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## Alaska Chapter News

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

The next Board of Directors and Membership meeting will be held **Tuesday**, September 10, 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.

Our annual NECA Open Golf Tournament was held Thursday, August 15 at Anchorage Golf Course (O'Malley) with a shotgun start at 8am. We couldn't have asked for better weather this year! The winning team, with a score of 59, was from AGC, Alicia Siira, Jack Greico, Adam Baxter and Matt Thon. We want to thank all of our sponsors: AETNA, Alaska Architectural Lighting Inc, Blackrock, Bridgewater Associates LP, EnTrustPermal, Graybar, Hotchkis & Wiley Capitol Management LLC, Loomis, Sayles & Company, Rael & Letson, RVK, Sierra Investment Partners Inc, Stevens, Reppel & Saur Inc, Ullico Investment Company, Vision Service Plan and Washington Capital Management, with a special shout out to Northern Powerline Constructors for their generous donation of funds & prizes and the NECA/IBEW LMCC for providing food and beverages. We would also like to thank Lanette Bell and Emily Sliwa for taking pictures and being our witnesses for the hole in one.



## Government Affairs

### Top Three 8/23/19: IRAPs-Make Your Voice Heard

#### 1. [Comment period for IRAPs closes](#)

At midnight on Monday, August 26, 2019, the comment period for the Department of Labor's proposed rule on Industry Recognized Apprenticeship Programs (IRAPs) closes. This rule, which was developed as a result of President Trump's Executive Order 13801, would establish a parallel apprenticeship program that, if finalized, would allow third-party entities to create their own apprenticeship programs. While the construction industry has been preliminarily granted an exclusion from these IRAPs, which NECA and other industry groups are grateful for, many within the construction

### Events

09/02/19

Labor Day

09/10/19

**Board of Directors /  
Membership Meeting**  
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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**

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**

industry, including NECA continue to advocate for a stronger, permanent exclusion to ensure predictability for our industry.

2. **NECA Western PA Chapter Discusses Need for Addressing Labor Shortage**

One of NECA's top priorities has been addressing the need to build the next generation of skilled electricians. This important topic was recently brought to national attention in an article I Forbes magazine where Joelle Salerno, the Government Affairs Director for NECA's Western PA Chapter, was quoted on the importance of letting students know early about career options available in the skilled trades.

3. **Register Today for the NECA NextGen Fly-In – Capped at 25 Attendees!**

If YOU or someone in your company are an emerging leader ready to advocate for the electrical contracting industry, join us in Washington, D.C. on October 16-17, 2019 for the NECA NextGen Fly-In! This annual meeting is the premiere legislative conference for the next generation of electrical contractors and emerging company leaders to learn about the top issues affecting the industry and to meet the leaders who are working to provide real solutions.

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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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## **On the Job**

### **NECA Recognizes 17 Outstanding Projects in Third Year of NECA Project Excellence Awards**

Seventeen exceptional NECA member-contractors from across the country have been named winners of the prestigious NECA 2019 Project Excellence Awards.

Members of NECA's Business Development Task Force judged 73 projects, submitted by 48 firms, based on aesthetics, application, difficulty, innovation and originality.

01/01/20

New Year's Day

“The level of excellence demonstrated in this year’s entries is phenomenal,” NECA Chief Executive Officer David Long said. “Each year, our members’ passion shines through. I’m excited we have the opportunity to showcase their projects.”

This year’s recipients will be recognized during NECA 2019 Las Vegas, which will be held on Sept. 14-17 at Mandalay Bay.

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## Labor Relations

### **DOL Approves Revised National Guidelines for Apprenticeship Standards for the electrical training ALLIANCE**

The electrical training ALLIANCE (ETA) has received approval from the U.S. Department of Labor for its new Revised National Guidelines for Apprenticeship Standards.

“Our new standards will help modernize our program like never before,” said David Long, Chief Executive Officer of NECA. “In addition to the on-the-job training all our apprentices have come to experience, these standards will allow for great flexibility in blended learning platforms and aid our contractors with the ability to directly hire applicants.”

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## Safety

### **ELECTRI Announces Safety as Top Priority for Addressing Opioid Crisis; Releases New Research Report**

ELECTRI International is taking a close look at the opioid crisis facing the construction industry. A 2017 study revealed that construction workers are among the most susceptible to opioid abuse, second only to food service industry employees. The CDC estimates the total “economic burden” of prescription opioid misuses in the US is \$78.5 billion per year, clearly costing every firm money and threatening lives.

ELECTRIC Council members acknowledged the importance of a nationwide adoption of H.R.6, “SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act,” now Public Law #115-271 and has a strong policy governing opioid prescriptions.

On its website, ELECTRIC has posted a new research report with links contractors can use to learn more about the new law and read more from the CDC on ways to address the opioid crisis in the workplace.

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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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