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Alaska Chapter News

Board of Directors/Membership Meetings

The annual Board of Directors, Membership, Veteran Member, Guest, Spouse meeting was held at the Chapter on August 10th. Thank you to the retirees and spouses who came out as well as our Western Region Field Rep, Terry Hatch and our Western Region Director and his wife, Bill & Sherry Orgill. It is always a good time and we love to get everyone back together for this annual event.

Our next Board of Directors and Membership meeting will be Wednesday, September 14, 2016.

NECA Open

This year's NECA Open Golf Scramble was held at the Anchorage Golf Course August 11th. Everyone seemed to have a great time, despite the drizzle that kept up most of the morning. Congratulations to Karen & Earl Maxon, Roger Worrell & Gary Dayley for achieving the top score of 63! A big thank you to the LMCC for providing our morning coffee and muffins as well as the lunch buffet. We would also like to recognize and thank our sponsors, who without, this tournament would not be possible. They are as follows: Alcan Electrical & Engineering Inc, BlackRock, First National Bank of Alaska, Morgan Stanley, Northern Powerline Constructors Inc, Rael & Letson, Sierra Investment Partners Inc, Stevens, Reppel & Saur Inc, Ullico Investment Company, Vision Service Plan, and Washington Capital Management. Thank you to everyone that came out, it's always a fun tournament and we look forward to seeing you again next year!



Meetings & Events

There's still time to grab a spot at NECA 2016 Boston Preconvention Workshops

Events

09/05/16
Labor Day

09/14/16
Board of Directors / Membership Meeting in Anchorage
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10/07-10/16
2016 NECA Convention & Trade Show Boston, MA

10/2016 Date TBD
Board of Directors / Membership Meeting in Anchorage

11/09/16
Board of Directors / Membership Meeting in Anchorage

11/11/16
Veteran's Day

11/24/16
Thanksgiving Day

12/03/16
Annual Board of Directors / Membership

If you haven't thought about getting ahead on your education pursuits at NECA 2016 Boston, now's the time.

Early registration closes August 18, and there are still several pre-convention workshops that have open seats available and may be just the training you need.

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Publications & Resources

2016 Profile of the Electrical Contractor Released

More than 2,400 contractors – NECA members and non-members – responded to Electrical Contractor Magazine's questionnaire earlier this year describing the work done in 2015. These 2,419 responses paint a portrait of an industry that's both continuing to mend since the financial meltdown eight years ago and expanding into new business areas.

A sample of the 2016 findings:

- The average age of the electrical contractor surveyed was 57.3, a statistically significant increase from 2014's result of 56.2 (which had remained unchanged from the 2012 figure).
- Education level of electrical contractors has remained consistent with this survey, versus 2014's results, with 57 percent across the total sample having some college education. However, a significantly higher percentage report having a bachelor's degree in 2016-22 percent, versus 19 percent in 2014.
- The proportion of companies who lost employees during the reporting period fell to 13 percent, from 18 percent two years ago. Twenty-one percent reported adding employees, virtually identical to the last survey results.

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Ensuring Your Company Profile is Up-to-Date = More Business.

Don't miss out on being found by Google's #1 search engine for 'Find a Contractor', NECA Connection!

NECA has recently upgraded its membership database with new work category codes to select from, we've also revamped our trademark search engine, all in an effort to increase exposure to potential clients and create new business opportunities for NECA contractors.

Meeting & Holiday
Party in Anchorage

12/25/16

Christmas Day

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Increased OSHA Penalty Structure Goes Into Effect

In November, Congress passed a budget that included legislation requiring federal agencies to adjust their civil penalties to account for inflation. As a result, the Department of Labor is adjusting penalties for its agencies, including the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

The new civil penalty structure for violations of the Occupational Safety and Health Act regulations went into effect Monday, August 1, 2016.

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OSHA Challenge Searches for Solution to Workplace Noise Exposure

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration is set to kick off a new initiative challenging inventors and entrepreneurs to help develop a technological solution to workplace noise exposure and related hearing loss.

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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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