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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. Invitations have gone out. Please get yours team & fees in as soon as possible to reserve your spot. Priority will be given to NECA members.



## Government Affairs

### Top Three: Labor Issue Dominates the House

#### 1. House Education and Labor Committee Held Markup on Pension Reform

Earlier last week, the House Education and Labor Committee held a legislative markup on a collection of bills centered on elderly care and retirement. The main focus of the markup and point of contention was H.R. 397, Rehabilitation for Multiemployer Pensions Act, also known as the Butch Lewis Act. This legislation, which would offer a massive loan guarantee to plans currently facing insolvency in the multiemployer pension system, passed on party lines through the committee.

#### 2. Cadillac Tax Repeal Bill Continues to Gain Bipartisan Support

The Cadillac Tax repeal bill, H.R.748 – the Middle Class Health Benefits Tax Repeal Act of 2019, has reached nearly 390 cosponsors in the House and remains a bipartisan topic in the Senate. With the legislation now

### Events

07/04/19

Independence Day

07/10/19

Board of Directors  
Only Meeting  
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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

10/02/19

Board of Directors /  
Membership Meeting

11/11/19

Veteran's Day

garnering enough support to trigger a new House legislative rule known as the consensus calendar, which will allow for legislation with broad support to be brought to the floor on an expedited path, House leadership has begun to weigh their options as to how to best address the vote itself.

### 3. House Defeats Amendment to Allow Grants for IRAPs

This week, the House voted on a “minibus” funding bill, H.R. 2740 - Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, Legislative Branch, Defense, State, Foreign Operations, and Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2020. During the debate, over 100 amendments were offered, including a major amendment that would allow the use of grant funds for industry-recognized apprenticeship programs (IRAPs), in an attempt to place those programs on the same level as Department of Labor registered apprenticeship programs.

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## NECAPAC

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

### More Education Opportunities Than Ever at NECA 2019 Las Vegas

Conventions are the perfect place to learn and share new information, skills and concepts. As always, NECA will be providing attendees with a full slate of education at NECA 2019 Las Vegas on Sept. 14-17.

From full day preconvention workshops to 50-minute sessions on the trade show floor, there is something for everyone with a wide range of topics. The full schedule is available at [WWW.NECACONVENTION.ORG](http://WWW.NECACONVENTION.ORG).

“Whether you’re looking to get the inside information on the 2020 NEC or strategies for recruiting and retaining workers or navigate a drug-free workplace, attendees will have the opportunity to customize their experience,” NECA Executive Director of Education Stephanie Adamec said.

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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**



## Publications & Resources

### US Department of Labor Upgrades Prevailing Wage Website

On June 14, 2019, the US Department of Labor transitioned the “Wage Determinations On-Line” website, WDOL.gov, to <https://beta.SAM.gov>. The new searchable website contains a variety of information concerning Davis-Bacon wage determinations and other features, including a Learning Center to familiarize users to the new site which should be easier and more convenient.

An intriguing new function allows users to create an account on the site and then to “follow” specific wage determinations and receive email alerts when changes or modifications are published.

See the official announcement below:



The U.S. Department of Labor is excited to announce that this Friday, June 14, 2019, WDOL.gov will be transitioning to <https://beta.SAM.gov>, which will become the new website for wage determination data.

Features of the new beta.SAM.gov website include:

- **Search-based structure:** Users may search for a variety of information including specific Davis-Bacon Act and McNamara-O’Hara Service Contract Act wage determinations.
- **Learning Center** with tutorial videos, tools, and other information to familiarize users with the new site.
  - Ability to filter and search for content in the Learning Center. Users will find links to Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) and Code of Federal Regulations citations for specific subjects via a Cross Index page for Contract Labor Standards.
  - The site features more FAR Supplements and other acquisition regulations than WDOL.gov.
  - A Transition Quick Start Guide will be available soon.
- **Create an account:** By creating a beta.SAM.gov account, users may access certain features of the system only

available to account holders. For example, users will have the option to:

- Save previous searches.
  - Start or modify a Collective Bargaining Agreement.
  - “Follow” specific wage determinations and receive email alerts when changes or modifications are published.
    - Users will determine what to follow and the frequency of email alerts.
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- Timeline and history of changes to wage determinations.

Support for the wage determinations in beta.SAM.gov will continue to be provided by the Federal Service Desk.

*Employers can find compliance assistance resources from the U.S. Department of Labor’s Wage and Hour Division at [www.dol.gov/WHD/foremployers.htm](http://www.dol.gov/WHD/foremployers.htm). Additional compliance assistance resources and answers to common questions regarding federal labor laws can be found at [www.Employer.gov](http://www.Employer.gov).*

## NECA Video Update: Grow Your Service Operation with NECA Service Network



### June is National Safety Month

How safe are you at home, on the road and in the office?

The National Electrical Contractors Association joined the National Safety Council and thousands of other organizations across the country in recognizing National Safety Month.

June 1 marked the beginning of the annual campaign, which focuses on reducing leading causes of injuries and fatalities at work, on the road and in homes and communities.

The National Safety Council is providing downloadable resources highlighting a different safety topic for each week in June. Topics for 2019 are hazard recognition; slips, trips and falls; and fatigue and impairment.

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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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