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Alaska Chapter News

Board of Directors and Officers for 2020

The Chapter is pleased to announce the 2020 Board of Directors and Officers:

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Upcoming Meetings & Events

The Board of Directors will meet January 8, 2020 for a lunch meeting. The next Board of Directors and Membership meeting will be held February 12, 2020. 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.

Welcome to our Newest Alaska Chapter Members

The Alaska Chapter would like to welcome our newest members, Sherman Technologies LLC, Randy Sherman and Spectre Electric LLC, Charlie Siegfried.



Government Affairs

Top Three 12/13/19: NECA Contractor Helps Secure Win for Small Businesses

1. NECA Wins in NDAA

On December 11, 2019, the Senate and House of Representatives approved and passed the conference report to the *FY 2020 National Defense Authorization Act*, a large authorizing bill of almost 3,500 pages. This legislation contained numerous wins for NECA in contracting space, most notably, the accelerating of payments to small business

Events

12/25/19

Christmas Day

01/01/20

New Year's Day

01/15/20

Board of Directors Only Meeting

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02/12/20

Board of Directors / Membership Meeting

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02/17/20

President's Day

03/04/20

Board of Directors / Membership Meeting

04/08/20

Board of Directors / Membership Meeting

05/13/20

Board of Directors / Membership Meeting

05/25/20

Memorial Day

concerns, the reauthorization of the Department of Defense Mentor-Protégé Program, and the requiring of post-award explanations on unsuccessful IDIQ contract bids.

2. NECA Opposes Bill to Raise Top Tax Rate for Pass-Throughs

On December 11, 2019, the House Ways and Means Committee held a legislative markup of *H.R. 5306, the Know Your Social Security Act, and the Restoring Tax Fairness for States and Localities Act*.

3. NECA Contractor Brian Morales Helps Implement Small Business Runway Extension Act

Brian Morales of Pro-Cal Lighting, a member of the San Diego Chapter NECA, testified before the House Small Business Committee earlier this year on several issues impacting his business, but one solution he offered was changing the Small Business Administration's (SBA) calculation of annual revenues used to prescribe size standards for small businesses from a three-year averaging period to a five-year averaging period. SBA announced this week that effective January 6, 2020, the calculation will be based on a five-year period instead of three.

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NECAPAC

If you would like to contribute to NECAPAC for 2019, you can still do so by asking 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/>. You can check out NECA's take on key industry issues here:

<https://www.necanet.org/industry-priorities/advocacy>

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On the Job

UL Launches Product iQ™ Database

The popular UL Product Spec database was retired on November 15 and has been redirected to the new UL Product iQ™ database. This robust database includes all UL certification information, searches by almost any criteria and includes the original UL Product Spec search functionalities.

Free to all users, UL Product iQ requires a one-time registration for access.

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06/10/20

Board of Directors
Only Meeting

07/04/20

Independence Day

07/08/20

Board of Directors
Only Meeting

08/12/20

Board of Directors /
Membership Meeting at
O'Malley's on the
Green

08/13/20

NECA Open at
Anchorage Golf Course

09/07/20

Labor Day

09/09/20

Board of Directors /
Membership Meeting

10/03-06/20

2020 NECA Convention
& Trade Show in
Chicago, IL

10/14/20

Board of Directors /
Membership Meeting

11/11/20

Veteran's Day

11/04/20

Board of Directors /
Membership Meeting

11/26/20

Thanksgiving Day

12/05/20

Annual Board of
Directors / Membership



Education & Training

NECA + Schneider Electric Present NEC® 2020 Significant Code Changes On-Demand Webcast Series

NECA Premier Partner Schneider Electric along with Mike Johnston, NECA Executive Director Standards and Safety, have produced two webcasts that cover the [residential-specific](#) and [commercial and industrial](#) significant changes found in the NFPA 70® 2020 National Electrical Code®, providing viewers with a thorough and interactive overview of the latest edition including new articles and important changes to existing requirements that will impact your daily business.

Available in the NECA Learning Center, each on-demand webcast requires registration to view, but is available to the public.

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Publications & Resources

NECA Releases 2019-2020 Manual of Labor Units and Tool & Equipment Rental Schedule Publications

The 2019-2020 editions of the *NECA Manual of Labor Units (MLU)* and *Tool and Equipment Rental Schedule* are now available for purchase in the NECA Store.

For nearly 100 years, the **NECA MLU** has provided users with an experience-based reference to estimating the required electrical construction labor for installing typical electrical and communications systems. The 2019-2020 edition provides units for LED fixtures and 35KV cable, and a new keyword index to provide better user experience when locating labor units.

REMINDER:

NECA members can receive one free copy of the NECA MLU by request. Letters to request a free copy will be mailed to member company accredited representative in the new year.

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The NECA ***Tool and Equipment Rental Schedule*** helps electrical contractors ensure that tool and equipment expenses are included as direct job expenses, not overhead, and are designed to be used for both internal accounting and estimating. The 2019-2020 edition includes an expanded catalog of safety resources, instruments and test equipment.

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PURCHASE INFORMATION:

Digital (PDF) copies of both publications are now available for purchase from the NECA Store. *Printed copies will be available for purchase later this week.*

Meeting & Holiday
Party in Anchorage

12/25/20
Christmas Day

01/01/21
New Year's Day



Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Announces Clearinghouse Employer Requirements; Open Implementation Registration

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) announced that registration for the Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse has opened. **Mandatory use of the FMCSA Clearinghouse will begin on January 6, 2020.**

To comply with these new regulations, employees and their service agents must register, log-in and begin using the Clearinghouse to:

- **Report an active driver's drug and alcohol violation(s)** based on FMCSA violation list, within three business days of learning about the incident.
- **Query the Clearinghouse for driver-applicant records** before allowing newly-hired drivers to begin operating a commercial motor vehicle.
- **Perform annual queries of current employees** at least once a year. Employers must also maintain records of all queries for a period of three years.

Motor carrier employers must receive driver and driver-applicant consent to conduct a limited query of the Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse, a sample limited consent form is available, and employers are encouraged to use or adapt the consent as they see fit.

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OSHA Issues Enforcement Policy; Crane Operator Certifications from Crane Institute Certification No Longer Recognized

To avoid industry confusion and potential disruptions of construction crane projects, the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has issued an enforcement policy for crane operator certifications issued by Crane Institute Certification (CIC). OSHA requires crane operators engaged in construction activity to be certified by an entity accredited by a nationally recognized accrediting agency. As of December 2, the CIC no longer holds such accreditation.

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New Requirements for mobile Elevated Work Platforms (MEWPs) In Effect

As of December 10, employers, owners and operators are now required to comply with ANSI's new A92 standards for mobile elevated work platforms (MEWP).

ANSI/SAIA A92.22-2018 Standard for Safe Use of Mobile Elevating Work Platforms (MEWPs) addresses the design of new aerial lift equipment and *ANSI-SAIA A92.24-2018 Standard for Training Requirements for the Use, Operation, Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of Mobile Elevating Work Platforms (MEWPs)* provides an

overview of required training for operators, supervisors and maintenance personnel.

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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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