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## Alaska Chapter News

### Board of Directors and Officers for 2015

The Chapter is pleased to announce the 2015 Board of Directors and Officers:

- Scott Bringmann, President
- Dave McAllen, Vice President
- Mick Manning, Governor
- Gabriel Marian, Treasurer
- Glenn Potter, Director
- Jason Hodges, Director
- Lael Fullford, Director
- Ralph Kibby, Director
- Steve Wisdorf, Director

### NECA's 2014 Holiday Party

The Holiday party was again held at the Embassy Suites in Anchorage on December 6, 2014. We had a wonderful turnout with lots of great food, networking and dancing. The Chapter is already planning next year's event to be hosted at the same hotel on December 5, 2015. Save the date!



## Publications & Resources

### A Better Way to Stay Up-to-Date With Industry News and Information

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## Take Action

**Success! 'Pension Cliff' Averted om Budget Deal**

## Events

- 12/25/14  
**Christmas Day**
- 01/01/15  
**New Year's Day**
- 01/14/15  
**Board of Directors / Membership Meeting in Anchorage**  
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- 02/11/15  
**Board of Directors/Membership**
- 02/16/15  
**President's Day**
- 03/11/15  
**Board of Directors / Membership Meeting**
- 04/08/15  
**Board of Directors / Membership Meeting**
- 04/13-16/15  
**NECA Now Miami, FL**  
[neca-now.com](http://neca-now.com)

In order to avoid a government shutdown, Congress *had* to pass an omnibus spending bill before closing down for the holidays. To avoid businesses with troubled multiemployer pension plans exiting them in droves and costing us taxpayers *billions* of dollars, a fix for the troubled retirement system *had* to be found. So, John Kline (R, MN-02) and George Miller (D, CA-11), the leading members of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, crafted a deal based on the Solutions Not Bailouts proposal from NECA and the National Coordinating Committee for Multiemployer Plans (NCCMP). The final package was approved by the Senate Saturday night.

By making the multiemployer pension funding provisions of the Pension Protection Act of 2006 permanent rather than sunseting them on December 31 as originally feared, this law change relieves employers of uncertainties that had complicated planning and decision-making. In addition, the reforms grant the trustees of some severely distressed plans the option to slash benefits promised to current retirees in order to avoid out-right insolvency. The Kline-Miller measure includes other protections for plans in critical status and technical amendments to the PPA, as well. One thing it doesn't do is provide for new plan designs, so we're sure NECA will revisit this issue soon. Thanks to the hundreds of NECA contractors and chapter managers for taking action and writing their members of Congress!

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## National Defense Authorization Act Includes NECA-Backed Reforms

The House of Representatives recently passed the National Defense Authorization Act of 2015, which includes several small business contracting reforms that NECA has been advocating for years. NECA fully supports the passage of this legislation, especially provisions limiting the use of reverse auctions for Defense Department projects. Given that 95 percent of reverse auctions are for contracts of less than \$150,000, improper use of this tool has been harming small businesses, particularly NECA contractors, by limiting competition, and delivering contracts that fail to save taxpayers money.

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If you have not yet contributed to ECPAC for 2014 there is still time! You can click on the link below to contribute online and get it in before the year is over.

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05/13/15  
Board of Directors /  
Membership Meeting

05/25/15  
Memorial Day

06/10/15  
Board of Directors /  
Membership Meeting

07/04/15  
Independence Day

07/09/15  
NECA Open 7:00 am at  
Anchorage Golf Course

08/12/15  
Board of Directors /  
Membership/Veteran  
Member/Guest/Spouse  
Meeting

09/07/15  
Labor Day

09/9/15  
Board of Directors /  
Membership Meeting

10/3-6/15  
2015 NECA Convention  
& Trade Show  
San Francisco, CA

10/14/15  
Board of Directors /  
Membership Meeting

11/11/15  
Veteran's Day

11/2015  
Board of Directors /  
Membership Meeting  
Date to be determined

11/26/15  
Thanksgiving Day



## **Intec Offers Free OSHA Reporting Requirement Webinar**

Intec and eSafetyLine will present a free webinar on OSHA Recordkeeping & Reporting on Tuesday, January 6, 2015, at 1:00pm EST. This webinar has been developed to assist participants in completing the OSHA 300 Log, 300A Summary, and 301 Incident Reports. The webinar will also address changes in OSHA's reporting requirements and the use of OSHA data in safety surveys, award applications, and contractor pre-qualification programs. Space is limited so please register as soon as possible.

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## **Complete Survey on Low-Voltage and Fire Safety Products; Win an iPad Air 2!**

NECA and NAED are working with Frank Lynn & Associates to conduct a short (10 minute) survey on low-voltage fire safety products. Respondents have a chance to win an Apple iPad Air 2 with 16GB of memory.

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## **Eaton Recalls Electrical Meter Breakers Due to Shock Hazard**

The Eaton MBED 3042 series residential meter breaker's electrical components can be easily accessed, posing a shock hazard. Electrical contractors can get a free remedy kit.

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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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12/05/15

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

12/25/15

**Christmas Day**