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Alaska Chapter News

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Please note the change in date for the November Board of Directors and Membership meeting. The October Meeting has been cancelled due to the NECA Convention.

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.



Government Affairs

Top Three

1. On Tuesday, September 12, Representative Pay Meehan (R-PA) and Donald Norcross (D-NJ) held a press event in southeast Pennsylvania to release their much awaited 529 Opening Paths To Invest in Our Nation's Students (OPTIONS) Act (H.R. 3395). This NECA-developed legislation seeks to establish a level of parity between the use of 529 college savings plans for four-year colleges and apprenticeships. The legislation has already received strong support from the Building Trades and on Capitol Hill. While only being open for co-sponsorships for just over a full week, the OPTIONS Act has nearly 20 cosponsors and many more have pledged to sign on in the coming weeks.
2. For the first time since 2009, the House of Representatives was able to use regular order and pass all twelve bills designed to fund the Federal government through September 30, 2018. The final eight bills were approved in one large \$1.2 trillion package entitled the Make America Secure and Prosperous Appropriations

Events

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
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11/11/17
Veteran's Day

11/23/17
Thanksgiving Day

12/02/17
Annual Board of Directors / Membership Meeting & Holiday Party in Anchorage

12/25/17
Christmas Day

Act (H.R. 3354). The legislation had 342 amendments offered, nine of which were anti-David-Bacon and PLA amendments. All nine of those NECA-opposed amendments were defeated or withdrawn.

3. On September 13, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure held a hearing entitled, "Building a 21 Century Infrastructure for America: Economic Development Stakeholders' Perspectives." The hearing examined the various ways of coordinating federal funding and private investment.

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Labor Relations

NECA Cares, NECA Contractors Helping NECA Contractors

We are collecting donations to replenish the fund so support can be offered to those affected by Hurricanes Harvey & Irma.

This NECA fund is used exclusively to help NECA Members and Chapters.

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National Inside Construction Emergency Response Agreement

In recognition of the current and future emergency situations in our nation, as of September 1, 2017, the National Inside Construction Emergency Response Agreement will be available for use by our contractors and members. This will allow for contractors to respond more quickly to these emergencies.

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Publications & Resources

Four Ways You Can Use GPS Tracking to Help Increase Productivity and Eliminate Payroll Issues

Today's sophisticated vehicle monitoring systems do a lot more than show you where your trucks are located. They provide powerful tools and insights that can help you increase productivity by getting more out of your crews and streamlining office systems.

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Technology

Driving More Business Through Social Media Webinar

You may not be using Facebook-but your customers are. The average user spends 2 hours on social media every single day. On **Wednesday, September 20th at 2pm ET**, learn the best practice for getting more business and increasing thrust through social media. We'll give real examples and stories of how social media has helped other home service companies. And we'll demonstrate the tools that you can use to help.

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Safety

OSHA Proposes Rule to Extend Compliance Deadline for Crane Operator Certification Requirements

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to extend the employer's responsibility to ensure crane operator competency and enforcement for crane operator certification to Nov. 10, 2018.

OSHA issued a final rule in September 2014, extending the deadline by three years for crane operator certification requirements in the Cranes and Derricks in Construction standard. The final rule also extended by three years the employer's responsibility to ensure that crane operators are competent to operate a crane safely.

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eSafetyLine Toolbox Talks

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