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Alaska Chapter News

Changes coming to Chapter Website

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 as soon as possible so that we can get the correct information updated.

Chugach Electric Elections are Upon Us

The Alaska Chapter supports the candidates endorsed by Chugach Reliability Group, Harry Crawford and Stuart Parks. Members have until noon on May 15 to return their paper ballots, or until 4pm on May 18 to vote online.

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Obituaries

It is with sadness that the Alaska Chapter passes on the news of two familiar faces that departed us this month. Both will be missed.

Terri Carle, Mike Carle's wife passed away on April 3rd. A visitation will be held from 5:30-7:30pm, Thursday, April 20, 2017 with a rosary at 6pm, at Evergreen Memorial Chapel, 737 E Street in Anchorage. A funeral will be held at 2pm on Friday, April 21, 2017 at Holy Family Cathedral. A potluck celebration of life will follow at the Fox Hollow Chalet, at 11701 Brayton Dr.

Jerry Cernich, Owner of Arctic Electric and a member of the Alaska Chapter passed away on April 9th. A celebration of life will be held on Sunday, April 23rd at the Fox Hollow Chalet, at 11701 Brayton Dr in Anchorage from 2-6pm, dress casual as Jerry didn't like wearing ties.

Government Affairs

Top Three

Events

- 05/10/17
Board of Directors / Membership Meeting
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- 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
- 09/04/17
Labor Day

1. On April 12, Office Management and Budget Director Mick Mulvaney issued a memorandum to begin President Trump's campaign promise of overhauling the federal workforce. The brief memorandum outlines short and long-term goals focusing on reducing the number of federal employees and making the processes that surrounds these employees more efficient. In addition to signifying the end of the government hiring freeze brought on by the President, this memorandum is intended to act as a guide for federal agencies as they comply with President Trump's executive order issued earlier in March to develop a reorganization strategy.

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2. While overall job growth during the month of March was moderate, a clear bright spot was the 7,300 new jobs in nonresidential specialty trade construction. The nonresidential specialty trades have continued to show their resilience as their gains were offset by 6,600 job losses in the residential specialty construction sector.

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3. NECA sent a letter to Senate Majority Leader McConnell, Senate Minority Leader Schumer, Speaker Ryan and House Minority Leader Pelosi, urging them to focus on infrastructure, specifically legislation that prioritizes the modernization of the electric grid and Energy storage systems.

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Meetings & Events

Speakers Confirmed for Legislative Conference

We are excited to announce that two speakers have been confirmed for the National Legislative Conference! Rep. Brendan Boyle (D-PA), co-chair of the Blue Collar Caucus and an advocate for labor unions and contractors, will discuss the skilled-trades workforce shortage and how we can combat this issue. Rep. Tim Ryan (D-OH), a member of the House Appropriations Committee, is well-versed on NECA's issues and has been a strong advocate for NECA throughout his Congressional career. We look forward to hearing both Rep. Boyle and Rep. Ryan's take on the current political climate.

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NECA 2017 Future Leaders Conference

May 17-19 in San Francisco, CA.

09/13/17

**Board of Directors /
Membership Meeting**

10/07-10/17

**2017 NECA Convention
& Trade Show
Seattle, WA**

10/20/17 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

NECA's Future Leaders are the next generation of electrical contractors, as well as the next generation of leadership.

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NECA Safety Professionals Conference (NSPC)

Join us in celebrating Electrical Safety Month by attending the electrical industry's premier safety conference, May 22-24, 2017 in Las Vegas, NV.

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NECA Labor Relations Conference 2017

The 2017 NECA Labor Relations Conference will be held June 19-21 at the Minneapolis Hyatt Regency in Minneapolis, MN.

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NECA Launches Events App for 3 National Meetings

NECA has introduced an interactive, all-in-one app for the organization's national convention & trade show, NECA Now and Safety Professionals conferences. The app will automatically update with each new year's information-download once, get all three apps on your device.

Download the NECA Events app available in the iTunes and Google Play stores.



On The Job

Vision 2020 Forecast Survey Sent April 13

NECA is engaged in a visioning process. As part of that process, we are asking owners, accredited representatives and industry leaders to share their forecast of coming opportunities and challenges so that NECA is positioned to best serve and support our members' future success. NECA has contracted with Vertical Leap Consulting to design and administer a survey.

One of the best ways to develop a successful plan for the future is to get a good response to this survey. The more input we receive from members the better. Please take the time to respond to this survey. We estimate that it will take 15-20 minutes to complete the online survey.

The email inviting participation in the survey was sent on April 13, 2017. If you did not receive your invitation, please check your spam inbox.

Thank you in advance for your help, and please know that your contribution to this effort is invaluable. If you have questions about how the survey results will be used, please contact Dan Walter at 301-215-4520 or DWG@necanet.org. Please contact Steve Lane at Vertical Leap Consulting for help with technical difficulties in completing the survey at SLane@VerticalLeapConsulting.com.



Education & Training

Schneider & NECA Present: How Changes in NFPA 70E Affect You

Join the industry's leading NFPA 70E experts as they break down the changes in NFPA 70E and discuss areas of responsibility in a free webinar on April 27 at 7am Alaska Time.

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Free Webinar: Top 4 Methods to Find & Keep Great Technicians

The typical cost of employee turnover is 21% of their annual salary. In this webinar on Thursday, May 11th at 10am Alaska Time, you'll learn the four ways to find the "keepers," interviewing in the 21st century, and how to keep your best technicians. You'll discover what's most important to your employees, how to create a culture that breeds success, and the tools you'll need to streamline recruiting.

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Publications & Resources

Top 25 Changes in the 2017 NEC

Every three years when a new Code cycle comes along, EC&M teams up with NEC Consultant Mike Holt to present the key changes made during that revision cycle. Here are the most important revisions to the 2017 NEC that affect the largest number of EC&M readers.

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Greenworks Lending Provides Clean Energy Financing for NECA Members

On Friday, March 24, NECA announced the addition of Greenworks Lending, a specialty provider of clean energy financing, making them the preferred source of Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) financing for NECA member contractors utilizing the NECA Energy Conservation and Performance Platform (E-CAP).

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NECA Hails Safety Achievement with Zero-Injury and Safety Excellence Recognition

Protecting workers on the job is not only a moral imperative and a legal obligation; it also makes good business sense. The dozens of NECA contractors who earned recognition through NECA's Recognition of Safety Achievement awards program. This elite safety recognition program is focused on recognizing thriving companies that excel in multiple areas of their safety and health programs.

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Trump Signs Resolutions Ending OSHA Record-Keeping Rule

Employers around the country-including electrical contractors-can no longer be cited for OSHA injury and illness record-keeping violations more than six months old as a result of a joint resolution signed by President Trump earlier in March.

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OSHA Delays Enforcement of Crystalline Silica Standard until Sept

The agency has determined that "additional guidance" is necessary due to the unique nature of the requirements in the construction standard. Originally scheduled to begin June 23, 2017, enforcement will now begin Sept. 23, 2017.

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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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