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## Alaska Chapter News

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

Please note the change in dates for the September & November Board of Directors and Membership meetings. The October Meeting has been cancelled due to the NECA Convention.

### 2017 NECA Open

Our annual NECA Open was another great success! It rained a little but everyone seemed to have a good time despite it. Thank you to our sponsors and a special thank you to the sponsorships from Alcan Electrical & Engineering Inc, Hot Wire LLC and Northern Powerline Constructors Inc.

### 2017 NESC Review

The Chapter will be hosting an 8 hour 2017 National Electrical Safety Code Review on October 17, 2017. Click [here](#) to sign up for the class with Girard Engineering.

### Congratulations!

Ralph Kibby of Chatham Electric Inc has retired! Ralph served as a Board Member of the Chapter since 2009. We wish he and Julia the best!



## Government Affairs

### Top Three

1. On June 15, President Trump issued an executive order which called for the establishment of a Task Force on Apprenticeship Expansion. The goal of the task force will be “to identify strategies and proposals to promote apprenticeships, especially in sectors where apprenticeship programs are insufficient.” On July 25, the Department of Labor released a public notice

## Events

09/04/17

Labor Day

09/06/17

Board of Directors /  
Membership Meeting  
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10/07-10/17

2017 NECA Convention  
& Trade Show  
Seattle, WA

10/12/17

Board of Directors /  
Membership Meeting  
Cancelled

10/17/17

2017 NESC Review  
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11/01/17

Board of Directors /  
Membership Meeting

11/11/17

Veteran's Day

11/23/17

Thanksgiving Day

12/02/17

Annual Board of  
Directors / Membership

soliciting names that should be placed in nomination for the Task Force.

2. The U.S. Department of Transportation has set a deadline of Dec. 18 for motor carriers to comply with a mandate to install and use electronic logging devices on trucks to record drivers' hours of service. Agency in charge of carrying out this rule, the Federal Motor Carrier Administration (FMCSA), issued the requirement for all motor carriers required to maintain Records of Duty Status for Hours of Service compliance. NECA has supported exempting all electrical construction industry contractors who employ truck drivers from this burdensome rule. Rep. Brian Babin (R-Texas), a member of the House of Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, recently introduced NECA-supported legislation, H.R. 3282, the ELD Extension Act, which would delay the mandate for two years.
3. Registration is open for "The Rapidly Changing Landscape of Federal Regulations" pre-convention workshop! Learn how federal regulations are impacting your business at this session before the NECA Convention. Not only is the federal government the single largest customer for construction projects in the United States, it is also the epicenter of ever-changing regulations that directly impact the construction industry.

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## Meetings & Events

### It's Not Too Late!

#### NECA 2017 Seattle Registration Is Still Open

Be a part of the #1 Industry Trade Show + connect with exhibitors who understand your business at NECA 2017 Seattle!

Make sure your company is prepared for today's market by attending key education programs designed to keep you ahead of the curve like the Electrical Contractor Leadership 101 2-Day preconvention Workshop sponsored by NECA Premier Partner, Graybar.

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## Publications & Resources

Introducing: The NECA Network

## Meeting & Holiday Party in Anchorage

12/25/17

Christmas Day

Announcing NECA Network, a new online tool benefitting the more than 15 thousand individuals associated with NECA member companies and chapters.

NECA Network allows users to engage with peers and share critical industry information and best practices in real time. Users can also participate in discussions with subject matter experts; access a library of resources; and post images, videos and documents to share.

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## Technology

### **Where are the Wearables – Try on Your New Levi's Jacket**

Certain industries make sense for the wearable applications to thrive and develop broader use. Construction is one of those as you begin to imagine the possibilities of construction garments equipped with wearable tech. Freeing your hands from having to hold your iPhone or personal device to access information on the job increases productivity and safety.

Levi's will sell the commuter jacket in stores this fall. Many industrial and construction garment manufacturers are already experimenting with applications of these and other developing wearable tech. Early adopters find success in extending the use of the personal devices especially the iPhone. Larger companies with more resources to invest will be the winners of development and sales of these new wearable applications.

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## Safety

### **FREE Webinar: Understanding the Arc Flash Hazard and Changes to NFPA 70E Related to AR/FR Clothing**

Electric arc flashes present a unique hazard to workers due to the intense energy and temperature they emit within a very short duration. Arc flashes are not uncommon, and they can cause both minor and fatal burns and injuries.

Using the latest data, real accident examples, and slow motion test videos, EC&M's webinar on Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2pm ET will cover;

- The cause of arc flashes.

- Related terminology
- The requirements for flame-resistant (FR) clothing.
- Changes to the latest edition of NFPA 70E relevant to arc-rated, flame resistant clothing.

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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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