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Alaska Chapter News

Changes coming to Chapter Website

Do we have your company logo on file? If you have not already sent us a digital copy of your company logo, please do so as soon as possible. They can be sent to michelle@alaskaneca.org.

Please take a moment to verify the information shown for your firm on our website by clicking [here](#). If there are any changes, let us know so that we can get the correct information updated.

Welcome to our Newest Alaska Chapter Member

The Alaska Chapter would like to welcome our newest NECA member, Lowery Electric LLC. Their contact information can be found on the Chapter's website at www.alaskaneca.org.



Government Affairs

Top Three

1. Earlier this month, House Republicans introduced their legislation for the much-awaited replacement for Obamacare, dubbed the [American Health Care Reform Act of 2017](#). Although not yet scored by the Congressional Budget Office, this legislation has been hailed by Republicans as a way to stabilize the volatile healthcare market. The bill keeps many of the Affordable Care Act's most popular portions, including coverage for pre-existing conditions, coverage until the age of 26, and the expanded Medicaid assistance. At the same time, the replacement expands the role of Health Savings Accounts (HSAs), creates a tax credit based on age with certain income limits, and forms a Patient and State Stability Fund that is anticipated to relieve several monetary issues. In related news, the House held a markup session on the NECA-supported Self-Insurance Protection Act, introduced by Rep. Phil

Events

04/12/17
**Board of Directors /
Membership Meeting**
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05/10/17
**Board of Directors /
Membership Meeting**

05/29/17
Memorial Day

06/14/17
**Board of Directors
Only Meeting**

07/04/17
Independence Day

07/12/17
**Board of Directors
Only Meeting**

08/2/2017
**Board of Directors /
Membership/Veteran
Member/Guest/Spouse
Meeting**

08/3/2017
**NECA Open at
Anchorage Golf Course**

Roe (R-TN), which seeks to expand access to stop loss insurance and prevent the government from branching out into this type of employer insurance.

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2. H.J. Resolution 37, which would repeal the *Fair Pay and Safe Workplaces* rulemaking, was passed by Congress and will now head to the President for his approval. This bill seeks to remove the previous administration's rule requiring federal contractors to report not only labor violations on work sites but alleged violations as well.

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3. On March 8, the Senate Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, chaired by Senator Collins (R-MI), held a hearing entitled, "Investing in America: Funding our Nation's Transportation Infrastructure Needs."

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Meetings & Events

Register Today for the National Legislative Conference

Registration is now open for the NECA National Legislative Conference in Washington, DC on April 26 and 27. This annual meeting is the premiere legislative conference for electrical contractors to hear about the top issues 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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NECA Labor Relations Conference 2017

Register today for the 2017 NECA Labor Relations Conference June 19-21 at the Minneapolis Hyatt Regency in Minneapolis, MN.

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On The Job

NECA Adds Transportation and Infrastructure Category to Project Excellence Award Program

09/04/17
Labor Day

09/13/17
Board of Directors /
Membership Meeting

10/07-10/17
2017 NECA Convention
& Trade Show
Seattle, WA

10/2017 Date TBD
Board of Directors /
Membership Meeting

11/08/17
Board of Directors /
Membership Meeting

11/11/17
Veteran's Day

11/23/17
Thanksgiving Day

12/02/17
Annual Board of
Directors / Membership
Meeting & Holiday
Party in Anchorage

12/25/17
Christmas Day

A 12th category – covering transportation and infrastructure – has been added to the competition for the National Electrical Contractors Association's new Project Excellence Awards.

NECA will now consider twelve new categories based on the type of project and its dollar value:

- Commercial/Institutional
- Design Build
- Educational
- Energy Solutions/Green Building
- Health Care
- Industrial
- International
- Overhead Transmission
- Residential
- Street Lighting/Traffic Signal
- Substation/Interconnection
- Transportation & Infrastructure

Nominations for projects completed in 2016 will be accepted until **March 31**. The first set of awards will be presented at NECA's annual convention, scheduled for October in Seattle.

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Safety

NECA To Host Safety Webinar on Conducting Proper Job Briefings

NECA will host a webinar on **Thursday, March 23, at 1pm EST** based on a soon to be available, *NECA Guide to Job Briefings* ([Index #5401-17](#)). The webinar will assist members and their employees in understanding how to conduct proper job briefings. The free webinar will last one hour with time for Q&A at the end. Speakers include NECA's Director of Safety, Wes Wheeler and Joe O'Connor, INTEC.

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March Marks the First-Ever National Ladder Safety Month

Sponsored by the American Ladder Institute (ALI), the [National Ladder Safety Month](#) efforts precede OSHA's annual [National Fall Protection Stand-Down](#), which, this year is taking place May 8-12 and will have ladder safety as one of its components.

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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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