

JULY 2007

ECA 36TH ANNUAL SPRING CONFERENCE

The Electrical Contractors' Association of City of Chicago's (ECA's) 36th Annual Spring Conference was held on June 6 - 7, 2007 at the Grand Geneva Resort, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Over 80 individuals attended the conference. This year's golf outing was held at the Palmer Course of the Geneva National Golf Club, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

Thomas Villanova, President of the Chicago and Cook County Building and Construction Trades Council was the featured presenter at the Business Seminar held on June 7th. Highlights of his presentation and question and answer session concerned the following listed topics, among other areas:

Council Background

The Council has over 100,000 members from 24 active trades. It is one of a few Labor organizations that endorsed Mayor Daley with his re-election bid.

Project Labor Agreements (PLAs)

Chicago and Cook County has more PLAs than any other area in the country. Currently, 20 PLAs are in effect, including CPS projects, bio-diesel plant, McCormick Place, Navy Pier, etc.

Construction Employers Association (CEA)

The Construction Employers Association (CEA) remains a viable organization. The CEA administers the Joint Conference Board (JCB). The JCB is effective as any jurisdictional disputes are dealt with, immediately.



Pictured above from left to right are:
Thomas Villanova, President of the Chicago and Cook County
Building and Construction Trades Council and
Brad Weir, ECA President, Kelso-Burnett Co.

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Chicago Olympic Committee

He is active on the Committee representing all Labor. The Committee anticipates that it will need assistance from the industry in the near future to help secure Chicago as the 2016 Olympic City.

Illinois General Assembly/City of Chicago

The legislation regarding misclassification of workers passed. The Council is working with City of Chicago Alderman William Banks regarding the drafting of "Responsible Bidder" language.

ACE Tech/Pre-Apprentice Program

He encouraged all contractors to continue to support ACE TECH with its efforts. ACE Tech will have its first graduating class next year. Also, he informed the attendees that the Council is now working with Dawson Technical with its pre-apprenticeship training program.

Future of Industry

He looked forward to working with all the employees, trades, and trade associations to help keep the area's construction environment vibrant.

The Business Seminar concluded with a round of applause for Mr. Villanova. We thank Mr. Villanova for his efforts in making our program a success. The 37th Annual ECA Spring Conference is to be held June 4 - 5, 2008 at The American Club, Kohler, Wisconsin. We look forward to seeing you there.



Pictured above from left to right are the Golf Awardees: Roy Diamond, Malko Electric Company; Paul Seben, Advent Systems, Inc.; Steve Witz, Continental Electrical Construction Company; Jay Eminger, Jr., Helm Electrical Services, Inc.; Brian Fitzgibbons, Rex Electric, Inc. Technologies; Timothy Arendt, Shamrock Electric Company, Inc.; Larry Cleys, Mid-America Electric Company, Inc.; and David Witz, Continental Electrical Construction Company



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ECA MEMBER RECEIVES AWARD

Electrical Contractors Association of City of Chicago member, James J. McGlynn, Sr., McWilliams Electric Company, Inc. recently received the "Award of Excellence in Business" presented by the Illinois State Crime Commission. Mr. McGlynn received the award on June 13, 2007 at the Drury Lane in Oak Brook Terrace, IL. This 11th Annual Awards Dinner recognized individual leaders in business and government throughout the state that have distinguished themselves with outstanding contributions to their communities and embodied it's theme of "Our character is what we do when we think no one is looking." Mr. McGlynn is an active liaison with the ECA Executive Committee in regard to the ECA Legislative and ECA PAC Committees, which he serves as Chairman, as well as the Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Trustees, which he serves as Management Chairman. Congratulations, Jim!



Pictured above from left to right are:
John Brining, CISCO Executive Director and
James J. McGlynn, Sr., McWilliams Electric Company, Inc.
as he received the "Award of Business Excellence"
from the Illinois State Crime Commission.

NECA CONVENTION RAFFLE

NECA has announced that a drawing will be held on August 20, 2007 from among those who have registered for the full convention package. The winner will receive one round-trip airline ticket to San Francisco valid October 5 - 9, 2007. The winner will be notified immediately and will have until September 4, 2007 to make airline reservations through Executive Travel Associates (1-800-498-2270). For more information and to register for the Convention, please visit the NECA Convention website at: www.necaconvention.org.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

July 13, 2007
CISCO Fair Contracting Committee's
Illinois Prevailing Wage Act and
Freedom of Information Act Outreach Session
9:30 am – 2:15 pm (Lunch provided) / Registration is FREE
To register, please contact CISCO at: (630) 472-9411

August 13 – October 1, 2007 (6 modules)
Electrical Project Supervision (EPS) Level II Program
Holiday Inn – Oak Brook Oak Brook Terrace, IL

September 12, 2007
ECA Regular Membership Meeting
Courtright's Restaurant Willow Springs, Illinois

September 27, 2007
MVP Program
Hyatt Lodge (McDonald's Campus) Oak Brook, IL

October 3, 2007
ECA Regular Membership Meeting
Rosewood Restaurant Banquets Rosemont, IL

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.

BLUE BOOK

"The Blue Book of Building and Construction" lists a classified and an alphabetical list of: general contractors, subcontractors, architects, engineers, manufacturers, equipment, materials, products, suppliers, services. It has been doing so since 1913. For contractors, it has targeted print and online exposure, enhanced bid network accessibility, and targeted public and private project leads. Blue Book also has a Messaging System regarding their bid network. The Blue Book of Building and Construction is available by calling: (847) 297-0400 or at www.thebluebook.com.

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

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

APRIL EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

	2006	2007	Cumulative Hourly Totals
NUMBER OF CONTRACTORS	1,008	927	2006 5,261,295
JOURNEYPERSONS & APPRENTICES EMPLOYED	11,261	10,965	2007
HOURS WORKED	1,377,810	1,381,679	5,333,807