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Alaska Chapter News

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Our Annual Meeting and Holiday Party will be December 1, 2018. 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, here is a direct link to book your room for the NECA holiday party if you have not already done so. Simply copy and paste the URL below into your browser to access the exclusive rates available for this group:

Booking Link:

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

Hotel: Embassy Suites by Hilton Anchorage

Group Name: National Electrical Contractors Association

Arrival Date: 30-Nov-2018

Departure Date: 02-Dec-2018

Please note, the entire URL must be copied and pasted for it to work properly.

This room block will only be available until 11:59pm, Friday, November 23, 2018 so book as soon as possible.

If you have not already let Michelle at the Chapter know if you will be attending the meeting and/or the party, please do so **no later than Wednesday, November 21, 2018.**

The nominating committee, appointed by President Scott Bringmann, met and the following were nominated to fill the five (5) vacancies on the Board of Directors.

Anchorage

Dave McAllen

Haakenson Electric

Jason Hodges

Northern Powerline Constructors Inc

Steve Wisdorf

Wired AK

Events

11/22/18

Thanksgiving Day
[Holiday Notice](#)

12/01/18

**Annual Board of
Directors / Membership
Meeting & Holiday
Party in Anchorage**
[RSVP](#)

12/25/18

Christmas Day

01/01/19

New Year's Day

Fairbanks

Glenn Potter

Star Electric Inc

Prior to voting at the annual meeting, nominations will be called for from the floor for eligible write-in candidates.

If you are unable to attend, please refer to NECAGram N18-23 for the details on sending your proxy.



Government Affairs

Top Three

1. House GOP and Senate Leadership Teams Selected

Senate Republicans made a few tweaks to their leadership team, while Democrats left theirs in place as the upper chamber begins to organize for the 116th Congress. Meanwhile, House Republicans also elected their team after losing their majority to Democrats, who will select their leaders after Thanksgiving.

2. Judge Blocks Keystone XL Pipeline

Last week US District Judge Brian Morris blocked the construction of the Keystone XL pipeline. The legal ruling states that the Trump Administration's decision to permit the pipeline did not have "sufficient basis". It has been reported that Judge Morris said the State Department did not properly take into account the effects of global warming, the risk of oil spills and worldwide oil prices.

3. OSHA Publishes Final Rule for Crane Operators Certification Requirements

The Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has published the final rule for Crane Operators Certification Requirements that will become effective on December 10, 2018. The existing rule required certification by crane type and lifting capacity. However, the new rule now clarifies that OSHA will accept crane operator certifications issued by "type" only, or by "type and capacity". The revised rule still requires that the certification/licensing requirement options that are listed in the standard include third party certification or an audited employer certification program in addition to any local or state operator licensing requirements.

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NECAPAC

If you would like to contribute to NECAPAC for 2018, you can ask the Chapter for a NECAPAC personal or corporate contribution form, pick one up at any Chapter meeting, 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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Meetings & Events

2019 Labor Relations Conference Announced

Details are firming up for the 2019 Labor Relations Conference. It will be held April 15-17, 2019 at the JW Marriott in New Orleans.

We will kick things off with a General Session on Monday afternoon, followed by an opening reception. A full day of programs will follow on Tuesday, followed by our “traditional” reception at K-Pauls, a landmark in the French Quarter and a favorite of attendees at past conferences. The conference will end by noon on Wednesday.

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Employee Benefits Conference

The 2019 Employee Benefits Conference will be held January 29-30 at the TradeWinds Island Grand Resort in St. Pete Beach, Florida.

There will be an administrators’ meeting and workshop on the “new look” of the conference on Sunday afternoon, January 27, followed by a reception. Monday, January 28, will feature additional workshops on topics including fiduciary responsibility, private markets, the proper construction of a fund portfolio and the day will end with a plenary session on ERISA: Where It Came From, How Well It Has Worked, Where It Should Go by Phyllis Borsi, former head of the U.S. Department of Labor’s Employee Benefits Security Administration. The Conference itself will begin Tuesday morning and run through noon on Wednesday, January 30.

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Education & Training

U.S. Department of Labor Issues Final Rule on Crane Operator Certification Requirements

The Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has published the final rule for Crane Operators Certification Requirements that will become effective on December 10, 2018, except the amendments to 29 CFR 1926.1427 (a) and (f) (evaluation and documentation requirements), which are effective February 7, 2019. If your firm is affected by these requirements, you will need to be in compliance very soon.

The AJEATT (AK NECA/IBEW Apprentice program) currently has classes scheduled in Anchorage 12/10-13/2018. If you are in need of such training for your personnel, you are encouraged to visit the AJEATT website at <http://alaskaelectricalapprenticeship.org>, or call them at (907) 337-9508 Anchorage or (907) 479-4449 Fairbanks, in order to get something scheduled before the February deadline.

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Safety

NECA Releases Updated NFPA 70E PPE Selector Mobile App

Stay in compliance! Learn which tasks require PPE and which don't. Users will be able to understand and apply the provisions found in the 2018 revision of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)'s Standard for Electrical Safety in the Workplace. NFPA 70E®. Effectively apply the personal protective equipment (PPE) requirements of NFPA 70E, "Standard for Electrical Safety in the Workplace," with the PPE app now available for purchase.



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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