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MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Electrical Contractors' Association of City of Chicago's (ECA) held it's March Membership Meeting on Wednesday, March 14, 2007 at Maggiano's Banquets in Oak Brook, Illinois. The meeting was open to all signatory Local Union #134 contractors. The featured speaker was Mr. Daniel Allen, City of Chicago Chief Electrical Inspector.

Chief Electrical Inspector Allen covered many issues during his presentation. Topic areas included the following: bonding requirements, background/current organization of Department of Buildings, code issues, monitoring of business licenses, stop-work orders, number of Inspectors, Generator Ordinance compliance, variance letters, working with the Department of Construction and Permits (DCAP) in regard to Permit issuance. A brief question and answer session followed. Mr. Allen was met with a resounding round of applause for his presentation.



Pictured from left to right are:
City of Chicago Chief Electrical Inspector Daniel Allen and
Brad Weir, ECA President, Kelso-Burnett Co.

This meeting was another example of one of the many ongoing activities that are a major part of the success and effectiveness of the Association. We do appreciate Chief Inspector Allen's time and effort which made for a very productive session. The next ECA Regular Membership Meeting is to be held Wednesday, April 11, 2007 at Gibsons Restaurant,

Rosemont, Illinois. Mr. William Divane, Divane Bros. Electric Company, Electrical Insurance Trustees (EIT) Chairman and Mr. Sean Madix, EIT Director are to be the guest speakers. This session is to be open to all signatory Local Union #134 contractors.



Pictured above is City of Chicago Chief Electrical Inspector Daniel Allen as he addresses the ECA Membership Meeting at Maggiano's Banquets, Oak Brook, Illinois.

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CAMPAIGN FOR QUALITY CONSTRUCTION

As you are aware, the Campaign for Quality Construction National Issues Conference is to be held May 1 - May 3, 2007 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, Washington, D.C. Hotel Registration and Conference Registration has recently closed; however, you may contact NECA Government Affairs at: (301) 657-3110 in regard to possible openings. The Campaign for Quality Construction National Issues Conference is sponsored by the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA), the Mechanical Contractors Association of America (MCAA), the Finishing Contractors Association, the Sheet Metal and Air-Conditioning Contractors National Association (SMACNA), the International Council of Employers of Bricklayers and Allied Craftworkers (ICE) and the Association of Union Constructors (TAUC). The Conference is your opportunity to lead your industry and to help it move forward this year with the leadership transition in the 110th Congress on key public policy issues. A number of the issues being followed include the following: repealing the 3% withholding on public contracts; seeking Federal Contracting reforms - banning reverse auctions, misclassification of employees as independent contractors; addressing immigration reform and guest worker proposals; monitoring Health Care reforms. The Conference includes briefings, addresses by legislative leaders and face-to-face meetings with your members of Congress and/or their staffs. We hope that you will be able to join your industry colleagues and voice your opinions to advance the industry.

EPS LEVEL I PROGRAM

The Electrical Contractors' Association Research & Education Committee has scheduled the Electrical Project Supervision Level I Program to be held on the following Monday evenings: April 2, 9, 23, 30, & May 14, 21, 2007. The EPS Level I Program will be held at the Holiday Inn Oak Brook Hotel, 17W350 22nd Street, Oak Brook Terrace, Illinois, (630) 833-3600. These six Monday evening classes will begin at 4:30 p.m. with a buffet dinner and conclude each evening at 8:00 p.m. The instructor for the EPS Level I Program will be Mr. Norb Slowikowski, Slowikowski & Associates. Mr. Slowikowski has been involved in motivational and supervisory training since 1982 and has trained over 8,000 foremen, superintendents, and project managers during that time. Norb has also done an excellent job in presenting this information to Association members and we look forward to his dedicated involvement in the successful continuation of the EPS Level I, II, and III Programs. The all-inclusive registration fee for ECA members for the EPS Level I Program is \$250.00 per registrant. Each class is limited to 24 participants.

ECA 36TH ANNUAL SPRING CONFERENCE

As a reminder, the Electrical Contractors' Association 36th Annual Spring Conference will be held on June 6 - 7, 2007 at the Grand Geneva Resort, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. The Grand Geneva Resort is set on 1,300 scenic acres featuring the full-service Spa and Sport Center - THE WELL. In addition, the golf outing scheduled for Wednesday, June 6, 2007 will be held at the Geneva National Golf Club, Palmer Course - minutes away from the Grand Geneva Resort. Wednesday night's reception/dinner meeting will provide members with the latest information regarding industry events. This affords them a great opportunity to catch up with what's going on in this constantly changing industry. Plans are currently being made for an exciting and informative business session on Thursday morning. We hope that all ECA members will be able to attend the Electrical Contractors' Association 36th Annual Spring Conference.



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CALIFORNIA, HERE WE COME

NECA Convention to be held in San Francisco

The National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) Convention and Trade Show is scheduled to be held October 5 - 8, 2007, Moscone Convention Center, San Francisco, California. Highlights of the Convention are listed below.

- The NECA Convention and Trade Show evening Opening Reception is scheduled for Friday, October 5th.
- The Trade Show hours are arranged as follows: Saturday, October 6, 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM; Sunday, October 7, 11:00 AM - 3:30 PM and Monday, October 8, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM.
- Along with the technical workshops, management seminars, the Convention is offering Lighting Education Tracks and the Think Green Program, as well as the Labor Relations Town Hall Program.
- The Opening General Session scheduled for Saturday, October 6th from 10:15 - 11:30 AM will feature Steve Young, the record-setting quarterback for the San Francisco 49ers. Steve Young had earned three Super Bowl titles and renown as the highest-rated QB in the history of the NFL.
- The Closing General Session scheduled for Monday, October 8th from 9:00 - 10:15 AM will feature Nando Parrado. Mr. Parrado is the author of the bestseller "Miracle in the Andes: 72 Days on the Mountain and My Long Trek Home."
- The Convention Closing Celebration is scheduled for the evening of Monday, October 8th featuring entertainer, Dana Carvey.
- The Chicago and Cook County Chapter, NECA has chosen the J. W. Marriott Hotel (formerly the Pan Pacific Hotel) as its Convention hotel. Convention Registration will open in the coming months.

We hope that you will be able to participate with the NECA Convention and Trade Show.



Pictured above is the Golden Gate Bridge as seen from the western end of Lincoln Park in San Francisco, California.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 2 - May 21, 2007
EPS Level I Program
Holiday Inn Oak Brook Hotel Oak Brook, IL

April 11, 2007
ECA Regular Membership Meeting
Gibsons Restaurant Rosemont, IL

May 9, 2007
ECA Regular Membership Meeting
Harry Caray's Restaurant Chicago, IL

June 6 - 7, 2007
ECA 36th Annual Spring Conference
Grand Geneva Resort Lake Geneva, Wisconsin

October 5 - 8, 2007
NECA Convention & Trade Show
San Francisco, California

October 9 - 13, 2007
ECA Post Convention Trip
Marquis Los Cabos San Jose Los Cabos, Mexico

Please contact the Association office for further information on any of these events.

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Members are encouraged to submit articles and ideas for stories to the Association office.

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS' FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT - 2006

NECA has made available its newly revised "Electrical Contractors' Financial Performance Report - 2006." The report is based on 2005 data and represents the most complete, accurate and up-to-date database of electrical contractors' financial and operating data. The information is designed to provide easy-to-understand guidelines for identifying business strengths, weaknesses and performance improvement opportunities. The report provides a NECA industry standard for your use during audits, claims/change order negotiation, or with a banker/bonding agent. The report also contains an easy-to-use chart on cash flow management. NECA Member price for the "Electrical Contractors' Financial Performance Report - 2006 - Index #1055-07 is \$25.00. Please contact the ECA office at: (708) 531-0022 for an Order Form.

Please note: The totals below for '06 & '07 include all electricians working under the Principal, Communication and Residential Agreements.

JANUARY EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

| | 2006 | 2007 | Cumulative Hourly Totals |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------|
| NUMBER OF CONTRACTORS | 995 | 971 | 2006 1,241,199 |
| JOURNEYPersons & APPRENTICES EMPLOYED | 10,531 | 10,653 | 2007 |
| HOURS WORKED | 1,241,199 | 1,323,668 | 1,323,668 |