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## Alaska Chapter News

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

The July Membership meeting has been cancelled but the Board of Directors will still meet. The next general meeting will be on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 have gone out. You may also click on the link to the right under "events" to obtain a registration form.

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. On June 7, 2017, The House Committee on Energy and Commerce held a [markup](#) on eleven energy infrastructure and policy bills. The markup was chaired by Rep. Greg Walden (R-OR) and Rep. Frank Pallone (D-NJ). Before the hearing NECA sent a [letter](#) to the members of the committee urging them to vote yes on all the bills.
2. President Trump announced on June 5, 2017 that this week would be the White House's [Infrastructure Week](#). The President participated in a number of engagements in order to further his Infrastructure agenda. NECA also attended today's Roads and Rail Regulatory Reform

## Events

07/04/17

**Independence Day**

07/12/17

**Board of Directors Only Meeting**

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08/2/2017

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

08/3/2017

**NECA Open at Anchorage Golf Course**  
[Registration Form](#)

09/04/17

**Labor Day**

09/13/17

**Board of Directors / Membership Meeting**

10/07-10/17

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

10/2017 Date TBD

**Board of Directors / Membership Meeting**

event with President Trump, Transportation Secretary Chao and Interior Secretary Zinke.

3. Late last week, NECA, as a member of the Construction Procurement Coalition, sent a [letter](#) to members of the [House Small Business Committee](#) regarding their support for Rep. Nydia Velazquez's (D-NY) recently proposed legislation that would exclude the construction industry from the periodic inflation adjustments to procurement thresholds that would trigger the need for bonding under the Miller Act. As the thresholds rise with inflation and procurement prices remain the same, the understanding is that a greater number of small contractors will fall under this law's requirement to apply for bonding.

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### **Tell Congress to Authorize Composite Plans for Multiemployer Pension Plans**

The nation's multiemployer defined benefit pension plans have provided a secure retirement to America's working families for generations. The NECA-supported Multiemployer Pension Reform Act (MPRA) included major reforms, but not the recommended addition of "composite benefit" plans (a hybrid defined contribution and defined benefit plan) designed to provide additional retirement security benefits for our workers.

Tell your representative that you support allowing the option of Composite Plans today!

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### **Take Action to Repeal PAC Prior Approval Requirements**

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 requires that corporate member trade association political action committees, like NECAPAC, obtain separate and specific approval in writing from member corporations (known as prior approval) before talking in depth about the PAC or soliciting their executive and administrative staff. Furthermore, the regulation states that a corporation may approve solicitations by only one trade association per calendar year.

This burdensome requirement imposed only upon corporate member trade association PACs needs to be repealed. Please contact your members of Congress and urge them to support repeal of prior approval.

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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**

## Electrical Contractor Testifies at Congressional Hearing on Change Order Delays

Longtime NECA member and electrician since 1979, Greg Long, testified on behalf of NECA before the House Small Business Committee on Thursday, May 25. The hearing was about the effect of federal change order delays on small businesses.

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## Meetings & Events

### Attendee Registration Opens for NECA 2017 Seattle

The #1 industry event is heading to the emerald city in 2017 – Mark your calendar for October 7-10 and see why we're the "Show for Those Who Power the World!"

Save with early rates now through August 1.

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## Publications & Resources

### Recommended Practice for Installing Energy Storage Systems Now Available

NECA has released NECA 416 Recommended Practice for Installing Energy Storage Systems (#NECA 416-16) the latest in the ANSI-accredited National Electrical Installation Standards (NEIS) series.

Discover methods and procedures used for installing multiple types energy storage systems and find information about controlling and managing energy storage systems, in addition to commissioning and maintaining energy storage systems. This standard focuses specifically on installations of battery systems, flywheels, ultra-capacitors, and electric vehicle (EV) smart charger vehicle-to-grid (V2G) technologies that are used for storing electrical energy in premises wiring systems.

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### Now Available: NECA 2017 Financial Benchmark Report

The 2017 edition of the NECA Financial Benchmark Report (1055-17), a detailed publication presenting an easy-to-understand analysis of key financial data within the electrical construction industry, is now available for purchase in the NECA Store.

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## Safety

### eSafetyLine Toolbox Talks

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