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Alaska Chapter News

So Long 2013, and Hello 2014

The new year is off and running at the Chapter. We will be moving a couple of our monthly Board of Directors and Membership meetings from Anchorage this year to Juneau and Fairbanks. It is our hope that you will be able to join us at those meetings and take advantage of the opportunity to meet and network with more of our peers around Alaska. First, our April meeting will be held in Juneau on the 9th. In June, we will be holding a membership meeting in Fairbanks on the 18th. Exact time and venues are still being arranged, so stay tuned and we look forward to seeing you there. As the details of these meetings are worked out, you will find further information located on the "Events Calendar" in both this newsletter, and on the website at www.alaskaneca.org.



Take Action

New Online Legislative Action Center

NECA launched a new Legislative Action Center on the Government Affairs webpage. The new, easier to use webpage allows you to view NECA's top action alerts and send a letter to your Member of Congress quickly and easily. You can also view legislation that NECA is tracking with the Bill Tracker feature and see how your Members of Congress rank on NECA's vote scorecard. Sign up to be a NECA Key Contact if you have a strong relationship with your Member of Congress and would like to use your connection to advance NECA's legislative priorities.

If you have any questions or suggestions about the Legislative Action Center, email NECAGovtAffairs@necanet.org.

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Events

02/12/14
Board of Directors/Membership Meeting in Anchorage [RSVP](#)

02/17/14
President's Day

03/2014
Board of Directors / Membership Meeting in Anchorage, date to be determined

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



Success Drives ET&D Partnership Renewal

Great News! OSHA has renewed the Electrical Transmission & Distribution Partnership, a formal collaboration of industry stakeholders working together to improve safety for workers in the line construction industry. When NECA and other interested parties, including some of the nation's largest line contractors, launched the original agreement in August 2004, it was supposed to last for two years. Instead, it has been extended repeatedly — this time for another five years — because there has been a noticeable reduction in injury, illness and fatality rates among the partners' workers since it was established but it is recognized that there is still much work to do.

Accomplishments include the continuing development of industry best safety practices, which are available at powerlinesafety.org, and revising and teaching the OSHA-approved 10-hour training program for electrical power employees and the 20-hour training program for their supervisors. The partnership, which represents about 80 percent of the line industry, has trained more than 33,000 workers and supervisors thus far. Analyzing data for the purpose of tracking success, benchmarking, and planning future goals and objectives is another ongoing activity.

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Speakers for the 2014 NECA Safety Professionals Conference

The 2014 *NECA Safety Professionals Conference*, May 19-21 at the Hilton Rosemont/Chicago O'Hare, promises to provide attendees with the most up-to-date information, resources and best practices related to the hottest current topics in electrical safety. Safety directors, human resource managers, project managers, risk managers, supervisors — *everybody* who manages safety and health programs or has similar job responsibilities — will benefit from attending this conference. Keynote speakers include Randy Cadieux, founder of V-Speed LLC, Rodney Walker, founder of Men to Men Mentoring, and John Cruickshank, board certified attorney in labor & employment law.

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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

07/04/14

Independence Day

07/10/14

NECA Open 7:00 am at
Anchorage Golf Course

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

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

talks to employees.

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