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Alaska Chapter News

2014 NECA Convention and Trade Show

If you are planning on attending this year's NECA Convention and Trade Show in Chicago, September 27-30, please let the Chapter know as soon as possible.

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April 9, 2014 Board of Directors and Membership Meeting

The April 9, 2014 Board of Directors and Membership meeting will be in Juneau at the Westmark Baranof Juneau in the Gastineau Suite. The Board meeting will be held at 5pm and the membership meeting will be held at 6pm with dinner served at 6:30pm. If you plan on attending from out of town, you can stay at the hotel at a discounted rate of \$139 for a standard room. The Group Name is "NECA National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA)" Please call the hotel to reserve your room at (907) 586-2660.



Take Action

New Advocacy App Helps Contractors Stay Engaged on the Go

The NECA Advocacy mobile app is now available in the iTunes and Google Play stores for your mobile device. It enables you to:

- Organize and promote congressional meetings by posting updates, photos and videos to social networks, including Facebook, Twitter, and Foursquare
- Review NECA talking points
- Watch issue-specific videos
- View lobby day meeting schedules
- Review biographical and political information about your senators and representatives.

Events

04/09/14
Board of Directors / Membership Meeting in Juneau [RSVP](#)

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

08/13/14
Board of Directors / Membership/Veteran Member/Guest/Spouse Meeting in Anchorage

09/01/14
Labor Day

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Transportation Bill Will Secure Future Construction Projects

Transportation construction projects will come to a halt if more funding is not found. NECA is working to ensure the multi-year bill passes.

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Meetings & Events

Future Leaders Conference Hotel Reservation Deadline: March 24

The 2014 NECA Future Leaders Conference (April 23-25 at the Millenium Hilton in New York City) focuses on innovation and leading change. It offers up-and-coming professionals an opportunity to network with their peers and discuss the hottest topics in electrical construction today. The purpose is to enhance their leadership skills and increase their involvement within the association, community and industry. Register ASAP: NECA cannot guarantee your room reservations after March 24.

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Publications & Resources

Changes in Rules for Hiring Veterans and the Disabled Pose Big Problems for Contractors

Last summer the U.S. Department of Labor proposed updating the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act (VEVRAA) of 1974 and Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 by adding hiring "benchmarks" or goals for the first time for protected classes of workers. The resulting final rules force federal contractors to take on vast new recordkeeping chores and engage in extensive new measures in order to combat any *perceived* discrimination in the hiring of military veterans (*of any era!*) and individuals with disabilities. These final rules become effective next Monday, March 24, and apply to all federal contracts and subcontracts worth \$100,000 or more. However, current contractors with a written affirmative action program (AAP) already in place will have additional time to meet the AAP requirements.

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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



Labor Relations

Employee Benefits Conference Presentations + Handouts

The IBEW-NECA Employee Benefits conference was held at the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club in Naples, FL on January 30-31, 2014. The purpose of the conference was to provide interested parties a forum to review the administration of the reciprocal agreements, discuss issues of common interest related to benefit trust funds and to meet informally with their counterparts. The 2014 conference agenda included important information and updates aimed at local benefit plan trustees, consultants, actuaries, attorneys, local union business managers, NECA chapter managers, as well as administrators.

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Education & Training

FREE Webinar: NFPA 70E and Shared Responsibilities

Join us on Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at 12:00 p.m. for a 90-minute webinar on NFPA 70E © Educating Parties on Shared Responsibilities, where NECA's Wesley Wheeler, Director of Safety, representatives from safety experts Intec inc. will present a deep dive into the latest edition of NFPA 70E to answer these questions and more.

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Safety

NECA, Allies Oppose Recordkeeping Proposal

Last fall, OSHA issued a proposal to "Improve Tracking of Workplace Injuries and Illnesses" by adding requirements for the electronic submission of the injury and illness information that employers are already required to keep. In response to the agency's call for comments, NECA has voiced opposition both independently and as a member of the Mechanical-Electrical-Sheet Metal Alliance, which also includes the Mechanical Contractors Association of America (MCAA) and the Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors National Association (SMACNA). NECA and allies oppose the proposed rule because its focus is not on occupational injury and illness prevention, it imposes unnecessary and burdensome administrative tasks on businesses, and it makes sensitive company-specific data available to the public. NECA is also concerned that its adoption would result in fewer actual injuries and illnesses being reported.

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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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