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Alaska Chapter News

Board of Directors and Membership Meetings

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

Annual Report

That time of year is upon us once again. If you have any pictures or exciting news you would like us to feature in the annual report please email it to Michelle by November 19, 2014 at the very latest. michelle@alaskaneca.org



Publications & Resources

ELECTRI Research On Employing CW/CEs Shows Strong Interest & Clear Value

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Labor Relations

Labor Relations Special Session to Focus on Technology, Training, and Worker Shortage

The Labor Relations Special Session at NECA 2014 Chicago is where NECA and allies will take a hard look at the labor relations issues that matter most to our members. The topic is "Technology, Training and Addressing the Worker Shortage." This session will provide the latest news on recent developments in labor relations and provide answers to your labor relation questions. (One recent development is the emergence of the Electrical Training Alliance, which involves leveraging technology to improve training outcomes and working with diverse partners to give local centers latitude to train the workforce for local markets. Among a lot of other

Events

09/27/14-9/30/14

2014 NECA Convention & Trade Show / Chicago, IL

10/08/14

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

11/11/14

Veteran's Day

11/13/14

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

things, attendees will also learn about how the IBEW has made organizational changes to increase the emphasis on organizing and recruiting new apprentices, skilled electrical workers and contractors in emerging markets.) Panelists will include IBEW International President Ed Hill and Electrical Training Alliance Executive Director Mike Callanan. Panelists representing NECA will include CEO John Grau and Geary Higgins, vice president, Labor Relations. Online registration for our 2014 convention and surrounding events is still available; please plan to attend and get in on this important session.

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Want a One-Stop Shop for NECA 2014 Chicago Information? There's a FREE App for That!

The **FREE NECA 2014 Chicago mobile app**, sponsored by Graybar, a NECA Premier Partner, is your one-stop shop for information on NECA's 2014 Convention and Trade Show (*September 27-30*). Features include, but are not limited to, the full convention schedule that you can sort by education track listing or by your favorite topics and speakers. There's also a listing of speakers with bios, access to NECA social media, a customizable on-site planner, an interactive map of the NECA Show floor, information on Chicago travel, hotels and restaurants, and much more. It's available *now* for free download through the iTunes and Google Play app stores.

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Safety

OSHA Expands Reporting Requirements for Severe Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses

Under expanded rules that go into effect January 1, 2015, employers will be required to notify OSHA of work-related fatalities within eight hours, and work-related in-patient hospitalizations, amputations or losses of an eye within 24 hours. Previously, OSHA's regulations required an employer to report only work-related fatalities and in-patient hospitalizations of three or more employees. Reporting single hospitalizations, amputations or loss of an eye was not required under the previous rule. The definition of amputation now includes the loss of a digit, which is a finger (including the thumb) or a toe. All employers covered by the Occupational Safety and Health Act, even those who are exempt from maintaining injury and illness records, are required to comply with OSHA's new severe injury and illness reporting requirements. Go to www.osha.gov/recordkeeping2014 to see the new plain-

language materials OSHA has provided to help you comply with this revision.

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FREE Webinar This Wednesday on Arc Flash Causes and Consequences

On **Wednesday, September 24**, starting at *2:00pm EDT (11:00 am PDT)*, John Maisel, publisher of ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR, and Scott Margolin, International Technical Director of Westex by Milliken, will host a webinar on the causes and consequences of arc flashes and the 2015 changes to NFPA 70E, the Standard for Electrical Safety in the Workplace. The webinar will focus on historical data, real accidents, body burn, and the differences between non-FR and FR clothing. Westex by Milliken will feature a new HD super-slow-motion video of arc flashes on real 480V equipment with clothed mannequins in typical working position. The videos, which has led to a significant leap in understanding the arc flash hazard, will show arcs from 0.6 up to 40+ cal. There will be a discussion about hazard analysis and FR clothing performance testing, focusing on the quantification of incident energy and ATPV (or arc rating). And finally, Westex will review changes to NFPA 70E.

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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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