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## Alaska Chapter News

### Board of Directors and Membership Meetings for 2015

March's Board of Directors and Membership meeting will be held at the NECA office on March 4, 2015, due to a scheduling conflict. The April Board of Directors and Membership meeting will be in Juneau at the Baranof Hotel on April 8<sup>th</sup>, and the June meeting will be in Fairbanks, location to be determined.

### Northern Powerline Constructors, NPC Energy Services and Midnight Sun Environmental Open House

Northern Powerline Constructors (NPC), NPC Energy Services and Midnight Sun Environmental started their move into a new location at 7941 Sandlewood in early October 2014. Once boxes had been unpacked and the building was ready, they began preparations for an open house in their media room on February 5, 2015.

They wanted the open house to benefit different charities. NPC chose Food Bank of Alaska, NPC Energy chose Camp Fire Alaska and Alyeska Ski Club and Midnight Sun chose Beans Café-Children's Lunchbox. They successfully raised nearly \$10,000.

The event brought in about 150 attendees who snacked on cheese, fruit, pork sliders, bruschetta, salmon dip, sausages, and tartlets catered by The Smokehouse LLC. They also sipped on Schramsberg sparkling wine, wine, beer (donated by Midnight Sun Brewing Company), iced tea and coffee while getting a tour of the facilities and placing bids on the 22 silent auction items, many donated by other entities.

On top of the silent auction items there were door prizes including an iPad and a mini freezer that were given to attendees by ticket draw and a live auction. Jason Hodges acted as auctioneer and the Can Am 4-Wheeler bids went up when he

## Events

03/04/15

**Board of Directors / Membership Meeting in Anchorage [RSVP](#)**

04/08/15

**Board of Directors / Membership Meeting in Juneau at the Baranof Hotel**

04/13-16/15

**NECA Now Miami, FL [neca-now.com](http://neca-now.com)**

05/13/15

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

05/25/15

**Memorial Day**

06/17/15

**Board of Directors / Membership Meeting In Fairbanks**

07/04/15

**Independence Day**

sweetened the pot by adding a winch! The Ultimate Executive Meeting Room (media room), with catering, went to a 2015 Super Bowl party and CIRI donated a flight and tour of Fire Island for two that was also very popular.



## Publications & Resources

### Information Technology for Line Electrical Contractors

This research report from ELECTRI International shows that the successful selection and adoption of IT requires planning and the execution of a performance evaluation plan. FREE download.

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## Take Action

### Farewell to ECPAC...Welcome NECAPAC!

ECPAC had another record-setting year in 2014, taking in \$896,314 in contributions. This success is thanks to the incredible 1600 NECA contractors who made a contribution to our political action committee. We are also pleased to announce that the Political Leadership Council also grew in 2014, with 13 new members and 42 chapters reaching their ECPAC goals. And we are thrilled to confirm that ECPAC became NECAPAC on January 1 and that we're kicking off NECAPAC in 2015 with some exciting new incentives to encourage your support.

**New Name. Same PAC. Same Power. Same Impact.**

To contribute to NECAPAC go to

<http://www.necanet.org/advocacy/necapac/contribute-to-ecpac>

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### Tell Your Representatives: Partnership to Build America Act Needs Co-Sponsors RIGHT NOW!

Investing in our nation's infrastructure has always been one of NECA's top legislative priorities. Rep. John Delaney (D, MD-06) has found a unique way to do it — without government spending! The Partnership to Build America Act, H.R. 413, the bipartisan measure which he recently reintroduced in the U.S. House of Representatives, would allow U.S. companies to bring back overseas earnings at a lower tax rate, then that money would in turn be invested in low-interest bonds, which would be leveraged to \$750 billion for infrastructure financing. Tell your representatives to co-sponsor this legislation to help fund needed projects, create jobs, and grow the economy.

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07/09/15

NECA Open 7:00 am at Anchorage Golf Course

08/12/15

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

09/07/15

Labor Day

09/9/15

Board of Directors / Membership Meeting in Anchorage

10/3-6/15

2015 NECA Convention & Trade Show San Francisco, CA

10/14/15

Board of Directors / Membership Meeting in Anchorage

11/11/15

Veteran's Day

11/2015

Board of Directors / Membership Meeting in Anchorage Date to be determined

11/26/15

Thanksgiving Day

12/05/15

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

12/25/15

Christmas Day



## On The Job

### Research Report on Change Order Guidelines

Electrical and low voltage contractors are routinely asked to prepare change order proposals on construction projects, and they routinely encounter problems with them, often including lack of adequate cost recovery so that they end up doing the change order work with a smaller markup than the initially bid project. ELECTRI International comes to the rescue with a new study, *Change Order Guidelines for Electrical and Low Voltage Contractors (Index #F3405a)*, that provides a systematic, standardized, fair process for the pricing of change orders. NECA members can download a *FREE* copy and purchase additional ones in the online NECA Store by clicking on “Learn More.”

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### Opportunities for Applying Lean Principles to Electrical Prefabrication

By moving part of traditional electrical work from a job site to a prefabrication shop and fabricating assemblies ahead of time, electrical prefabrication can provide benefits such as increased productivity and safety, decreased jobsite congestion, reduced waste, improved product quality, and cost savings. Exploring the *Opportunities for Applying Lean Principles to Electrical Prefabrication (Index #F3406)*, the latest research report published by ELECTRI International, identifies the unique prefabrication barriers that electrical contractors face, points out the lean construction principles helping overcome such barriers, and demonstrates effective ways to apply lean principles to electrical prefabrication. NECA contractors are eligible for a *FREE* copy in PDF format. You can download it and purchase more in the online NECA Store.

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## Meetings & Events

### NECA Now 2015 Executive Leadership Conference

NECA Now 2015 is a three day Executive Leadership Conference focused on your professional and personal growth. Registration is now open for this 3-day event April 13-16, 2016 in Miami, FL.

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### Registration Open For Legislative Conference

There's a new Congress in town, and we need to talk to its members about a wide variety of issues if we want to help NECA

contractors continue to grow and prosper. These important issues include investing in our nation's infrastructure, creating new and innovative multiemployer defined benefit pension plans, securing comprehensive tax reform, and repealing certain tax provisions of the Affordable Care Act. NECA's 2015 Legislative Conference offers your best opportunity to tell lawmakers your story and help them understand the issues affecting your business. *That's how you can make a difference!*

The 2015 NECA Legislative Conference will be held at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel in Washington, D.C., May 12-13, with the *by-invitation-only* Political Leadership Council (PLC) Summit to be held on Wednesday, March 13. Conference participants will take part in issue briefings and engage with members of Congress and Washington insiders while gaining a unique perspective on the legislative process. All registrants will have the opportunity to meet with legislative leaders in their offices *and* at our congressional reception.

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## Future Leaders Conference Beckons Up-and-Coming Industry Professionals

The 2015 NECA Future Leaders Conference to be held March 11-13 in Indianapolis offers emerging electrical construction industry professionals employed by a NECA-member company or chapter an opportunity to network with peers and consider the challenges their companies, industry and association will face in the future. We expect most attendees will rise to top positions within successful electrical contracting firms and take on leadership roles in NECA, at the chapter and/or national level. Some of them may even become president of NECA at some point! Registration and hotel rooms are on a first-come, first-served basis — *NECA cannot guarantee a sleeping room after March 4* — so register and secure your hotel accommodations ASAP.

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## Three Important Reminders about Safety

### **1. About the NECA Safety Professionals Conference ... Registration is now open.**

This event will be held May 18-20 at the Pointe Hilton Squaw Peak in Phoenix, Arizona. Don't miss out on the most useful and up-to-date information available anywhere on regulations, compliance, management techniques and standards development that impact safety and health in the electrical construction industry.

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**2. About the 2015 NECA Safety Awards Program ... February 27 is the cut-off.**

The NECA Zero Injury Award recognizes members that have worked a full calendar year without recordable incidents. NECA Safety Excellence Award winners are selected based on a comparison of safety data for their companies with pertinent data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics for similarly sized electrical contractors.

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**3. About the NECA Safety Meeting app ... It's still available for a FREE 30-DAY TRIAL!**

This powerful smart phone and tablet-based tool was developed specifically for NECA members to provide a consistent, cloud-based, user-friendly platform for you to manage your company's safety meetings and document them as required by OSHA. It includes more than 950 general safety talks + NECA's customized safety talks for inside electrical contractors *and* line contractors. A new video details *ALL* the new features.

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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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