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## Alaska Chapter News

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

The next Membership meeting will be held August 15, 2018. This is our Veteran Member / Retiree / Guest / Spouse meeting so please spread the word. 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.

The annual NECA Open will be on August 16, 2018 at the Anchorage Golf Course with a 7am shotgun start. Invitations will be going out soon. Space is limited so please let us know as soon as possible regarding your golfers.

## Government Affairs

### Top Three

#### 1. House Passes WRDA Bill

On June 7, 2018, the House passed with overwhelming bipartisan support the NECA-supported bipartisan *H.R. 8 – Water Resources Development Act of 2018 (WRDA)*

#### 2. PBGC to Become Insolvent in 2025

The Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation (PBGC) released its annual actuarial analysis on the future of its operation and funding levels. The report provided a bleak analysis of the multiemployer insurance program, finding that without Congressional intervention or action, and without the increase in premiums paid by employers, this program would become insolvent in 2025. As of now, the PBGC functions at a financial deficit hovering between \$60-75 billion (depending on the projection rate). This deficit, combined with the status of critical and declining plans, means that the

## Events

07/04/18

**Independence Day**

07/11/18

**Board of Directors Only Meeting**

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08/15/18

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

08/16/18

**NECA Open at Anchorage Golf Course**

09/03/18

**Labor Day**

09/12/18

**Board of Directors / Membership Meeting**

09/29-10/02/18

**2018 NECA Convention & Trade Show Philadelphia, PA**

10/10/18

**Board of Directors / Membership Meeting**

PBGC is only able to pay out a fraction of the benefits guaranteed to workers.

### 3. California Primary Wrap Up

The long-awaited top-two primary election in California was held June 5 and Democrats, who flooded nearly every major race with a plethora of candidates, managed to avoid being shutout in all of their targeted races. NECA-supported candidates, including Rep. Jeff Denham (R), Rep. Eric Swalwell (D), Rep. Paul Cook (R), and Rep. Scott Peters (D) all came in first in their respective primary races.

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## NECAPAC

If you would like to contribute to NECAPAC for 2018, you can ask the Chapter for a NECAPAC personal or corporate contribution form, pick one up at any Chapter meeting, 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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## Publications & Resources

### ELECTRI Publishes New Reports on Quality in Construction, Best Practices

ELECTRI International has published two new reports.

The research for *Quality in Construction* report, conducted by Lonny Simonian, a professor at California Polytechnic State University, offers a new method in construction that uses a real-time, interactive process to increase quality and reduce rework. A BIQ program focuses on the initial stages of a quality process by identifying customer expectations, converting these expectations into requirements, developing design operations, and then performing the work.

The second publication, *Best Practices for Electrical Contractors*, is the result of a 2017 Early Career Award given to Brian Lines, a professor at the University of Kansas. This study included a national survey that identified the top seven most effective change management practices recommended by NECA contractors. Interviews collected lessons and tangible examples of organizational change adoption.

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11/11/18  
Veteran's Day

11/14/18  
Board of Directors /  
Membership Meeting

11/22/18  
Thanksgiving Day

12/01/18  
Annual Board of  
Directors / Membership  
Meeting & Holiday  
Party in Anchorage

12/25/18  
Christmas Day

01/01/19  
New Year's Day



## Meetings & Events

### **Save with Early Rates; Register for NECA 2018 Philadelphia**

Registration for the NECA 2018 Convention and Trade show in Philadelphia Sept. 29-Oct. 2, is underway!

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## Safety

### **OSHA Proposes Rule to Ensure Crane Operators Are Qualified to Safely Operate Equipment**

The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety Health Administration today announced a proposed rule to increase the safety of America's construction sites.

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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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