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Alaska Chapter News

Board of Directors and Membership Meetings for 2015

July's Membership meeting is cancelled and the Board of Directors will meet for a lunch meeting. Our annual Veteran Member/Guest/Spouse meeting is scheduled for August 12th. Please reach out to retirees so they can save the date.

NECA Open

This year's NECA Open Golf Scramble will be held at the Anchorage Golf Course. Thank you to all who have signed up, we will see you at the course for a 7:00 AM shotgun start on July 9th!



Take Action

Tell Congress to Repeal Egregious ACA Healthcare Taxes

NECA continues to advocate for legislation to repeal the funding mechanism for the Transitional Reinsurance fee of the Affordable Care Act (H.R. 1886) and the 40 percent tax on high-end premium health insurance plans (H.R. 2050 and H.R. 879). Your representatives in Congress need to hear from a large number of constituents that the transitional reinsurance fee is an added financial liability on our member employers, adding to the many provisions in the ACA that will put our health funds under more financial strain. They also need to be told how the excise tax on so-called "high cost" health plans ignores important demographic and geographic factors, penalizes employers who do the right thing, and is among the most egregious provisions in the ACA. Letters that convey these crucial messages are waiting in the NECA Legislative Action Center, ready for you to edit or send as-is to your members of Congress at the push of a button. *Take Action!*

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Events

07/04/15

Independence Day

07/08/15

Board of Directors Only Meeting in Anchorage [RSVP](#)

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

09/09/15

Board of Directors / Membership Meeting in Anchorage

10/3-6/15

2015 NECA Convention & Trade Show San Francisco, CA [Register](#)

10/14/15

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Labor Relations

IBEW International President Edwin D Hill Retired May 31; Grau Offers Thanks For Service To Industry

IBEW International President Edwin D. Hill retired on May 31. Hill, IBEW's President since 2001, informed NECA CEO John Grau of his decision in a telephone call. He also told Grau that the IBEW International Executive Council had appointed IBEW Sixth District International Vice President Lonnie Stephenson as Hill's replacement effective June 1.

Grau thanked Hill for his service to the electrical construction industry and wished him well in his retirement. He also sent a message of congratulations to Lonnie Stephenson offering NECA's support in his new role.

"Ed Hill was a passionate leader of the IBEW. His heart was in his union, but he also knew his members' welfare depended on successful contractors and satisfied customers," Grau said.

Grau noted that Hill created the Code of Excellence program to improve jobsite productivity, and he actively promoted market recovery efforts that included alternate job classifications.

"The IBEW, NECA and the electrical construction industry face many challenges in the years ahead. I know that incoming IBEW President Lonnie Stephenson is aware of those challenges, and we at NECA will work with him and all of the IBEW leadership to address them." Grau said.

Among NECA's priorities are meeting workforce supply needs with well-qualified and productive electrical workers at competitive labor rates with flexible working conditions.

"Our industry is growing and we need to grow with it," Grau added. "NECA and the IBEW can be an unbeatable team. Ed Hill believed that. We will encourage the new IBEW leadership to continue along a progressive path."



Meetings & Events

NECA 2015 San Francisco: Registration Now Open!

By now, you should have received the NECA 2015 San Francisco Brochure and an invitation from NECA President David A. Hardt to attend the exciting mix of opportunities for education, inspiration, networking, and fun offered by our

Membership Meeting in Anchorage

11/11/15

Veteran's Day

11/20/15

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

convention, trade show, and surrounding events. The brochure (and our website at www.necaconvention.org) shows that you and your company personnel will have access to some great new educational opportunities and special events. There really is *"something for everyone and too much for anyone to take it all in."* So, while it's easy to customize your experience and make the most of your time in San Francisco, choosing the most beneficial itinerary for your company's team requires careful thought. Start planning your attendance!

NECA contractors and chapter offices that want to attend NECA 2015 San Francisco can now register online and request housing. Early registration savings for NECA conventioners will remain available through Thursday, August 13.

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See Places that Change the World, Stadium that Cupertino Design-Built, and Much More on Post-Convention Tour

After NECA 2015 San Francisco concludes, extend the learning adventure — *and the fun!* — by exploring America's leading high-tech development and idea hub and the busy epicenter of renewable electrical construction. Our Post-Convention Tour (*Wednesday, October 7-Friday, October 9*) will take in many iconic Silicon Valley locations, including a new one with a fascinating NECA connection. Levi's Stadium, the home-game home of the San Francisco 49ers and site of Superbowl 50 next year, is the "greenest" sports complex in North America and was design-built by NECA member-firm Cupertino Electric. Tour participants will stay at the Hotel Valencia, and that's a major attraction, too; it's right in the heart of San Jose's Santana Row, a lively entertainment district lined with designer shops, restaurants, bars and high-rent condominiums.

NOTE: Receipt of final payment for the Post-Convention Trip is due in the office of American Travel Association (ATA), **no later than August 6.** (ATA is the same entity behind NECA's 2015 International Study Mission to South America, October 31-November 11.)

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Registration Now Open for 26th Annual National Training Institute, July 25-31 at the University of Michigan

The National Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee's *National Training Institute* began as a retreat offering instructor training, but now it advances a wide variety of educational and training opportunities to meet the rapidly changing demands of *everyone* in the electrical industry. About 2000 industry participants are drawn to NTI every summer for a week's worth of professional education classes, technical training classes, the Outstanding Apprentice Graduate Program, and even special programs for electrical contractors. This year's NTI (**July 25-31**

at the **University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, MI**) offers all that *plus*:

- **Special programs for outside contractors**, providing an update for the line industry on safety and OSHA rulemaking, utility training and marketing programs, and more;
- A **trade show**, featuring new and upcoming products, tools and techniques from NJATC Training Partners and other industry leaders; and
- **Tours, a block party, the 5th Annual Electric Bolt 8K Run / 5K Walk, the return of the AJ. Pearson Charity Golf Tournament, and still more!**

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OSHA Updates: Guidance on "Fair Pay and Safe Workplaces" Executive Order, plus Spring Regulatory Agenda

The National Safety Council recently released some important occupational safety news in its May 29 membership news alert.

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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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