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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.

Our Annual Meeting and Holiday Party will be December 2, 2017. The Chapter will be hosting the party again this year at Embassy Suites in Anchorage. If you are interested in hotel accommodations, the Embassy Suites can be reached at 907-332-7000. The Chapter has secured a room block, so please be sure and ask for the Holiday rate of \$109.00 for the NECA party. You may also book online by following this link:

<http://group.embassysuites.com/NECA>

### 2017 Annual Report

The Chapter would like to request that you please send any pictures from NECA functions that you have attended, jobs your firm has worked on, or any other exciting news about your Company from the past year for inclusion in the Chapter's Annual Report. If you are willing to share, please email photos and/or news to Michelle at [michelle@alaskaneca.org](mailto:michelle@alaskaneca.org), or share them via Dropbox using the same email, no later than Friday, November, 17.

### 2017 Annual NECA Verification

It's time once again to update your firm's membership records with NECA National and the AK Chapter. A notice with the information that is currently on file has been sent to your firm's accredited representative. This verification process MUST be completed with the National office by November 16<sup>th</sup>. Please return your firm's information to Michelle at [michelle@alaskaneca.org](mailto:michelle@alaskaneca.org), prior to that important deadline.

Your accredited representative is also able to go directly to your company's membership profile online at [www.necanet.org](http://www.necanet.org) year-round and make changes.

## Events

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**



## Government Affairs

### Top Three

1. At the end of September, the House of Representatives and Senate took the first steps towards enacting comprehensive tax reform by pushing forward with their respective budget resolutions. The House, on October 5, considered the FY18 Budget Resolution, H. Con. Res 71 which includes reconciliation instructions. Congressional leaders decided they must pass a budget resolution to allow for the possibility to tax reform to happen.
2. A victory for NECA contractors, the U.S. Treasury Department has formally recommended withdrawing the Section 2704 regulations on family business valuation. The Treasury's final report was issued in accordance with President Donald Trump's Executive Order 13789. These regulations would have increased the death tax burden on family businesses.
3. At the beginning of October, a collection of Senators and Congressmen from Vermont and West Virginia presented this Congress' first attempt at tackling this country's pension challenges. This particular group presented the American Miners Pension Act, a proposal to address the unfunded liabilities through a series of structured loans paid back to the government at a low interest rate.

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If you have not yet contributed to NECAPAC for 2017 there is still time! You can ask the Chapter for an NECAPAC contribution form at the upcoming meeting Wednesday, November 1, 2017, or click on "Learn More" below to contribute online.

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## Publications & Resources

### NECA Releases NEiS Yearbook Volume 13

The 13th volume of the National Electrical Installation Standards (NEIS®) Yearbook CD collection (Index# 2000-17) is now available from the National Electrical Contractors Association.

This reference tool is a complete digital collection of NECA performance standards for electrical construction and maintenance.

NEIS are the only quality and performance standards for electrical construction that address the workmanship issues. They are used primarily by electrical contractors, consulting engineers, facility managers, and professionals who design and specify for electrical construction projects. With their installation detail, illustrations and thorough explanations, NEIS are also a valuable training tool for electrical construction industry.

The Yearbook CD, Vol. 13 (Index # 2000-17) delivers the complete set of NEIS, including updated and new standards series through the third quarter of 2017. Several NEIS in the yearbook have been revised and expanded to align with the current edition of the National Electrical Code and other applicable standards.

There are more essential standards in development, including standards related to designing, installing, maintaining and operating microgrids as well as installing new generations of light control devices and systems. The yearbook includes the complete library of NEIS and the new NECA 416, Recommended Practice for Installing Energy Storage Systems (ESS).

“NECA’s family of NEIS has grown as new trending technologies emerge,” said Michael Johnston, NECA’s Executive Director of Standards and Safety. “NEIS are continually evolving and keeping pace with contractors’ work and customers’ expectations. The standards are constantly providing significant value to those in the electrical designing and engineering communities. NEIS help professionals in developing design specifications by reducing and, in some cases, eliminating specification-writing time.”

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### **eSafetyLine Toolbox Talks**

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