leaders. The members will include six Senators and six House members, equally divided between Republicans and Democrats.
 - The Committee has instructions to report a bill to solve the pension crisis by the final week of November.
 - If at least four members from each party agree on a compromise, the solution the Committee produces will be guaranteed an expedited vote on both the House and Senate floors with no amendments.

The Committee will be required to hold at least five public meetings, including at least one field hearing outside of D.C. for the Committee to hear directly from retirees, workers and businesses affected by the pension crisis.

3. One of the critical problems facing our nation is our outdated water infrastructure. This past week the NECA supported (S.2364/H.R.4902) *Securing Required Funding for Water Infrastructure Now Act* was introduced. This bill is major step forward in water infrastructure investment.

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Education & Training

On-Demand Programs on Job Kickoff Meetings and Safety Preplanning Now Available

Two new short, on-demand courses, each about 15 minutes in length, on the role of the electrical project manager during job kickoff meetings and in safety planning during the preplanning stage are now available in the NECA Learning Center.

Job Kickoff Meetings

This course will help the electrical project manager understand the goals of internal and external job kickoff meetings to ensure that all team members are focused on the project goals from the very start of the project.

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Safety Preplanning

07/11/18

Board of Directors
Only Meeting

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

This course will discuss the important steps that a project manager must take before work has begun, to provide a safe, productive jobsite.

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Each course is available to NECA members for \$10 for an introductory period. Visit NECAEducation.com to learn more and register.

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR and Legrand Present: Meeting Code with GFCI Receptacles

There are several solutions available to meet NEC requirements for ground fault circuit protection. In kitchens and laundry rooms, where dual-function protection is required, you can meet Code requirements with AFCI/GFCI breakers or by pairing GFCI receptacles with an AFCI breakers. But which way is better?

On March 7, ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR and Legrand will partner to present Meeting Code with GFCI Receptacles at 2:00pm EST. This free webinar will discuss NEC requirements and explore the pros and cons of the various ways to meet Code. *Registration is required.*

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Publications & Resources

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR Releases 2018 Construction Outlook

Forecast: Some clouds but not overcast

If the economy went in for a checkup, the doctor would likely say, "Keep doing what you're doing." Overall, things are positive with no surprises. We're at full employment. Inflation is in check. The stock market is confident. Personal and disposable income is up, as is personal savings.

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2017 National Electrical Code® Adoption Update

The 2017 edition of the NFPA National Electrical Code® has been in effect for an entire year and several states have recently adopted this new version. But, many are still several editions behind. When a state does not adopt the most recent code, they fail to protect their residents from shock, electrocution, and fires.

Mike Johnston, NECA executive director standards and safety, stresses the importance of adoption because, "the latest editions include requirements related to new technology like energy storage, large scale PV, microgrids, energy management, wireless EV charging, and power over ethernet (POE).

Jurisdictions that choose not to adopt the latest edition will be challenged when handling systems of these technologies.”

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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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