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## Alaska Chapter News

### Board of Directors and Officers for 2017

The Chapter is pleased to announce the 2018 Board of Directors and Officers:

- Scott Bringmann, President
- Dave McAllen, Vice President
- Lael Fullford, Governor
- Jason Hodges, Treasurer
- Dave Kezer, Director
- Elliott Marlow, Director
- Glenn Potter, Director
- Jerry Gabor, Director

### NECA's 2017 Holiday Party

On December 2, 2017, at the Embassy Suites in Anchorage, the Chapter held its annual Holiday party. With great conversation, delicious food, fun photos, dancing and several new faces, it was quite the time. Next year's party will be on December 1, 2018. Save the date!

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

The next Board of Directors and Membership meeting will be held January 10, 2018. 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.



## Government Affairs

### Top Three

1. Senate and House negotiators are expected to sign an official agreement on H.R.1, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, the first significant tax reform measure passed in 31 years. The conferees and their staff are under strict instructions not to release details, but based on credible

## Events

12/25/17  
Christmas Day

**Tentative 2018  
Calendar of Events:**

01/01/18  
New Year's Day

01/10/18  
Board of Directors /  
Membership Meeting  
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02/14/18  
Board of Directors /  
Membership Meeting

02/19/18  
President's Day

03/14/18  
Board of Directors /  
Membership Meeting

04/11/18  
Board of Directors /  
Membership Meeting

05/09/18  
Board of Directors /  
Membership Meeting

sources, NECA understands these are some major items that comprise the deal:

- Top individual tax rate reduced from 39.6 percent to 37 percent
  - The deduction for pass-through companies will be set at 20 percent, somewhat lower than the 23 percent included in the Senate-passed bill, but the effective rate is offset by lower top rate
  - Corporate tax rate at 21 percent, slightly higher than the 20 percent initially offered
  - Corporate AMT eliminated
  - Individual AMT remains, but thresholds adjusted
  - State and Local Tax deduction (SALT) remains at \$10,000, with a likely mix of property and income or sales taxes
  - Estate tax exemption doubled to over \$11 million per spouse, but not totally repealed
  - Cap the mortgage interest deduction at \$750,000, a mid-point compromise between the Senate and House bills
  - A provision to allow apprentices to utilize 529 plans to pay for related costs to their apprenticeship that was included in the House bill and supported by key Senators remains under consideration
2. As the conversation over unfinished tax items continues, several House Republicans introduced a group of five bills seeking to provide relief for Affordable Care Act taxes scheduled to go into effect in 2018. The bills address items including the Medical Device Tax, the Health Insurance Tax, but most notably they provide for a one-year delay to the Cadillac Tax, pushing back enforcement to 2021.
  3. Last week the House and Senate passed a continuing resolution that only funds the government until December 22, 2017. The government will shut down the next day unless another CR or spending package is enacted. Republican leadership is working to craft a deal that can pass both chambers. Conservative members of the House have pushed forward a plan that would keep most parts of the government open until January 19, 2018 while providing full-year funding for the Defense Department and extending funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program.

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## Meetings & Events

**Save the Date: NECA 2018 National Legislative Conference**

05/28/18

**Memorial Day**

06/13/18

**Board of Directors /  
Membership Meeting**

07/04/18

**Independence Day**

07/11/18

**Board of Directors /  
Membership Meeting**

08/08/18

**Board of Directors /  
Membership/Veteran  
Member/Guest/Spouse  
Meeting**

08/09/18

**NECA Open at  
Anchorage Golf Course**

09/03/18

**Labor Day**

09/12/18

**Board of Directors /  
Membership Meeting**

09/29-10/02/18

**2018 NECA Convention  
& Trade Show  
Philadelphia, PA**

10/10/18

**Board of Directors /  
Membership Meeting**

11/11/18

**Veteran's Day**

11/14/18

**Board of Directors /  
Membership Meeting**

11/22/18

**Thanksgiving Day**

The National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) will be hosting its annual National Legislative Conference **May 16-17, 2018**, in Washington, D.C. This annual meeting is the premiere legislative conference for electrical contractors to hear about the top issues affecting the industry and to meet the leaders who are working to provide real solutions. Our conference is about policy, not partnership. Accordingly, leading members from both sides of the political aisle will be on hand to brief participants on the latest happenings on Capitol Hill.

Registration and more information will be available on the Advocacy section of Nationals website in the coming weeks.



## Education & Training

### New Online Topics for Project Managers Released

The first three online training topics developed specifically for the new NECA Learning Center are now available. Recently announced at the NECA 2017 Board of Governors Meeting, these programs are free to NECA members. Each on-demand topic runs about 15 minutes in length and are the first in a series that will dive deep into the everyday tasks of a project manager.

The below are available free to NECA members. *All participants must have a profile in the NECA membership database, with a unique email, to register.*



- [The Role of the Electrical Project Manager](#)

Electrical contracting firms live and die by the skills and abilities of their project managers. Whether you have come up through the field or straight from an educational institution, this course provides insight into the role of the electrical project manager.



- [Introduction to Preplanning](#)

By developing a plan for the crew size and structure, tools, equipment, materials, project controls, schedule and logistics prior to the start of the job or task,

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preplanning helps you improve the bottom line and deliver quality projects on time. *This brief introduction will be followed by seven additional courses to be released Winter 2017.*



- [Introduction to Change Orders](#)

Change orders are inevitable, and how the project manager handles those change orders makes all of the difference on the project. This course provides background on why change orders occur and standard processes you should take when handling them.

*NECANet.org login is required to view these courses, please contact [education@necanet.org](mailto:education@necanet.org) with questions.*

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## Publications & Resources

### **New Tool & Equipment Rental Schedule Available**

The 2017-2018 edition of the Tool and Equipment Rental Schedule is now available and Manual of Labor Units letters have been mailed.

Construction tools and equipment are an essential part of an electrical contractor's business and can represent a significant investment, and NECA is here to help you determine the return you should get on investment. Each Accredited Representative can log into the Alaska Chapter Member's page to download a copy or it can be purchased [Here](#).

All Accredited Representatives and Chapters will be receiving letters to request their **free copy** of the new Manual of Labor Units. If you have any questions, please contact [education@necanet.org](mailto:education@necanet.org).

The Manual will be available to all members in the coming days. Learn more about the new edition at [www.necanet.org/MLU](http://www.necanet.org/MLU).



## Member Benefits

### **New Member Discount: Car Rentals with Enterprise + National!**

NECA members are now eligible for discounts with car rental

companies Enterprise and National through the association's Member Discounts and Services program.

Use account number **XZ16Z74** when making reservations to obtain your discount for both business and leisure travel rentals.

For a limited time NECA Members can get an additional discount, known as the ONE TWO FREE® promotion. Register to earn a Free Rental Day\* with every two qualifying rentals now through **Feb. 28, 2018**.

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## Technology

### Disruptive Technology Does NOT Equal Jobs Lost

Jeff Holden, Uber's head of product development, announced details about their flying taxis at the Web Summit in Lisbon last week. The usual 90-minute commute from San Jose to San Francisco will be cut to 15 minutes – 1/6 of the time it takes now! The technology and designs already exist for the Electric Vertical Take-Off and Landing (EVTOL) vehicles. The devil as usual is in the details – details such as Uber partnering with NASA to create a custom air traffic control system to manage proposed fleets of low-flying aircraft. Targeting Los Angeles, Dallas and Dubai, Uber insists that such traffic congested cities would be easily addressed by deployment of this inexpensive mass transit method. It would not add to the existing traffic nightmares and the video's tagline "closer than you think" may be truer than you believe with Air Bus and Boeing already working on Uber's flying car fleet.

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## Safety

### eSafetyLine Toolbox Talks

Each month, the special safety site available through NECA's website addresses a specific topic and offers downloadable materials to enable you to provide related weekly toolbox safety talks to employees.

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