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## Alaska Chapter News

### Changes at the Chapter

As of March 1, 2014, the Chapter office hours will be 7:30am-4:30pm and closed from 12pm-1pm for lunch.

Please note that the next Board of Directors and Membership meeting will be held on **Thursday**, March 6, 2014. Please RSVP for the monthly meetings and let the Chapter know whether or not you will be attending.

### Benefits for NECA Members

NECA connects our members with the products and services that support their businesses. Check out exclusive NECA member value-added discounts with leading manufacturers and service providers. Discounts are available for PPE & Apparel, Office Products, Shipping, Business Development Tools, Car Rental, Fleet Maintenance & Fuel, Credit Card Processing, Equipment Rental and Industry Publications.



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## Take Action

### Health Care Reform Page

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) is a vastly

## Events

- 02/17/14  
**President's Day**
- 03/6/2014  
**Board of Directors / Membership Meeting in Anchorage [RSVP](#)**
- 04/09/14  
**Board of Directors / Membership Meeting in Juneau**
- 05/07/14  
**Board of Directors / Membership Meeting in Anchorage**
- 05/26/14  
**Memorial Day**
- 06/18/14  
**Board of Directors / Membership Meeting in Fairbanks**
- 07/04/14  
**Independence Day**
- 07/10/14  
**NECA Open 7:00 am at Anchorage Golf Course**

complicated law, and it's not going away anytime soon. To help you join in our effort to reform it while meeting its legal requirements, we've assembled, all on one splash page, all the information you need to understand NECA's position on ACA and how the law affects you and your business.

The page includes:

- NECA's position paper on Health Care Reform
- Frequently Asked Questions Documents
- Webinar Recordings
- NECA's letters to Congress concerning the ACA
- Action Alerts
- Health care focused newsletter stories

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### Top Takeaways from the State of the Union

President Obama discussed several key initiatives in his State of the Union address on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, including:

- Comprehensive Tax Reform,
- Health Care,
- Infrastructure Investment,
- Energy Efficiency,
- Retirement Planning,
- Raising the Minimum Wage, and
- Issuing Executive Orders to address priority issues. (The president has declared 2014 a "year of action" and plans to advance his policies even without legislation and congressional action "when necessary.")

Some of what he said is encouraging; some is not. We're also concerned, in some cases, about what he didn't say. We've prepared a special report on NECA's response to the president's speech.

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**FYI:** Just before Congress returned to work, NECA published a brief synopsis of what we believe must be addressed and how we think these issues will play out over the year.

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### Tell Your Congressman: Support H.R. 3489

More than 170 NECA contractors have already responded to our call to urge their representatives to support H.R. 3489, a bill to repeal the current funding mechanism for the Transitional Reinsurance Program authorized under the Patient Protection

08/13/14

**Board of Directors /  
Membership/Veteran  
Member/Guest/Spouse  
Meeting in Anchorage**

09/01/14

**Labor Day**

09/10/14

**Board of Directors /  
Membership Meeting in  
Anchorage**

09/27/14-9/30/14

**2014 NECA Convention  
& Trade Show /  
Chicago, IL**

10/08/14

**Board of Directors /  
Membership Meeting in  
Anchorage**

11/11/14

**Veteran's Day**

11/12/14

**Board of Directors /  
Membership Meeting in  
Anchorage**

11/27/14

**Thanksgiving Day**

12/06/14

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

12/25/14

**Christmas Day**

and Affordable Care Act (ACA). If you haven't yet, please take the opportunity to try out our new Legislative Action Center.

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## Management Education & Training

### Save the Dates! National NECA Conferences Scheduled for Spring

Some popular NECA conferences are coming in April & May. Registration is now open for the following conferences. Mark your calendar and plan accordingly.

- WIN (Women in NECA) Leadership Summit-April 9-11, Dallas, Texas
- Future Leaders Conference-April 23-25, New York City
- NECA National Legislative Conference-May 5-8, Washington, D.C.
- NECA Safety Professionals Conference-May 19-21, Chicago

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## Safety

### Safety Awards Program Accepting Entries Through February 28

What do NECA contractors who make safety and health-related work practices a core value within their companies get when they gain recognition through our Safety Excellence and Zero Injury Awards Program? A great motivator for employees. The respect of their peers. And just possibly new business from safety-conscious customers! Applications are being accepted now through February 28.

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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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