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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.

### Agreements & Letters of Agreement

The IBEW 1547 and AK NECA have concluded negotiations on the Outside Construction Agreement. A document that outlines the significant changes to the Outside Agreement, was been put out to vote and ratified March 15, 2018 by the IBEW and sent to all Outside contractors March 16, 2018.

Most notably, the parties have created a separate Outside Telecommunications Construction Agreement. This proposed new agreement is fashioned out of the current Outside Construction Agreement and is meant to serve as a tool to better focus on the telecommunications industry in AK. While the significant changes document addresses changes to the Outside Construction Agreement and the proposed Outside Telecommunications Agreement, NECA and IBEW will work expeditiously to address necessary administrative changes and clarifications that will be needed going forward. That said, Outside Telecommunications Agreement utilizes the Outside Construction Agreement as a template, and will be largely unchanged aside from the specific changes spoken to in the significant changes document.

Increases in pay and contribution amounts are meant to go in effect April 1, and are timed with prevailing wage surveys. Also, the overtime premiums outlined in the significant changes document will be effective on projects bid March 19, 2018 and thereafter.

### Events

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**

07/11/18

**Board of Directors  
Only Meeting**

08/15/18

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

Letters of Agreement for the Outside, Inside, Tree Trimming, Industry Support and Residential agreements with the wage & benefit rates going into effect April 1, 2018 will be sent out early this week.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the Chapter.



## Government Affairs

### Top Three

1. On March 14, 2018, the Joint Select Committee on Multiemployer Pensions held its first organizational session. The meeting consisted of introductory opening statements from all members of the committee and ended in under two hours. Each member stressed the grim outlook for certain characteristics of the multiemployer system and the need to address these issues before they compound upon one another.
2. With the government expected to run out of funding on March 23, 2018, both House and Senate Leadership and members of the Appropriation Committee are continuing to negotiate the legislative language that will make up the omnibus package designed to fund the government through the current fiscal year ending on September 30, 2018.
3. Senate Democratic leadership released a tax and infrastructure plan they have pledged to implement if they regain control of the chamber in November.

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### NECA Relaunches Pension Reform Action Center

This page will continuously be updated with the latest in white papers, briefing documents, and news regarding the process of our composite plan design.

You can also write your Members of Congress and tell them to co-sponsor the NECA-supported GROW Act.

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## Education & Training

### Now Available Free for NECA Members: Online Introduction to MLU

NECA has released a new online course free to NECA Members, the Introduction to the Manual of Labor Units and is a must for all new users of the Manual.

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**

Designed to coincide with the updates made in the 2017-2018 edition of the NECA Manual of Labor Units, this course details the components and proper applications when estimating electrical construction projects.

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## Meetings & Events

### 2018 NECA Future Leaders Conference

Omni Nashville Hotel-Nashville, TN

NECA's Future Leaders are the next generation of electrical contractors, as well as the next generation of industry leadership. This conference connects emerging professionals by offering events focused on networking and discussions topics to enhance their leadership skills and increase their involvement within the association, community and the industry.

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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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