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Alaska Chapter News

Upcoming Meetings & Events

The next Board of Directors and Membership meeting will be held Wednesday, **November 6, 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.

The Annual Board of Directors meeting will be December 7th at 10:30am with the Annual Membership meeting following at 11:30am. Please let Michelle know if you will be in attendance as early as possible.

The NECA Christmas party will be held at Embassy Suites, December 7th beginning at 6:00pm. The Chapter will have a room block set up and information for booking will go as soon as it is available.



Government Affairs

Top Three 10/11/19: Presidential Proclamations on Energy, Regulations

1. POTUS Recognizes Role of Energy Industry

President Donald Trump, recognizing “the role the energy industry has played in our Nation’s success,” and playing “tribute to America’s energy workforce, which has ushered in a new era of American energy dominance,” has named October 2019 as National Energy Awareness Month.

2. POTUS Signs Executive Orders Posed to Limit Federal Agencies from Issuing New Regulations

On October 9, President Donald Trump signed two executive orders (EOs) designed to limit the ability of federal agencies from issuing new regulations without going through the normal regulatory process. He said that these new rules, Executive Order on Promoting the Rule of Law Through Improved Agency Guidance Documents and Executive Order on Promoting the Rule of Law Through Transparency and Fairness in Civil Administrative Enforcement and Adjudication, would hold back

Events

11/06/19

Board of Directors / Membership Meeting
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11/11/19

Veteran’s Day

11/28/19

Thanksgiving Day

12/07/19

Annual Board of Directors / Membership Meeting (Chapter Office) & Holiday Party (Embassy Suites) in Anchorage

12/25/19

Christmas Day

01/01/20

New Year’s Day

“unaccountable bureaucrats” who are imposing their “private agenda” on the American people.

3. National Labor Relations Board Releases 2019 Statistics

National Labor Relations Board has had nearly 20,000 cases and petitions filed in 2019, an astounding number and a significant increase over the previous years.

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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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Publications & Resources

New Version of NECA Financial Benchmark Report Available in NECA Store

The 2019 edition of the NECA Financial Benchmark Report, a detailed publication presenting an easy-to-understand analysis of key financial data within the electrical construction industry, is now available for purchase in the NECA Store.

The report, based on data collected in the 2018 financial year and was developed in conjunction with the Construction Financial Management Association (CFMA), provides a valuable industry standard for your use during audits, claims, change order negotiation, or with a banker/bonding agent. Using the information within this report, electrical contractors can compare and analyze their own company’s financial performance statistics to identify business strengths, weaknesses and performance improvement opportunities.

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Education & Training

New Project Management Course on Job Cost Control and Projections Now Available

It is one of the fundamental responsibilities of the project manager to always know where the project is financially. The newest topic in the online project management course series, Job Cost Control and Projections, discusses how to stay on top on your costs, budgets and variances to maintain both project and company financial health.

This short, on-demand online course, and the rest of NECA's project management training, can be accessed via the NECA Learning Center. Learn more at www.necanet.org/PM.

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NECA Guide to Incident Investigations Webinar

Join NECA on Wednesday, October 30 at 11am EST for a webinar to review the sensitive and complex subject of incident investigations. Based on the popular NECA publication, NECA Guide to Incident Investigations (Index #5026-18), attendees stand to gain a better understanding of the ultimate goal in every investigation: understanding the casual factors that contributes to the event and how to use that information to prevent future occurrences.

Remember, investigations are not meant to determine who to “blame” but rather to help to reveal the root causes and conditions that led up to an undesirable event.

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Free Webinar: OSHA 2020, What’s in Store for Next Year?

OSHA’s regulatory agenda has been picking up speed but what does that mean for the electrical construction industry in 2020?

OSHA is looking at new revisions to Table 1 Control Methods for Respirable Crystalline Silica, a Final Rule on Beryllium in Construction and have planned revisions to the Controls of Hazardous Energy: Lockout/Tagout standard just to name a few.

Ensure your company’s compliance in 2019 and beyond. Join NECA for a webinar on Tuesday, December 3 at 11am EST to review OSHA 2020 Priorities. Attendees will take a deep-dive into recent OSHA rules and regulations and will receive an overview of what’s in store for their 2020 regulatory priorities.

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OSHA Implements New OWS + Issues Final Rule for New Respirator Fit Testing Protocols

[U.S. Department of Labor Implements New Weighting Systems for Workplace Safety and Health Inspections](#)

On Friday, September 27, OSHA announced that it has recently implemented the OSHA Weighting System (OWS) for fiscal year (FY) 2020. OWS became effective October 1, 2019.

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[U.S. Department of Labor Approves New Respirator Fit Testing Protocols to Protect Workers from Airborne Contaminants](#)

On Thursday, September 26, OSHA issued a final rule that provides employers with two new fit testing protocols for ensuring that employees' respirators fit properly. The rule became effective September 26, 2019.

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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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