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Alaska Chapter News

New Chapter Website is now live

Please take a moment to check out our new Chapter website by clicking [here](#).

Upcoming Meetings & Events

The June and July Membership meetings have been cancelled but the Board of Directors will still meet. The next general meeting will be on August 2nd, please contact any retirees or veteran members and invite them to join us. Spouses/Significant Others are welcome as well.

Our annual NECA Open will be the following day with a 7am shotgun start at Anchorage Golf Course. Invitations will go out soon.

The Chapter has our room block for the NECA Convention and Trade Show in Seattle, October 7-17, 2017. Please let us know as soon as possible if you or anyone from your firm will be attending so we can secure your room(s).



Government Affairs

Top Three

1. Rep. Don Bacon (R-NE) recently introduced the NECA-supported H.R. 2350, the "Small Business Know-Before-You-Bid Construction Transparency Act of 2017." This bill seeks to address various issues relating to change-orders that our contractors consistently face. Rep. Bacon's bill was developed by the Construction Procurement Coalition, of which NECA is a member, and aims to address the length of time it takes the federal government to review, approve, and pay for equitable changes; the validity of payment assurances, such as

Events

05/29/17
Memorial Day

06/14/17
Board of Directors
Only Meeting
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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

09/13/17
Board of Directors /
Membership Meeting

10/07-10/17
2017 NECA Convention

payment bonds; and the timeliness of monthly payments.

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2. In an effort to help move the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reauthorization bill forward, the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, chaired by Rep. Bill Shuster (R-PA) will hold a hearing on May 17, titled "The Need to Reform FAA and Air Traffic Control to Build a 21st Century Aviation System for America". During the hearing, Chairman Shuster is expected to release a plan to privatize Air Traffic Control (ATC).

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3. This week, NECA sent a congratulatory letter to the Department of Labor's recently confirmed secretary, Alexander Acosta.

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Meetings & Events

Join NECA for the 2017 Safety Professionals Conference

Participants will gain access to the latest safety and health information required to navigate the rapidly changing environment of our industry and the new regulations being updated and promulgated by regulatory agencies. There are also multiple educational opportunities for both the inside and outside branches of our industry.

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NECA Descends on Capitol Hill this Week

The 2017 NECA National Legislative Conference is being held May 25-27, at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel in Washington, D.C. where NECA member contractors, chapter executives and staff will hear from 4 leading representatives of congress, industry leaders and have a chance to make their voices heard in scheduled meetings with their local representatives on Capitol Hill.

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National Competition For Electrical Professionals Returns For Second Year

National Electrical Contractors Association member contractors are encouraged to enter the second annual IDEAL National

& 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

Championship, a growing competition that works to honor and showcase the abilities of industry professionals, students and apprentices from across the country.

The second annual IDEAL National Championship was announced Jim James, Chairman and CEO of family-owned Ideal Industries, Inc. The company is a longtime supporter of NECA and the IBEW, having committed to a five-year partnership with the electrical training ALLIANCE in 2015.

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Technology

How Tesla's Energy Storage Tech Is Changing Electrical Construction

Tesla has made a name for itself in the world of electric vehicles (EVs) and green energy. The young company is synonymous with EVs, it is making inroads with its Powerwall for home battery backup and its Powerpack for industrial solutions, and its new solar shingles could make it a contender in the solar industry as well.

One thing many Tesla fans haven't considered is its impact on the jobs of electrical contractors. How is Tesla affecting electrical contractors' jobs and what effects can we expect to see in the future?

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Publications & Resources

Survey Shows 7 in 10 Electricians Concerned About Skills Gap

Klein Tools, Lincolnshire, Ill., released the results of their annual State of the Industry survey on April 17. The survey, completed by 600 electricians (of whom 40 percent were union members and 60 percent were nonunion), highlights the industry's continued concerns over the scarcity of skilled workers (particularly younger workers). Though, it also points to training measures that could be utilized to build workers' skills.

According to the survey results, approximately seven in 10 electricians are concerned about the skills gap in the U.S. labor market and nearly all of the respondents, 95 percent, think more should be done to promote skilled trades as a career option for young people.

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May is National Electrical Safety Month!

Decoding the NEC® to Prevent Shock and Electrocutation

NECA is joining with the Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) for its annual Electrical Safety Month campaign to help reduce electrically-related fatalities, injuries, and property loss. This year's theme is "Decoding the National Electrical Code® (NEC) to Prevent Shock and Electrocutation," which features resources to help protect against common electrical hazards.

The NEC is updated every three years to include the latest in proven safety technology, and the NECA is committed to educating the public about the important upgrades that can help prevent shock and electrocution," said NECA Director of Safety, Wes Wheeler. "This year's resources focus on common hazards including non-safeguarded electrical outlets and lesser-known causes such as electric shock drowning."

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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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