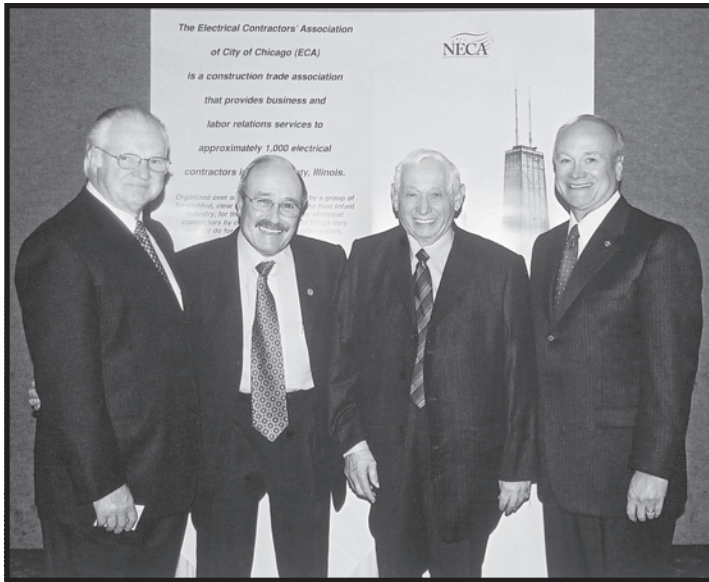


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OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Electrical Contractors' Association of City of Chicago (ECA) held its October Membership Meeting on Wednesday, October 3, 2007 at the Rosewood Restaurant Banquets in Rosemont, Illinois. The



Pictured above from left to right are:
Terry Gabinski, Chicago Coordinating Committee Liaison,
Jerrold Nixon, Maron Electric Company,
The Honorable Bernard Stone - City of Chicago 50th Ward Alderman and
Brad Weir, ECA President, Kelso-Burnett Co.

featured speaker was City of Chicago 50th Ward Alderman Bernard Stone. Stone began his Aldermanic career in July 1973 as he was elected to fill an unexpired term of the 50th Ward Alderman and has since been re-elected to full terms. He is currently the Chicago City Council Chairman of the Committee on Buildings and has been unanimously elected since April 1998 as the Vice Mayor of the City of Chicago. He also served as a Commissioner of the Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission and as a member of the Chicago Cook County Criminal Justice Commission. Mr. Stone graduated from John Marshall Law School in 1952 and began a career as an adjuster for a leading insurance company and then went on to establish a successful private law practice. He has also been a prominent figure in his community - active in civic, religious and fraternal organizations.

Alderman Stone gave a brief update on various issues affecting electrical contractors that have projects in the City of Chicago. He also stayed for an extensive question and answer session. The ECA thanks Alderman Stone for his presentation. The ECA also thanks Alderman Stone for his years of service to the Chicago City Council, for his tireless efforts to update the Chicago Electrical Code, and for his continued efforts to monitor proposed changes to the Code.

NECA CONVENTION UPDATE

The NECA Convention was held October 5 - 8, 2007 at the Moscone Convention Center, San Francisco, California. Highlights of the NECA Convention include the Governor's Meeting, the first NECA-IBEW Townhall Meeting, the Electrical Academy Inductions and the presentation of the Coggeshall Award.

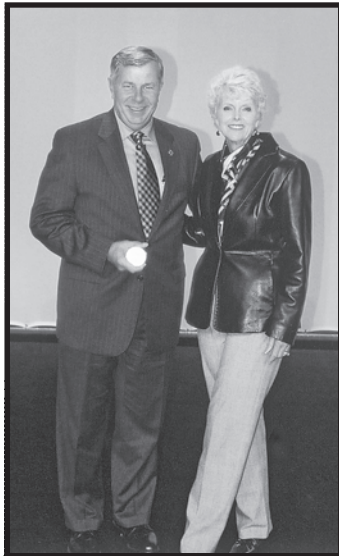
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NECA CONVENTION UPDATE

COGGESHALL AWARD WINNER / ACADEMY INDUCTION

David Hardt, Hardt Electric, Inc., Chicago and Cook County Chapter, NECA Governor, received the Coggeshall Award during the NECA Convention on Monday, October 8, 2007. The Coggeshall Award



Pictured above from left to right are: David and Christine Hardt.

honors a NECA member contractor who has made an outstanding contribution to the progress of the electrical contracting industry in the technical and training area. Mr. Hardt was also inducted into the Academy of Electrical Contracting during the Convention. The ECA thanks Mr. Hardt for his efforts on behalf of the industry on both the local and national levels. Congratulations, David!

NECA GOVERNOR'S MEETING

The NECA Governor's Meeting was held on Friday, October 5, 2007. A number of Ordinary Proposals and By-law Amendments were voted on. The NECA By-law Amendments and Ordinary Proposals, as well as their vote outcomes include the following: Ordinary Proposal 1: Code of Excellence to be incorporated as Category One language passed; Ordinary Proposal 2: Coordination of the Emerson Hamilton Scholarship Award passed; Ordinary Proposal 3: Optional shift premium language passed; Ordinary Proposal 4: C.I.R. for IBS arena passed; By-law Amendment 1: Recast the vote concerning the admission of the actual votes Governor's make during the Governor's Meeting passed; By-law

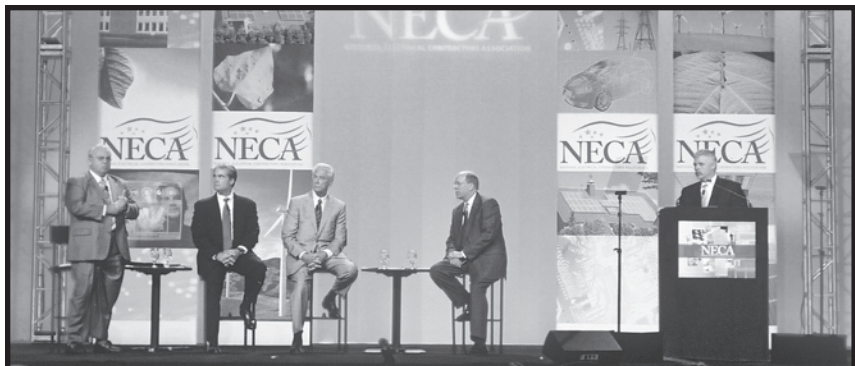
Amendment 2: Additional contractor representation on C.I.R. did not pass; By-law Amendment 3: Indemnification language change passed.

NECA-IBEW TOWNHALL MEETING

The first NECA-IBEW Town Hall Meeting was held on Sunday, October 7, 2007. The panel of speakers included the following: John Grau, NECA CEO; Geary Higgins, NECA Vice President; Edwin Hill, IBEW International President and John Walters, IBEW Secretary Treasurer. Mark Breslin, negotiator/arbitrator, was the moderator for this event.

Critical issues were discussed which ranged from stability of the NEBF, use of varied worker classifications, portability use throughout the country and union organizing activities.

The ECA thanks all who were able to participate with this unique event.



Pictured from left to right at the NECA-IBEW Townhall Meeting are:

John Walters, IBEW Secretary Treasurer;
Geary Higgins, NECA Vice President;
Edwin Hill, IBEW International President;
John Grau, NECA CEO and Michael Breslin, Moderator.



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ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION "HALL OF FAME" AWARD

Mr. Steve Diamond, President, Malko Electric Company, ECA Vice President, was the recipient of the Electric Association's "Hall of Fame" Award. He was presented the award at the Electric Association's Membership Awards Dinner held on October, 18th at The Carlisle, Lombard, Illinois.



Pictured above at the Electric Association Membership Awards Dinner from left to right are: Roy Diamond and Steve Diamond, ECA Vice President, Malko Electric Company

The Hall of Fame inductions are designed to honor outstanding individuals who have played a key role in the development and nurturing of the electrical industry in Chicagoland. The award recognizes individuals whose innovation, hard work, dedication and vision have fostered industry growth and social progress. The Electrical Contractors' Association of City of Chicago (ECA) recognizes the significance of the award and congratulates Steve on being this year's Electric Association "Hall of Fame" recipient.

SAFETY DIRECTORS' FORUM UPDATE

The Electrical Contractors' Association of City of Chicago (ECA) Safety Committee's most recent "Safety Directors' Forum" was held on September 25, 2007 at the Chicagoland Construction Safety Council in Hillside, Illinois.

The program included a presentation regarding Fall Protection and was then followed by a discussion of varied topics of general concern to the industry during the open forum. Highlights of the formal presentation from Paul Satti, CCSC Technical Director, includes the following: Fall Protection issues revolve around Hazard Awareness concerns such as the types of hazards, use of scaffolds,



Pictured above are the contractor members during the recent Open Forum of the ECA Safety Committee's "Safety Directors' Forum" held at the Chicagoland Construction Safety Council.

ladders, aerial platforms, proper definition of the "competent person." Overall fall management programming covers areas of fall prevention and fall protection. Protocols used when aerial lifts are in use were emphasized: proper records and site specific training and training on a particular piece of equipment must be considered. He also covered conventional fall protection systems, personal fall arrest systems and types of equipment used in regard to fall protection. The open forum discussion ranged from new aerial lift equipment to workers' compensation issues to flexibility of contractors to hold in-house safety training programs. The ECA wishes to thank Mr. Satti for his informative presentation, as well as the active participation of the attendees during the open forum.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 1, 2007
 O'Hare Modernization Program (OMP)
 Contractor Open House
 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
 Fountain Blue Banquets Des Plaines, IL

November 5, 2007
 Electrical Project Supervision III (EPS III)
 (Six module program)
 Holiday Inn Oak Brook Oak Brook, IL

November 7 - 9, 2007
 United States Green Building Conference (USGBC)
 "Greenbuild 2007" Chicago, Illinois

November 14, 2007
 ECA Regular Membership Meeting
 Itasca Country Club Itasca, Illinois

December 7, 2007
 ECA Presidential Ball and Holiday Party
 Butterfield Country Club Oak Brook, Illinois

January 9, 2008
 ECA Regular Membership Meeting
 Maggiano's Banquets Oak Brook, IL

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.

ESTIMATING WORKSHOP

The Electrical Contractors' Association of City of Chicago (ECA) Research and Education Committee presentation of the Basic Electrical Estimating Workshop was facilitated by Robert Mooty of the NECA Management and Education Institute (MEI). The program included intensive classroom instruction in the fundamentals of estimating electrical construction. The course is designed for those with little or no experience, as well as those seasoned estimators looking to hone their skills. The course also had a one-hour online program that is required for all participants and serves as an introduction to NECA's Manual of Labor Units. The program was well attended and was held in mid-October at the McDonald's Hamburger University in Oak Brook, Illinois.



Pictured above is Robert Mooty, NECA Management Education Institute (MEI) Instructor as he began to facilitate the ECA Basic Electrical Estimating Workshop.

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

AUGUST EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

	2006	2007	Cumulative Hourly Totals
NUMBER OF CONTRACTORS	971	917	2006 10,971,691
JOURNEYPERSONS & APPRENTICES EMPLOYED	11,663	11,502	2007
HOURS WORKED	1,556,374	1,561,770	11,172,765