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Alaska Chapter News

Upcoming Meetings & Events

The next Board of Directors and Membership meeting will be held April 8, 2020. **It is very important to let Michelle know if you will be attending meetings, no later than the Friday before, so that the Chapter may get an accurate head count for catering. If you have not confirmed as attending, the Chapter will assume you will not be at the meeting.**

Agreement Updates

The IBEW is currently working to get new Letter of Agreements for the upcoming April 1st rate changes. As soon as the Chapter has them, they will go out to all contractors and be added to the Chapter's website under the Resources page. Logins are currently set up for accredited reps, if you have other employees that you would like to have access to this portion of the Chapter site, please let Michelle know.



Government Affairs

NECA Legislative Top Three 3/13/20

1. [NECA Helps Secure Construction Industry Exemption in Final IRAP Rule](#)

On March 10, 2020, the Department of Labor released the final rule of the Industry-Recognized Apprenticeship Programs (IRAP) regulation. The final rule contains a permanent construction industry exemption, thereby protecting our industry from participation in IRAPs. NECA released a statement thanking the Administration from recognizing that the construction industry has longstanding expertise in the creation and execution of apprenticeships.

2. [The House Introduces Legislation to Address COVID-19 Outbreak](#)

Washington D.C., like the rest of the nation and world, is responding to the outbreak of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus). On the evening of March 11, President Trump addressed the nation

Events

04/08/20

**Board of Directors /
Membership Meeting**
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05/13/20

**Board of Directors /
Membership Meeting**

05/25/20

Memorial Day

06/10/20

**Board of Directors
Only Meeting**

07/04/20

Independence Day

07/08/20

**Board of Directors
Only Meeting**

08/12/20

**Board of Directors /
Membership/Veteran
Member/Retiree/Guest
Meeting at O'Malley's
on the Green**

08/13/20

**NECA Open at
Anchorage Golf Course**

09/07/20

Labor Day

live from the Oval Office. On Capitol Hill, negotiators continue to work to find a compromise between competing coronavirus response bills.

3. NLRB Chairman Testifies Regarding Funding

On March 11, 2020, the House Committee on Appropriations held a hearing on the National Labor Relations Board Budget Request for FY 2021. Testifying on behalf of the NLRB was the Honorable John Ring, Chairman of the National Labor Relations Board.

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Congress Passes Coronavirus Funding Bill

On March 4, 2020, Congress passed a [NECA-supported bill, H.R. 6074](#), the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act. This bill addresses the critical funding issues surrounding the U.S. response to the Coronavirus outbreak. The bill includes the following:

- \$4 billion to make diagnostic tests more broadly available
- \$2.2 billion for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for robust response including:
 - \$1 billion exclusively for state and local response efforts
 - \$300 million for CDC's Infectious Diseases Rapid Response Reserve Fund
 - \$20 million to administer disaster assistance loans for small businesses impacted by the virus
 - \$1.25 billion for the State Department and (USAID)
 - \$264 million to evacuate Americans and maintain consular operations overseas

NECA also launched a new [Coronavirus Resource Center](#) that will be updated regularly to provide information to our contractors, their employees, and other industry partners. In addition, NECA CEO David Long [issued a statement](#) on news concerning the coronavirus.

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NECAPAC

If you would like to contribute to NECAPAC for 2020, you can do so by asking 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/>. You can check out NECA's take on key industry issues here: <https://www.necanet.org/industry-priorities/advocacy>

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09/09/20
Board of Directors /
Membership Meeting

10/03-06/20
2020 NECA Convention
& Trade Show in
Chicago, IL

10/14/20
Board of Directors /
Membership Meeting

11/11/20
Veteran's Day

11/04/20
Board of Directors /
Membership Meeting

11/26/20
Thanksgiving Day

12/05/20
Annual Board of
Directors / Membership
Meeting & Holiday
Party in Anchorage

12/25/20
Christmas Day

01/01/21
New Year's Day

Protect Your Workers From Exposure to the 2019 Novel Coronavirus!

According to existing OSHA standards, employers are required to protect workers from exposure to the 2019 Novel Coronavirus by using appropriate PPE such as gloves, eye, face and respiratory protection. If a worker becomes sick after exposure on the job, it will be a recordable illness according to 29 CFR 1904, being more than just a common cold or flu.

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Announcing the 2020 OSHA Falls Stand Down and Construction Safety Week Activities

NECA Safety Professionals, now is the time to prepare for the upcoming 2020 OSHA Falls Safety Stand Down and Construction Safety Week to be held May 4-8, 2020. NECA is encouraging you to participate locally with apprenticeship and industry partners by jointly presenting a safety message raising safety awareness to apprentices.

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OSHA Raises Employer Penalties for 2019

The penalties levied against employers for safety violations by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) have gone up, effective January 24, 2020. The increases only apply to citations issued after that date and for the remainder of 2019.

The 2019 penalties are:

- Other than Serious violations, \$13,260 (up from \$12,675 in 2018);
- Serious violations, \$13,260 (up from \$12,675);
- Repeat violations, \$132,598, (up from \$126,749);
- Willful Violations, \$132,598 (up from \$126,749);
- Failure to abate (per day), \$13,260 (up from \$12,675 last year).

NECA Introduces SAFETY LEADER Magazine

SAFETY LEADER, a new magazine produced by the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA), has launched this month with its inaugural issue being sent to more than 80,000 electrical personnel across the United States. Bundled with NECA's flagship publication, ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR, each SAFETY LEADER issue will deliver content geared toward informing electrical professionals working in all aspects of the industry including both outside line construction and inside electrical construction. The new quarterly publication will highlight the importance of safety and industry news, OSHA rulemaking, training, on-site practices, safety-related products and services, a view of workers in the field and important resources.

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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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