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Alaska Chapter News

Upcoming Meetings & Events

The next Board of Directors and Membership meeting will be held August 14, 2019. 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. This meeting will be our annual Veteran Member / Retiree / Guest/Spouse meeting. Please save the date and spread the word to retirees.

Our annual NECA Open Golf Tournament will be the day after on Thursday, August 15 at Anchorage Golf Course (O'Malley) with a shotgun start at 8am this year.



Government Affairs

NECA Celebrates #InfrastructureWeek

This past week, NECA celebrated the 7th Annual National Infrastructure Week, the annual national advocacy and education event, which is took place from May 13-20, 2019. Across the country, hundreds of businesses, labor organizations, elected officials, and more came together to spread the message that we must #BuildForTomorrow.

Investing in infrastructure is consistently one of the issues that has the strongest bi-partisan support from voters, with more supporters wanting action from government on infrastructure than almost any other issue. NECA contractors play a crucial role in the building and maintenance of America's infrastructure. They power buildings, hospitals, and schools; light highways and streets; connect transit and rail switches; install complex electrical systems at airports; operate and maintain the plants that keep our water clean, and much more, bringing power, light and communication technology to buildings and communities across the U.S.

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NECAPAC

Events

05/27/19

Memorial Day

06/05/19

Board of Directors
Only Meeting
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07/04/19

Independence Day

07/10/19

Board of Directors
Only Meeting

08/14/19

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

08/15/19 8am

NECA Open at
Anchorage Golf Course

09/02/19

Labor Day

09/10/19

Board of Directors /
Membership Meeting

09/14-17/19

2019 NECA Convention
& Trade Show in Las
Vegas, NV

If you would like to contribute to NECAPAC for 2019, you can ask 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/>

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Meetings & Events

NECA 2019 Las Vegas Convention & Trade Show Registration is Now Open!

The convention and trade show, which is hosted annually by the National Electrical Contractors Association, will be staged on Sept. 14-17 at Mandalay Bay.

Attendees can go to www.necaconvention.org for more information. It’s also the place to learn about speakers, educational opportunities and hotel accommodations.

The early registration window closes on July 18-and so will the associated savings.

The trade show portion of this event is the largest gathering of manufacturers and distributors for electrical professionals in North America, and it is open to everyone.

“NECA 2019 Las Vegas is going to be a one-of-a-kind experience,” said NECA CEO David Long. “I cannot wait for everyone in our industry to see what’s in store for this convention. It will be special.”

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Contractors Gather for NECA 2019 Legislative Conference

More than 200 electrical contractors gathered for the NECA 2019 National Legislative Conference April 29-30, in Washington, D.C., meeting with over 300 lawmakers on both sides of the political aisle on a range of issues impacting the electrical construction industry.

This year, NECA pushed for infrastructure investment; lower individual tax rates and a permanent pass-through deduction; a repeal of the estate tax and the 40 percent excise tax on “Cadillac” health care plans; an authorization of composite plans to modernize the multiemployer pension plan system; the use of 529 education savings plans to finance ancillary apprenticeship costs; and ensuring that small business federal contractors get paid in a timely manner for change orders.

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10/09/19
Board of Directors /
Membership Meeting

11/11/19
Veteran’s Day

11/13/19
Board of Directors /
Membership Meeting

11/28/19
Thanksgiving Day

12/07/19
Annual Board of
Directors / Membership
Meeting & Holiday
Party in Anchorage

12/25/19
Christmas Day

01/01/20
New Year’s Day



Education & Training

NECA Releases New Online Class on RFIs

Requests for Information discusses how to best utilize RFIs and how to get the responses you need to keep your project moving forward. This 20-minute, on-demand online course will help project managers ensure that all RFIs are a great communication and collaboration tool.

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On the Job

NECA 2019 Project Excellence Awards Deadline Extended to May 31

As we continue to receive an enthusiastic response to the Project Excellence Awards submittal request, NECA has extended the deadline to May 31 to make sure all interested members can have their projects submitted for recognition.

NECA's Project Excellence Awards recognize companies for their outstanding commitment, professionalism and ingenuity in delivering an electrical project across 12 different market sectors.

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Technology

Transformation: Going beyond Adopting New Technologies and Innovative Tools

A few weeks ago, Irving Wladawsky-Berger, wrote "Work in the Year 2030", for the CIO Journal (of the Wall Street Journal). The most uncertain variables affecting the future of work are: the rate of technological change; the evolution of learning in the workforce; and the magnitude of talent mobility across geographies. AI, robotics, IoT and other advanced technologies will have major impact on labor markets over the next 10-15 years. Continuous training will be required to meet the growing demand for rapidly advancing technologies. Training must become nimble and responsive. There will also be an increased demand for human skills such as originality, emotional intelligence, reasoning, ideation, critical thinking, and leadership. Finally, economic opportunities, travel regulations, and even crises and conflicts, will affect mobility (the movement of workers within and across borders).

Electrical contractors must use new technologies and innovative tools to shape a future where people matter. Transforming the electrical construction industry goes way beyond adopting technologies and new tools. With the goal of improving service to the customer, industry

leadership must consider a transition of new roles, new systems of delivery, and new structures within for training and skills adaptation of an entire workforce. Our customers look for business services that promote accountability, fairness, trust and transparency. If not governed appropriately, technological changes may create new inequalities and reinforce existing ones.

See a video of Amazon's newest distribution warehouse-1500 full-time associates augmented by hundreds of robots:

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Publications & Resources

NEIS Subscription Service Now Available

NECA is proud to announce that the National Electrical Installation Standards (NEIS) are now available in the form of an efficient and user-friendly digital subscription. The service, available at NECAStore.com, provides instant access to all up-to-date NEIS from any device, anywhere. An easy-to-navigate interface and an intuitive search feature allows users to find relevant standards fast. Subscribers also receive real-time updates of any new and revised content. In addition, the NEIS subscription service is cost-effective and provides significant savings when compared with purchasing standards individually.

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NECA Needs Your Input! Help Develop the NECA 2019 Financial Benchmark Report

The Construction Financial Management Association (CFMA) benchmarks contractors' financial information, providing the ability to create reliable reports with financial comparison data. The report provides in-depth analysis of key financial data and provides an industry standard that can be used for change order negotiations, audits, claims and more.

As a participant, you will receive:

- 2019 CFMA Financial Benchmark PDF
- Customized Performance Report
- Two Peer Report credits (each credit allows you to build one Peer Report)

Please complete a survey to provide valuable input in the development of this resource. Linked below, the survey is confidential and should take less than 30 minutes to complete.

Hurry! Feedback is due no later than June 3.

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Safety

OSHA Requests Information on Possible Updates to Lockout/Tagout Standard

The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requested information on a possible update to the Control of Hazardous Energy (Lockout/Tagout (LOTO)) standard.

In a press release sent out on May 17, the agency said it is interested in comments on the use of control circuit-type devices to isolate energy, as well as the evolving technology for robotics.

OSHA seeks information about how employers have been using control circuit devices, including information about the types of circuitry and safety procedures being used and more.

Comments must be submitted on or before Aug. 18.

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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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