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## Alaska Chapter News

### Board of Directors and Officers for 2019

The Chapter is pleased to announce the 2019 Board of Directors and Officers:

Scott Bringmann, President  
Dave McAllen, Vice President  
Lael Fullford, Governor  
Jason Hodges, Treasurer  
Elliott Marlow, Director  
Glenn Potter, Director  
Jerry Gabor, Director  
Larry Rhymer, Director  
Steve Wisdorf, Director

### NECA's 2018 Holiday Party

On December 1, 2018, at the Embassy Suites in Anchorage, the Chapter held its annual Holiday party. Despite the 7.0 earthquake that happened the day before, we enjoyed great conversation, delicious food, fun photos, dancing and several new faces, it was quite the time. Next year's party will be on December 7, 2019. Save the date!

### Upcoming Meetings & Events

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held in January with a date yet to be determined. The next Board of Directors and Membership meeting will be held February 13, 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.



## Government Affairs

### Top Three

1. **GOP Tax Package Includes NECA-Supported Cadillac Tax Delay and 529 Reform**

Early last week, House Republicans released their much-anticipated end of year [tax package](#). This

## Events

12/25/18

**Christmas Day**

01/01/19

**New Year's Day**

01/17/19

**Board of Directors Only Meeting**

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02/13/19

**Board of Directors / Membership Meeting**

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02/18/19

**President's Day**

03/13/19

**Board of Directors / Membership Meeting**

04/1-19/19

**2019 NECA Now in Phoenix, AZ**

04/10/19

**Board of Directors / Membership Meeting**

05/15/19

**Board of Directors / Membership Meeting**

package, seen by many as a last hope for Republicans to solidify the gains made earlier this Congress, includes multiple NECA priority issues. In addition to a one-year Cadillac tax delay, the legislation also included 529 legislation advocated by NECA earlier this year. One surprise about the package is that the retroactive extension of the usual expired temporary tax provisions known as “extenders” is not included in this version of the bill.

## 2. One-Third of Federal Government May Shutdown on December 21

Funding for about one-third of the federal government is expected to run out on December 21, 2018 if Congress and the White House do not reach a funding agreement. [President Donald Trump hosted a meeting](#) with the House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) on this issue.

## 3. EPA and Army Propose New “Waters of the United States” Definition

On December 11, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of the Army are proposing a clear, understandable, and implementable definition of “waters of the United States” that clarifies federal authority under the Clean Water Act. Unlike the Obama Administration's 2015 definition of “Waters of the United States,” the new proposal contains a straightforward definition that would result in significant cost savings, protect the nation’s navigable waters, help sustain economic growth, and reduce barriers to business development.

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## NECA Reviews Pension Select Committee Draft Proposal

Earlier this year, Congress created a new bipartisan and bicameral special committee to help devise a comprehensive solution to address the future needs of the MEP system. [The Joint Select Committee on Solvency of Multiemployer Pension Plans](#) (the JSC) has until Nov. 30, 2018 to craft a legislative solution for Congress to consider.

NECA has had an opportunity to review the first-iteration preliminary draft plan presented by the JSC and we believe that as written, contains several flaws of major concern for NECA contractors:

05/27/19

Memorial Day

06/12/19

Board of Directors  
Only Meeting

07/04/19

Independence Day

07/10/19

Board of Directors  
Only Meeting

08/19 TBD

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

08/19 TBD

NECA Open at  
Anchorage Golf Course

09/02/19

Labor Day

09/11/19

Board of Directors /  
Membership Meeting

09/14-17/19

2019 NECA Convention  
& Trade Show in Las  
Vegas, NV

10/09/19

Board of Directors /  
Membership Meeting

11/11/19

Veteran’s Day

11/13/19

Board of Directors /  
Membership Meeting

11/28/19

Thanksgiving Day

1. It increases premiums in funding for the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) to a catastrophic point.
2. It drastically lowers discount rates and will have a serious negative zone impact on plans.
3. It implements an excessively punitive exit premium charge so that contractors will be forced to remain in the system and others willing to join the system will not do so.
4. The proposal does not explicitly mention the inclusion of the GROW Act.

Please note this is not final bill language in any way and that this draft plan is being reworked by the hour.

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## NECAPAC

If you would like to contribute to NECAPAC for 2018, there is still time. 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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## Meetings & Events

### NECA Now 2019 Registration is Open

Check out [NECA-Now.com](http://NECA-Now.com) to view latest information for NECA Now 2019 in Phoenix. You can now access the full schedule of events, registration information and important dates.

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## Labor Relations

### Former IBEW International President Ed Hill Passes

12/07/19

**Annual Board of Directors / Membership Meeting & Holiday Party in Anchorage**

12/25/19

**Christmas Day**

01/01/20

**New Year's Day**

NECA CEO John M. Grau released the following statement in response to the passing of International President Emeritus Edwin D. Hill:



Ed Hill was a devoted champion of the electrical construction industry, and he was a tremendous partner and friend during my tenure at the National Electrical Contractors Association. I worked with Ed for several decades and started working particularly closely with him when he joined me on the National Electrical Benefit Fund trustees more than 20 years ago. His remarkable life and legacy of service at the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers will be remembered as a time of great progress and cooperation for our industry. Everyone at NECA extends our condolences to Ed's family and the IBEW.



## Education & Training

### **Pursue Business Development Opportunities in Service & Maintenance**

Exclusively for NECA member contractors, the NECA Service Network provides tailored education for service and maintenance professionals, enrolls your company into a national network of service and maintenance contractors and provides you and your team with the support and services needed to stay leaders in this field.

Check out the [sample podcast](#) and [webcast](#).

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## Safety

### **NECA Premier Partner Federated Insurance Presents Free Webinar**

Drive S.A.F.E.R · December 20 at 2PM EST

Increasing numbers of driving accidents and fatalities are crises which need to be addressed. Both are at an all-time high in the US! This discussion focuses on the reinforcement of S.A.F.E. driving and specifically how Speed, Attention, Fatigue, and Emotion can be managed effectively so your company drivers can safely return home

from work each day to their loved ones. Practical ideas will be shared from how contractors have successfully taken actions that have made a positive difference with their businesses and drivers.

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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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