



NECA ALASKA CHAPTER

NEWS FROM THE CHAPTER

Agreement Rate Changes

Thursday, February 11th, the Chapter sent out a request to employers asking for updated information for whom to send Agreement changes to within your firm. If you have not already responded, please do so ASAP. Letters of Agreement effective April 1, 2021 are scheduled to go out soon.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

The next Board of Directors and Membership meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2021 via ZOOM at 3:30 pm and 4:00 pm respectively. Please also be sure to accept the calendar invites for the meetings so we can ensure you receive your ZOOM meeting invitation.



INSIDE WASHINGTON

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

NECA Legislative Top Three: 02/12/2021

1. House Continues Work on Budget Reconciliation

Last week, the House Committees of jurisdiction held markup hearings for budget reconciliation legislative recommendations. Once the committee's markups are completed, they will send their final recommendations to the House Budget Committee, which will then combine the bills for a final vote by the House. That vote is expected to take place the last week in February. The Senate will work to pass legislation before March 1.

NECA's Look Ahead: Although we are still early on in the process and all provisions in the reconciliation are subject to a number of procedural tests in the Senate. The following provisions are included so far:

2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

03/10/21

Board of Directors /
Membership Meeting
via ZOOM

[RSVP](#)

04/13-14/21

Virtual NECA Now

04/14/21

Board of Directors /
Membership Meeting

05/12/21

Board of Directors /
Membership Meeting

05/31/21

Memorial Day

06/09/21

Board of Directors /
Membership Meeting

07/04/21

Independence Day

07/14/21

Board of Directors /
Membership Meeting

08/18/21

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

08/19/2021

Tentative NECA Open

09/06/21

Labor Day

09/08/21

Board of Directors /
Membership Meeting

- Expanded sick leave and paid leave credits through Sep. 30, 2021.
- Extends the pandemic Unemployment Assistance through Aug. 29, 2021, at \$400 a week.
- Employee Retention Tax Credit
- COBRA Subsidies
- Emergency Pension Plan Relief

2. House passes NECA-Supported National Apprenticeship Act

On Friday, February 5, the House of Representatives passed, with a [247 to 173](#) vote, the [NECA-supported](#) H.R. 447, the [National Apprenticeship Act of 2021](#). This legislation would invest more than \$3.5 billion toward expanding opportunities and access to apprenticeships in the next five years, totaling nearly 1 million new apprenticeship opportunities. NECA worked to successfully defeat several amendments that would have watered down funding requirements for apprenticeship programs.

NECA's Look Ahead: NECA has been a strong advocate of this legislation when it has been introduced in the past and hope that it will continue to move forward and help grow the skilled workforce. We will encourage the swift passage of this important legislation in the Senate.

3. The 2021 National Legislative Conference Has Been Cancelled

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the restrictions in place about in-person meetings on Capitol Hill, NECA has made the difficult decision to cancel the 2021 NECA Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C., from May 3-6.

Unfortunately, given the uncertainty regarding the legislative and electoral calendar, we will be unable to reschedule the Legislative Conference this year. However, we hope to hold a meeting later this summer that will focus on Policy and will feature Members of Congress as special speakers. Please stay tuned for more information.



NECAPAC

NECAPAC encourages members to utilize secure online donations to ensure safe delivery of contributions. If you have never made an online contribution and would like to utilize this feature, please contact Hadlea Bothe at Hadlea.Bothe@necanet.org or 240-800-5004 for assistance in creating an online NECAPAC profile. You can also let the Chapter know and we can assist.

10/09-12/21
2020 NECA Convention
& Trade Show
Nashville, TN

10/2021
Board of Directors /
Membership Meeting
TBD

11/10/21
Board of Directors /
Membership Meeting

11/11/21
Veteran's Day

11/25/21
Thanksgiving Day

12/04/21
Annual Board of
Directors / Membership
Meeting

12/25/21
Christmas Day

01/01/22
New Year's Day

If you would like to contribute to NECAPAC for 2021, you can do so by [clicking here](#), asking the Chapter for a NECAPAC personal or corporate contribution form, or pick one up at the Chapter. They are also available on the [Chapter's website](#).

If you wish to mail in your NECAPAC contributions, please send to NECA's Capitol Hill office at: NECAPAC- 1201 Pennsylvania Ave. NW - Washington, DC 20004

You can check out NECA's take on key industry issues [here](#).



NECA THIS WEEK

NEWS FROM THE VOICE OF THE ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

NECA 2021 Project Excellence Awards Program Open

NECA has begun accepting entries for the Project Excellence Awards (PEA) program. NECA will accept submissions for the 2020 Project Excellence Award from February 1 to May 30, 2021. For a timeline of the application process, program FAQs, 2020 submissions and award winners archive, and a gallery of all project submissions visit ProjectExcellenceAwards.com.

Contact Elise Baker at elise.baker@necanet.org with any questions.

[Learn More](#)

Participate in the NECA Membership Survey

NECA would like to request your participation in the survey below. As industry leaders, participating in these surveys will give NECA the accurate data and insight into your NECA membership participation. In addition, by gathering this data, NECA will have the ability to create and identify new tools that can directly affect your success and help you develop your teams.

Participation in these surveys is completely voluntary and all of your responses will be kept confidential. No personal information will be associated with your response.

The deadline to complete this survey is **March 1, 2021**. Please direct any questions to [Elise Baker](#).

Complete the Membership Survey!



NECA VIDEO UPDATE

UPDATES FROM THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION



NECAPAC Success in 2020

NECA LIVE Podcast Trailer

NECA eSafetyLine February Safety Minute



NECA ALERT

BREAKING NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION



New Guidance on Protecting Workers and Mitigating the Spread of COVID-19 in the Workplace

On Friday, January 29th, 2021, [OSHA released a press notice](#) on new guidance related to protecting workers and mitigating the spread of COVID-19 in the workplace. This guidance is in response to the Presidential Executive Order issued by President Joe Biden to address worker health and safety related to the Coronavirus and COVID-19.

To answer this executive order, OSHA has reiterated that Face Coverings and Employer developed COVID-19 Prevention Programs are key in addressing the current pandemic facing the nation. The new guidance does include references to [existing health and safety standards](#) and how those regulations can provide guidance to employers.

Read the full NECA Legal Alert below.

NECA Alert: New OSHA Guidance on COVID-19 Workplace Mitigation



WORKING KNOWLEDGE

WEBINARS FROM THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

OSHA Recording and Injury Tracking Application Webinar

Wednesday, February 17, 2021 | 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM ET | \$0.00

This webinar will discuss the OSHA Injury Tracking Application (ITA) and provide guidance and assistance to those who are required to submit this information electronically by the March 2, 2021 deadline.

Presenting this webinar will be Wesley Wheeler, NECA Director of Safety and Joe O'Connor with Intec.

Course Length: 1 Hour

[Reserve Your Spot](#)

Key Performance Indicators: Using Lagging Information to Create Leading Indicators Virtual Classroom

Thursday, February 18, 2021 | 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM CT | \$75.00

Effective financial management expertise at the top of your operation is expected. Learn how to identify the key indicators that monitor project performance and allow you to drive responsibility down to the project level, affecting the greatest positive change. Discover how to automate processes throughout different levels of your organization so that the correct information is reaching the right staff levels in a timely manner. Using lagging information to create leading indicators is an age-old problem but with a bit of insight, we can identify the top 12 indicators all organizations should be measuring and reporting on.

Following this course, participants will be able to:

- Describe key performance metrics that create actionable information.
- Discuss data collection and metric automation methods.
- Explain deployment options Target Audience: Senior executives, financial managers and project managers.

Instructor: Stephane McShane

Course Length: 2 Hours

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Labor Cost – Convert Your Biggest Risk to your Biggest Advantage Virtual Classroom

Monday, February 22nd - Tuesday, February 23rd, 2021 | 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM ET | \$200.00

Case studies demonstrate common myths of field productivity due to a fundamental misunderstanding of what productivity really is. Case studies provide step by step illustration for participants to define productivity and production simply and clearly. Case studies illustrate methodologies for measuring and managing jobsite productivity for sustainable, breakthrough performance gains.

Following this course, participants will be able to:

- Define and appropriately measure productivity
- Define and understand the mechanics of production
- Understand blind spots existing project management approaches have to productivity improvement and what to do about it
- Gain an introductory understanding, based on case studies, of how to measure cost of lost production and how to implement effective improvement routines.

Instructor: Stephane McShane

Course Length: 6 Hours

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Change Order Management Virtual Classroom

Wednesday, March 24, 2021 | 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM CT | \$75.00

Effective change order management can dramatically reduce a subcontractor's risk and increase profitability. This four-hour interactive course explores the change order process from a subcontractor's view point and provides participants with hands on training in recognizing, scoping, pricing, and negotiating change orders. This course culminates in a mock negotiation where participants can immediately practice the skills that they have learned. Attendees to include field leaders, project administrators, project engineers, project managers, project executives, group/branch executives, financial managers, owners.

Learning Objectives:

- How to properly notify owners and general contractors of changed conditions to reserve your rights.
- How to scope, price and sell a change order.
- Negotiation strategies to maximize outcomes.

Instructor: Stephane McShane

Course Length: 3 Hours

Continuing Education Hours: 2

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