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Alaska Chapter News

Board of Directors and Membership Meetings

Please note that the upcoming November meeting has been changed from Wednesday to **Thursday**, November 13, 2014.

The Annual meeting will be on December 6th with the Board meeting beginning at 10:30 AM and the membership meeting following at 11:30 AM. The holiday party will again be at the Embassy Suites. Notices will be sent out in the next week or so.

Annual Report

Again, if you have any pictures or exciting news about your firm from this past year, we would love to feature it in our annual report. Please email it to Michelle by November 19, 2014 at the very latest. michelle@alaskaneca.org

Annual Membership Verification

It is time to update your membership records with NECA National and the Chapter again. A notice with what is currently on file will be sent to your firm's accredited rep soon. This verification process **MUST** be completed with the National office by November 14th so please return them to Michelle (michelle@alaskaneca.org) prior to that deadline. Your accredited rep is also able to go directly to your company's membership profile online year-round and make changes.



Publications & Resources

Electrical Contractor Releases Digital Magazine App

Electrical Contractor has launched an app version of the magazine to supplement the print and online brand offerings already in place. The app is available now to download on both mobile and tablets for iOS, Android and Kindle through the

Events

11/11/14
Veteran's Day

11/13/14
Board of Directors /
Membership Meeting in
Anchorage [RSVP](#)

11/27/14
Thanksgiving Day

12/06/14
Annual Board of
Directors / Membership
Meeting & Holiday
Party in Anchorage

12/25/14
Christmas Day

iTunes, Google Play and Amazon App Stores. It features a page-by-page version of the monthly magazine, a text-only mobile-friendly version and a hybrid solution.

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Showstoppers: Best New Products of the Year!

Electrical Contractor magazine, published by NECA, has presented the NECA Showstopper Showcase at each annual NECA show for the past 20 years to highlight a select sampling of the latest and greatest in electrical product innovations being displayed at the exposition. The products are judged by an independent panel of industry experts (which includes electrical contractors and EC staff specialists) to derive a list of the best of the best products for contractors to use on the job.

The 20 outstanding new products that earned Showstopper awards at the 2014 NECA Convention and Trade Show in Chicago will be covered in the January issue of our magazine, but we didn't want to make you wait.

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NECA Releases 2014 NEIS Yearbook

The tenth volume of the National Electrical Installation Standards (NEIS®) Yearbook CD collection (Index# 2000-14) has just been released by the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA). This reference tool is a complete digital collection of NECA's performance standards for electrical construction and maintenance.

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NECA Members Hold 6 of the Top 10 for 2013

National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) members hold six of the top 10 spots in the 2013 Top 50 Electrical Contractors listing by Electrical Construction & Maintenance (EC&M) Magazine.

EC&M's Top 50 Electrical Contractors listing was established in 2000 by sister publication CEE News to honor excellence in electrical contracting in the construction industry. Now in its 13th year, the Top 50 list showcases the top electrical contracting firms in the nation based on 2013 sales and acts as a gauge by which other firms may measure themselves. To give readers an inside view into these large construction companies, the magazine will continue their mission of surveying the nation's

largest electrical contracting firms and ranking them by yearly sales.

NECA contractors in the top 10 include EMCOR Group Inc. (No. 1); MYR Group Inc. (Sturgeon Electric) (No. 3); Rosendin Electric (No. 4); Cupertino Electric Inc. (No. 6); Five Star Electric Corp. (No. 9); and the Truland Group (No. 10).

"We'd like to congratulate the companies that made this elite list in 2013 and show our appreciation for their ongoing commitment to provide an important insider's view of the electrical construction business," the magazine said.

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Take Action

Preserve Your Health & Retirement Plans. Tell Congress: Time's Running Out for Reform!

Every day Congress waits, the problem facing multiemployer pension participants get tougher to fix, particularly for plans facing insolvency. Employers need a system that doesn't place their business at risk, and employees and retirees need to know that their retirements are secure. An extension of the Pension Protection Act has been proposed but would only serve to delay some of these problems, and extension would also fail to address any of the systemic issues while those problems become more difficult to overcome. The challenges facing multiemployer pension system require urgent action.

That's why NECA supports the National Coordinating Committee for Multiemployer Plan's report developed by the Retirement Security Review Commission. The report, entitled "Solutions Not Bailouts: A comprehensive Plan from Business and Labor to Safeguard Multiemployer Retirement Security, Protect Taxpayers and Spur Economic Growth," addresses the many challenges facing the multiemployer pension system.

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Minimum Wage on Federal Contracts Increases to \$10.10/hr January 1

On February 12, President Obama signed Executive Order 13658 to raise the minimum wage for workers on federal construction and service contracts. A final rule implementing this order was scheduled to be published in The Federal Register, Tuesday, October 7. Under this new rule, the minimum wage that must be paid to workers on covered federal contracts is \$10.10 per hour as of January 1, 2015. Beginning January 1,

2016, and annually after thereafter, the amount of the federal minimum wage will be determined by the Secretary of Labor. The rule also establishes what contractors must do to comply with the minimum wage provisions of the executive order, including recordkeeping requirements.

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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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