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Alaska Chapter News

Upcoming Meetings & Events

The next Board of Directors and Membership meeting will be held March 6, 2019. 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.

Information Update Forms

The Chapter has sent out our annual information update form for the agreements and targets you are working under. This is a new form this year since we have a new agreement added. If you have not already done so, please fill it out and return it to Michelle as soon as possible. We should start seeing rate sheets from the IBEW in the next month.

NECAPAC

If you would like to contribute to NECAPAC for 2019, you can ask the Chapter for a NECAPAC personal or corporate contribution form, pick one up at the Chapter, or click on "Learn More" below to contribute online. They are also available on the chapter's website <http://www.alaskaneca.org/neca-links/>

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Government Affairs

Top Three

1. Another Shutdown Averted

President Donald J. Trump signed H.J.Res. 31 - Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019 into law, avoiding another partial government shutdown. The bill passed the House in a 300 - 128 vote, and the Senate in a 83-16 vote.

2. House Holds Hearing on Multiemployer Pensions

The week before last, the House Ways and Means Committee held a lengthy hearing entitled Improving

Events

03/06/19

**Board of Directors /
Membership Meeting**
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04/1-19/19

**2019 NECA Now in
Phoenix, AZ**

04/10/19

**Board of Directors /
Membership Meeting**

05/15/19

**Board of Directors /
Membership Meeting**

05/27/19

Memorial Day

06/05/19

**Board of Directors
Only Meeting**

07/04/19

Independence Day

07/10/19

**Board of Directors
Only Meeting**

08/19 TBD

**Board of Directors /
Membership/Veteran
Member/Guest/Spouse
Meeting**

Retirement Security for America's Workers. The hearing, with such a broad starting point, touched on many issues relating to social security, multiemployer pensions, IRA's, and healthcare insurance. NECA, along with other construction industry groups, urged members to focus on the impending crisis faced by the multiemployer community.

3. NECA Calls on Congress to Repeal the Cadillac Tax

Earlier last week the Construction Employers of America, a coalition of seven premier national construction specialty contracting associations, sent a letter to Congress praising and encouraging members to cosponsor H.R. 748, "*The Middle-Class Health Benefits Tax Repeal Act of 2019*." This legislation would repeal the onerous "Cadillac Tax" which, if implemented, would impose a 40 percent excise tax on employer provided healthcare plans above an arbitrary threshold.

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Meetings & Events

2019 National Labor Relations Conference

The conference will begin Monday afternoon followed by a reception at the hotel. Tuesday will run all day, with a mix of plenary sessions and breakouts followed by our traditional large reception at K-Paul's Restaurant that evening. Wednesday's session will end by noon, to allow most attendees the opportunity to travel home. The registration fee is \$700 per attendee (guests accompanying attendees may register to attend the social events – breakfasts, lunch and receptions for \$350.)

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NECA 2019 Safety Professionals Conference

Join NECA in celebrating Electrical Safety Month by attending the electrical industry's premier safety conference.

NECA provides attendees with the most up-to-date information on regulation, compliance, management techniques and standards development that impact safety and health in the electrical construction industry. All technical sessions are educational in nature and presented by experienced safety professionals.

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Education & Training

New Online Project Management Class Available:

08/19 TBD
NECA Open at
Anchorage Golf Course

09/02/19
Labor Day

09/10/19
Board of Directors /
Membership Meeting

09/14-17/19
2019 NECA Convention
& Trade Show in Las
Vegas, NV

10/09/19
Board of Directors /
Membership Meeting

11/11/19
Veteran's Day

11/13/19
Board of Directors /
Membership Meeting

11/28/19
Thanksgiving Day

12/07/19
Annual Board of
Directors / Membership
Meeting & Holiday
Party in Anchorage

12/25/19
Christmas Day

01/01/20
New Year's Day

Communication Best Practices for Project Managers discusses the typical types of communications a project manager has and provides strategies to improve those communications. This short, on-demand online course will help improve the effectiveness of the everyday communications electrical project managers have.

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New Line Foreman Online Course Released

Line Foremanship Fundamentals, an on-demand online course for new line construction working foreman is now available!

This course will guide them through the responsibilities of their new role, discuss their responsibility to their crew, their responsibility to the company they are working for and their responsibility for the management of the job.

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Safety

OSHA Releases Temporary Enforcement Policy for Crane Operator Evaluation Requirements

OSHA will offer compliance assistance in the first 60 days of enforcement for its new Cranes and Derricks in Construction: Operator Qualifications final rule, which went into effect February 7.

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eSafetyLine Toolbox Talks

Each month, NECA's safety website addresses a specific topic and offers downloadable materials to enable you to provide related weekly toolbox safety talks to employees. You can also find more great safety resources here <https://esafetyline.net/neca2/>.

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