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MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Electrical Contractors' Association of City of Chicago (ECA) held it's May Membership Meeting on Wednesday, May 9, 2007 at Harry Caray's Restaurant, Chicago, Illinois. The guest speaker for this event was Mr. Gary Niederkorn, Vice-Chairman, LMCC/Chicago and Treasurer, Local Union #134, IBEW. Mr. Niederkorn highlighted the many activities of the LMCC/Chicago.

He reported that two Market surveys are near completion: one that requires assistance from signatory contractors regarding a brief financial survey and the other that will utilize research conducted by the Construction Labor Research Council (CLRC). Both surveys are to give a more concise estimate as to the percentage of union labor market share in the Chicagoland area and the economic outlook for construction in the Chicago Metropolitan Area.

He announced that the LMCC/Chicago was in the process of updating its current Advertising, Marketing and Public Relations Programs. Data compiled from a survey of 300 end-users is being utilized to help create a truly unique promotional program. In conjunction with the program changes, the LMCC/Chicago website is being re-developed.

Mr. Niederkorn answered a number of questions ranging from current LMCC operations to the effects of non-union construction in the Chicagoland Electrical Construction Industry.

Mr. Niederkorn was then met with a resounding round of applause for his presentation. We thank Mr. Niederkorn for taking the time to present the extensive LMCC/Chicago update.



Pictured above from left to right are:
Brad Weir, ECA President, Kelso-Burnett Co. and
Gary Niederkorn, Local Union #134 Treasurer, LMCC/Chicago Vice Chairman

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NECA CONVENTION

As you are aware, 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. A unique event is scheduled during the Convention. For the first time, a Labor Relations "Town Hall" Meeting has been arranged. Convention attendees will have the opportunity to hear directly from NECA and IBEW leaders on the most current and critical issues shaping the electrical construction labor market and to take part in an open discussion. The "Town Hall" Meeting is in response to requests from NECA members for a forum devoted specifically to labor relations. It will feature a panel of speakers, including NECA CEO, John Grau, IBEW International President Edwin Hill and Geary Higgins, NECA Vice President, Labor Relations. The session will be moderated by negotiator, arbitration specialist and contractor advocate Mark Breslin. Famous for his candid and uncompromising style, Breslin works with nearly every major international union and dozens of employer associations throughout North America. He is the author of "Organize or Die," published in 2003 and "Survival of the Fittest," published in 2005. The Labor Relations "Town Hall" Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 7th from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. in the Moscone Convention Center South Hall A, San Francisco, California. Again, this event is only available to NECA 2007 San Francisco Convention attendees.

Portions of the article were excerpted from the NECA CHAPTER ALERT, April 30, 2007 issue.

INTECH RESIDENTIAL APPRENTICE REGISTRATION

Registration for the Residential Construction Program will take place at the IBEW-NECA Technical Institute, 6201 W. 115th Street, Alsip, Illinois on the following days and times: Monday through Friday, June 18 - June 29, 2007, 9:00 a.m. until Noon.

All applicants must report in person and bring the following documentation to receive an application:

1. A valid Driver's License.
2. Original Social Security Card. (You must prove legal eligibility to work in the U.S.A.).
3. A \$25.00 non-refundable application fee. (Money Order only, payable to EJATT).

All applicants must provide copies of the following documents to be kept by EJATT.

1. Birth Certificate. (You must be at least 17 years of age at time of application).
2. A High School transcript, official or unofficial, required for proof of the following:
 - a.) High School (HS) graduation, or G.E.D. (G.E.D. Certificate must be provided).

Upon an offer of apprenticeship, the applicant must be able to demonstrate that he or she can perform the essential functions of an apprentice electrician with or without a reasonable accommodation. In addition, a drug screen and a background check will be required. The recruitment, selection, employment, and training of apprentices shall be without discrimination because of race, color, religion, national origin, or sex. EJATT will provide equal opportunity in the apprenticeship program, and will operate as required under all applicable laws and regulations. Applicants who are selected into the program from this registration will begin classes in 2008. For more information on this program, please go to the EJATT website at www.ejatt.com.

Portions of this article were excerpted from the INTECH website at: www.in-techonline.org.



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CAMPAIGN FOR QUALITY CONSTRUCTION

As you are aware, the Campaign for Quality Construction National Issues Conference was held May 1 - May 3, 2007 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, Washington, D.C. The Campaign for Quality Construction



Pictured above from left to right are:
Karen Johnson, Roughneck Concrete Drilling and Sawing Company;
Steve Diamond, ECA Vice President, Malko Electric Company;
James McGlynn, ECA Legislative Committee Chairman,
McWilliams Electric Company, Inc. and
Noreen Ferentz, ECA Executive Committee Member,
Wright Electric Company, Inc.

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 gave the attendees an opportunity to help move the industry forward by discussing key public policy issues with members of the 110th Congress.



Pictured above from left to right are:
Noreen Ferentz, ECA Executive Committee Member, NECA Political Leadership Council (PLC) Member, Wright Electric Company, Inc.;
Thomas Morton, LLD Electric Company; Richard Ruh, Fire Pros, Inc.;
Congressman Mark Kirk (IL); Steve Diamond, ECA Vice President,
NECA Political Leadership Council (PLC) Member, Malko Electric Company;
Karen Johnson, Roughneck Concrete Drilling and Sawing Company;
James O'Connor, Mason Contractors Association Executive Director; and
James McGlynn, ECA Legislative Committee Chairman, McWilliams Electric Company, Inc.

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A number of the issues that were discussed included 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; Green Building proposals. The Conference included briefings, addresses by legislative leaders and face-to-face meetings with members of Congress and/or their staffs. The Chicago and Cook County Chapter, NECA was well represented. A number of Congressmen were able to meet with our group. The information shared should prove beneficial as the year progresses. We thank those ECA members who were able to join their industry colleagues and were able to voice their opinions to advance the industry.



Pictured above from left to right are Illinois Senators Barack Obama and Richard Durbin as they listened to questions during their weekly "Breakfast" with constituents.



Pictured from left to right are:
Daniel Durkin, ECA Executive Committee Member, Durkin Electric Company, Inc.; two specialty contractor reps. from the National Issues Conference;
Congressmen Jerry Weller (IL);
James McGlynn, ECA Legislative Committee Chairman, McWilliams Electric Company, Inc.;
Steve Diamond, ECA Vice President, NECA Political Leadership Council (PLC) Member, Malko Electric Company; and
Louis Matson, ECA Legislative Committee Member, Active Enterprises, Inc.



Pictured from left to right are:
Noreen Ferentz, ECA Executive Committee Member, NECA Political Leadership Council (PLC) Member, Wright Electric Company, Inc.; and
Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones (Ohio)



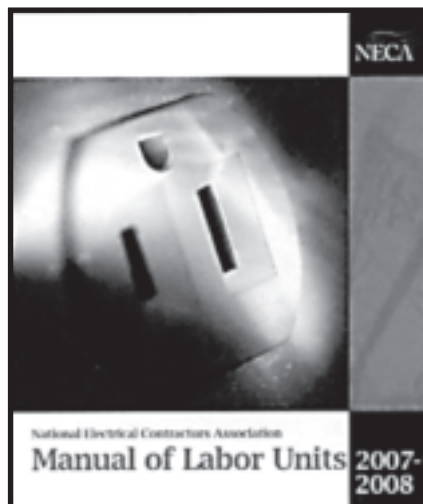
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COMPLIMENTARY COPY OF NECA MANUAL OF LABOR UNITS AVAILABLE

The NECA Manual of Labor Units has been revised. Some significant changes that have been incorporated into the 2007 - 2008 manual include the following:

- Section 1: Limited Energy Systems - several important revisions that will keep the material current in a rapidly changing market.
- Section 8: Grounding & Lightning Protection Systems - a substantial revision added new grounding material items and updated much of the lightning material.
- Section 10: Temporary Power & Lighting - a substantial revision added many material items that may be required in the temporary wiring phase of a project.
- Section 12: Equipment Installation and Connections - now incorporates a listing for final motor and equipment connections based on the material used at the point of this connection rather than on the size of the equipment itself.
- Section 13: Industrial Control and instrumentation - temperature control material listings have been revised, reordered and moved to this section from Section 1. Variable speed and variable frequency controls have been moved from this section to Section 4.
- Section 14: Alternate Energy Systems - a totally new section of the manual devoted to various types of power generation and cogeneration equipment. This section has also been established to eventually contain required electrical elements of Green Building Technology and LEED certification.

NECA members can contact the Association at: (708) 531-0022 for an Order Form to receive a **complimentary copy** (either paper format - Index #4090-07 or CD version - Index #4090-07D) of the NECA Manual of Labor Units. **National NECA must receive your request for the complimentary copy by July 1, 2007.** Additional copies are available at a cost of \$45 per copy.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

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.

POST CONVENTION TRIP

As you are aware, the ECA recently announced that a Post-Convention Trip has been scheduled at Marquis Los Cabos Beach, Golf, Spa & Casitas Resort located at San Jose del Cabo, Baja California Sur, Mexico.

All members are welcome to attend even if you do not plan to attend the NECA Convention in San Francisco, California. Please forward your Registration Form to the ECA office.

For additional information regarding the hotel, please contact Moe Yanes at The Travel Agency at: (312) 853-0238, as well as at: www.marquisloscabos.com. We look forward to seeing you there.

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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.

MARCH EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

	2006	2007	Cumulative Hourly Totals
NUMBER OF CONTRACTORS	1,009	942	2006 3,883,485
JOURNEYPERSONS & APPRENTICES EMPLOYED	10,710	11,284	2007
HOURS WORKED	1,402,639	1,366,232	3,952,128