



# NECA ALASKA CHAPTER

## NEWS FROM THE CHAPTER

### Welcome to our Newest Alaska Chapter Member

The Alaska Chapter would like to welcome our newest member, ARC Industries and Josh Anderson. Their contact information can be found on the Chapter's website. (link below)

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

The next Board of Directors Meetings will be July 14<sup>th</sup>. The next Board of Directors & Membership meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2021 at The Megan Room. The Board will meet at 4:30pm with the Membership meeting following at 5:00pm. This will be our annual guest meeting, Save the date!

The annual NECA Open will be August 19<sup>th</sup> with a 7:00 am shotgun start at Anchorage Golf Course. Invites will go out soon. Make sure you get your team in early to reserve your spot!

[Visit Chapter Website](#)



## INSIDE WASHINGTON

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

### NECA Legislative Top News 06/11/2021

#### 1. NECA Responds To Amendments On House Surface Infrastructure Bill

On Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, chaired by Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-OR) and Ranking Member Sam Graves (R-MO), marked up

### 2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

07/04/21

Independence Day

07/14/21

Board of Directors Only Meeting

08/18/21

Board of Directors / Membership/Veteran Member/Guest/Spouse Tentative Meeting  
[RSVP](#)

08/19/2021

NECA Open at Anchorage Golf Course  
7am Shotgun Start

09/06/21

Labor Day

09/22/21

Board of Directors / Membership Meeting

10/06/21

Board of Directors / Membership Meeting

10/09-12/21

2021 NECA Convention & Trade Show  
Nashville, TN

11/10/21

Board of Directors / Membership Meeting

11/11/21

Veteran's Day

11/25/21

Thanksgiving Day

12/04/21

Annual Board of Directors / Membership

[H.R. 2, the INVEST ACT](#). There were over 100 amendments to the legislation. The stream of the entire markup can be found [here](#).

**NECA's Look Ahead:** NECA sent a [letter](#) in response to the amendments filed. We will continue to advocate for a comprehensive infrastructure bill.

## 2. Water Quality Protections And Jobs Creation Act Advances To The Full House

Last week, [H.R. 1915, the Water Quality and Job Creation Act of 2021](#), was approved by the House Transportation Committee with bipartisan support. This infrastructure bill would invest \$50 billion over the next 5 years in wastewater, stormwater, and water treatment infrastructure. It also would reauthorize the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and provide additional grant funding under the Clean Water Act.

**NECA's Look Ahead:** This NECA-supported infrastructure bill is projected to create thousands of good paying jobs for our contractors and industry. We will continue to advocate for House passage of this critically needed legislation.

## 3. Secretary Of Labor Testifies Before The Education & Labor Committee

On Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, U.S. Department of Labor Secretary Marty Walsh testified in front of the House Education & Labor Committee on his department's priorities and the forthcoming Emergency Temporary Standard COVID-19 safety rule. This rule had been under White House review since April and was released on Thursday. The safety rules will be limited to healthcare settings but was originally anticipated to cover all workplaces.

**NECA's Look Ahead:** NECA Government Affairs is anticipating guidance for other industries to be released shortly. We will continue to monitor and work with the DOL on our industry's safety needs.



### NECAPAC

NECAPAC encourages members to utilize secure online donations to ensure safe delivery of contributions. If you have never made an online contribution and would like to utilize this feature, please contact Hadlea Bothe at [Hadlea.Bothe@necanet.org](mailto:Hadlea.Bothe@necanet.org) or 240-800-5004 for assistance in creating an online NECAPAC profile. You can also let the Chapter know and we can assist.

**Meeting & Tentative  
Holiday Party**

**12/25/21  
Christmas Day**

**01/01/22  
New Year's Day**

If you would like to contribute to NECAPAC for 2021, you can do so by [clicking here](#), asking the Chapter for a NECAPAC personal or corporate contribution form, or pick one up at the Chapter. They are also available on the [Chapter's website](#).

If you wish to mail in your NECAPAC contributions, please send to NECA's Capitol Hill office at: NECAPAC- 1201 Pennsylvania Ave. NW - Washington, DC 20004

You can check out NECA's take on key industry issues [here](#).



## **NECA THIS WEEK**

NEWS FROM THE VOICE OF THE ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

### **Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Closed**

On June 1, the Small Business Administration (SBA) announced that new Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan applications will no longer be reviewed. The SBA boasts over \$798 billion was provided in economic relief by this program to over 8.5 million small businesses. In their statement, SBA Administrator, Isabella Casillas Guzman, cites that the end of this program will allow the SBA to focus and prioritize its other more permanent programs.

NECA continues to work with the SBA on PPP loan forgiveness issues. We will continue to advocate for NECA small businesses and release information as it becomes available.

[Read the full statement here](#)



## **NECA VIDEO UPDATE**

UPDATES FROM THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION



Josh Bone Testifies Before House Committee on Small Business



NECA's Wes Wheeler to Serve on the OSHA Advisory Committee on Construction Safety and Health



NECA eSafetyLine June 2021 Safety Minute



## WORKING KNOWLEDGE

WEBINARS FROM THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

### Introduction to Project Level Lean-What's the Big Deal Virtual Classroom

Thursday, August 12, 2021 | 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM ET | \$75.00

The construction industry is increasingly utilizing formal production management principles and techniques known as “Lean Construction” to increase reliability, jobsite productivity, and superior control over schedule. Using case studies, this course provides participants with a clear understanding of the background of Lean Construction, why it’s important, why it’s effective and why they should care.

Following this course, participants will be able to:

- Understand clearly what “Lean” is and why the construction industry needs it
- Understand “Lean” terminology and be able to define it relative to other Project Management processes
- Discuss real life examples of the various methods for implementation and the results it generates
- List best practices and common pitfalls

Instructor: Stephane McShane

Course Length: 2 Hours

Continuing Education Hours: 2

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## Labor Cost - Convert Your Biggest Risk To Your Biggest Advantage Virtual Classroom

**Tuesday, August 24, 2021 | 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM ET | \$100.00**

Case studies demonstrate common myths of field productivity due to a fundamental misunderstanding of what productivity really is. Case studies provide step by step illustration for participants to simply and clearly define productivity and production. Case studies illustrate methodologies for measuring and managing jobsite productivity for sustainable, breakthrough performance gains.

Following this course, participants will be able to:

- Define and appropriately measure productivity
- Define and understand the mechanics of production
- Understand blind spots existing project management approaches have to productivity improvement and what to do about it
- Gain an introductory understanding, based on case studies, of how to measure cost of lost production and how to implement effective improvement routines

Instructor: Stephane McShane

Course Length: 3 Hours

Continuing Education Hours: 3

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