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## Alaska Chapter News

### Board of Directors and Officers for 2016

The Chapter is pleased to announce the 2016 Board of Directors and Officers:

- Lael Fullford, President
- Dave McAllen, Vice President
- Scott Bringmann, Governor
- Jason Hodges, Treasurer
- Glenn Potter, Director
- Jesse Hale, Director
- Mark McKinney, Director
- Ralph Kibby, Director

### NECA's 2015 Holiday Party

The Holiday party was held at the Embassy Suites in Anchorage on December 5, 2015. We had fun night with a wonderful turnout, delicious food, great conversation, a fantastic photographer, an entertaining DJ and dancing. Next year's party will be on December 3, 2016. Save the date!



## Take Action

### NECAPAC Contributions for 2015

If you have not yet contributed to NECAPAC (formerly known as ECPAC) for 2015 there is still time! You can request a NECAPAC form from the Chapter or click on "Learn More" below to contribute online.

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### Electrical Contractors Hail House Passage of Energy Bill

John M. Grau, CEO of the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA), released the following statement on the

## Events

12/25/15  
**Christmas Day**

01/01/16  
**New Year's Day**

01/13/16  
**Board of Directors / Membership Meeting in Anchorage**  
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02/2016 Date TBD  
**Board of Directors / Membership Meeting**

02/15/16  
**President's Day**

03/2016 Date TBD  
**Board of Directors / Membership Meeting**

04/2016 Date TBD  
**Board of Directors / Membership Meeting**

05/11/16  
**Board of Directors / Membership Meeting**

05/30/16  
**Memorial Day**

passage of the North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act of 2015:

“NECA has voiced its strong support of the North American Energy Security and Infrastructure Act of 2015 and is pleased to see its passage in the House. This long-awaited and comprehensive energy policy bill focuses on the transmission, distribution, and storage of energy to ensure we have the necessary infrastructure to meet today’s modern energy challenges and will bring our nation’s energy policies into the 21st century.

We are pleased this legislation will streamline the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission review process for federal energy related applications and the regulatory process for authorizing liquefied natural gas exports. In addition, the bill will expand the use of resiliency-related technologies such as advanced grid technologies, distributed generation, microgrid systems, combined heat and power, waste heat resources, and energy storage technologies. Making greater use of these new technologies will help conserve energy and helps companies save money in the long run.

The benefits of this legislation are clear: job creation, energy security, energy independence, and economic growth. Creating more jobs in the construction industry is in the national interest, and this legislation will help meet this goal.”

## **NECA Urges Congress to Address Critical Issues Before Year End**

As we enter the closing days of the first session of the 114th Congress, NECA went on the record and urged Congress to address some critical issues that must be addressed before the end of 2015.

In a letter sent to all 535 offices on Capitol Hill, NECA states that Congress must address the following NECA-priority issues:

1. Ensuring the federal government and all federal construction programs are funded through the end of fiscal year 2016;
2. Extend and make permanent many of the important tax incentives of primary concern to NECA contractors that are currently scheduled to expire after December 31, 2015; and,
3. Asking that the 40 percent (or so-called "Cadillac") tax on high end health care plan be repealed.

We will continue to report on these priority issues in the coming days.

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06/08/16  
**Board of Directors /  
Membership Meeting**

07/04/16  
**Independence Day**

07/13/16  
**Board of Directors /  
Membership Meeting**

08/10/16  
**Board of Directors /  
Membership/Veteran  
Member/Guest/Spouse  
Meeting**

09/05/16  
**Labor Day**

09/14/16  
**Board of Directors /  
Membership Meeting**

10/07-10/16  
**2016 NECA Convention  
& Trade Show  
Boston, MA**

10/2016 Date TBD  
**Board of Directors /  
Membership Meeting**

11/09/16  
**Board of Directors /  
Membership Meeting**

11/11/16  
**Veteran’s Day**

11/24/16  
**Thanksgiving Day**

12/03/16  
**Annual Board of  
Directors / Membership  
Meeting & Holiday  
Party in Anchorage**

12/25/16  
**Christmas Day**



## Labor Relations

### **The Fight Against Invisibility: Finding a New Workforce**

While employment in the construction sector has generally enjoyed steady growth over the last 20 months, one element has remained stubbornly weak: the number of skilled workers. The problem is not new, and it persists. One solution may be found in communicating the value of an electrical contracting career to the millennial generation and the potential workers coming up after them. On a larger scale, a cultural recommitment to trade education is also needed. Only then, and together, can a workforce made for the 21st century truly grow.

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## Safety

### **OSHA Releases Updated Management Guidelines, Asks for Public Comment**

An updated version of Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA)'s voluntary Safety and Health Program Management Guidelines was released to the public.

David Michaels, OSHA's Assistant Secretary, said document represents the agency's best thinking and experiences from employers that have successfully adopted safety and health management systems (SHMS) focused on identifying, assessing, preventing, and controlling workplace hazards. These guidelines will help small- and medium-sized employers find and fix hazards before workers are injured, become ill or are killed. Engaging more employers in injury and illness prevention – which is at the heart of these guidelines – has the potential for shifting the curve on safety culture in America.

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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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