



SEPTEMBER 2007

ECA WELCOMES ALDERMAN STONE

The Electrical Contractors' Association of City of Chicago (ECA) is proud to welcome the Honorable Bernard Stone, City of Chicago 50th Ward Alderman as the guest speaker for the October Membership Meeting.



Pictured above is
the Honorable Bernard Stone,
City of Chicago 50th Ward Alderman

We hope you will join us as the Alderman will be on hand to give a presentation regarding his Building Committee activities, Aldermanic duties and other areas that affect the Chicagoland electrical construction industry.

The luncheon meeting is scheduled as follows: Wednesday, October 3, 2007, Rosewood Restaurant Banquets, in Rosemont, Illinois.

It has not been determined if this session will be open to all signatory contractors, as of yet. Detailed registration information is to be forthcoming.

NECA CONVENTION UPDATE

As a reminder, the NECA Convention and Trade Show Opening Reception is scheduled for Friday, October 5, 7:00 - 9 pm at the San Francisco Marriott, 55 4th Street. The Trade Show hours at the Moscone Convention Center are arranged as follows: Saturday, October 6, 12:00 - 5:00 pm; Sunday, October 7, 11:00 am - 3:30 pm and Monday, October 8, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. The General Sessions are to be held at the Moscone Convention Center - South Hall A. The Opening General Session scheduled for Saturday, October 6, 10:15 - 11:30 am will feature Steve Young, the record-setting quarterback for the San Francisco 49ers. The Closing General Session scheduled for Monday, October 8, 9:00 - 10:15 am will feature Nando Parrado, author.

The NECA Town Hall Meeting is to be held on Sunday, October 7, 10:00 - 11:30 am at the Moscone Convention Center - South Hall A. Critical issues are to be discussed and the panel of speakers include the following: John Grau, NECA CEO, Geary Higgins, NECA Vice President and Edwin Hill, IBEW International President. Mark Breslin, negotiator/arbitrator will be the moderator for this event. The Convention Closing Celebration is scheduled for the evening of Monday, October 8, 8:30 - 10:00 pm at the Masonic Auditorium on Nob Hill and is to feature entertainer, Dana Carvey.

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JOINT CONFERENCE BOARD

The Joint Conference Board (JCB) recently held its Annual Meeting at the Erie Street Café, Chicago, Illinois. The Joint Conference Board consists of representatives from the Construction Employers Association (CEA) and have the JCB Clause in their collective bargaining agreements and the Chicago and Cook County Building and Construction Trades Council. The JCB hears jurisdictional disputes among the various trades; however, many of the disputes are worked out prior to going through all the stages from mediation to arbitration. The JCB continues to remain vital to maintaining the jurisdictional balance among the union trades. Representatives from management and labor were on hand to review the prior year's arbitrations and/or mediations, as well as nominate and elect the JCB Officers for 2007 - 2008. The Officers are: James Sweeney, Operating Engineers Local 150, Chairman; James Cassidy, Cassidy Brothers, Inc., Vice Chairman and Daniel Day, CEA, Secretary; Ex-Officio Members are Thomas Villanova and Frank O'Lone of the Chicago and Cook County Building and Construction Trades Council. The Electrical Contractors' Association of City of Chicago (ECA) wishes to thank its member representatives who serve as liaisons with the CEA Committee: Jerrold Nixon, Chairman, Maron Electric Company; Michael Deger, Block Electric Company, Inc.; Frank Gurtz, Gurtz Electric Company; Joseph McGlynn, McWilliams Electric Company, Inc.; and Richard Jamerson, Jamerson & Bauwens Electrical Contractors, Inc.

BASIC ELECTRICAL ESTIMATING WORKSHOP

SAVE THE DATES of October 15 - 18, 2007 for the Electrical Contractors' Association of City of Chicago (ECA) Research and Education Committee presentation of the Basic Electrical Estimating Workshop. Robert Mooty of the NECA Management and Education Institute (MEI) will be the instructor. The program is to include 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 will include a one-hour online course that is required for all participants. The online portion serves as an introduction to NECA's Manual of Labor Units. The program location is McDonald's Hamburger University in Oak Brook, Illinois. Registration information is being finalized at this time. This program is being offered to all ECA member firms. You can contact the ECA at: (708) 531-0022 for further information.

18TH ANNUAL SAFETY CONFERENCE & EXPOSITION

The 18th Annual Safety Conference & Exposition sponsored by the Chicagoland Construction Safety Council (CCSC), Center to Protect Workers' Rights, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, and other government agencies and employer and industry associations is to be held February 12 - 14, 2008 at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, Illinois. Over 70 sessions are to be offered throughout the conference including the following topics: fall protection, power line safety and workers' compensation issues, electrical safety, workzone safety. In addition, over 100 exhibitors are to be on hand to demonstrate the latest innovations in safety and health products and services. Full conference details along with registration details can be found at the CCSC website at: www.buildsafe.org or contact the CCSC at: (800) 552-7744.



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APPRENTICE REGISTRATION

OFFICIAL INFORMATION REGARDING APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

I. B. E. W. Local 134 and the Electrical Contractors' Association sponsor an apprenticeship program in Cook County, Illinois through the Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Trust (EJATT). EJATT has permission from the U.S. Department of Labor to open a registration for new applicants for its Electrical Construction Program. In the Electrical Construction Program, apprentices learn to install and maintain power, communications, and lighting systems in commercial, industrial, and residential settings. Applicants who are selected into the program from this registration will begin classes in 2008.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration for the Electrical 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 -- September 17th to September 28th 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),
 - b.) One full year of HS level Algebra with a grade of at least "C", or one post HS level Algebra course with a grade of at least "C". Higher level courses may be accepted to satisfy the Algebra requirement at the discretion of the Trustees.

Upon an offer of apprenticeship, you must be able to demonstrate that you 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.

Information for this article was excerpted from the EJATT website at: www.ejatt.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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September 12, 2007
 Unemployment Cost Management Seminar /
 ECA Regular Membership Meeting
 Courtright's Restuarant Willow Springs, IL

September 27,2007
 Managing & Vitalizing Productivity -
 Developing a MVP Culture
 McDonald's Hamburger University 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

October 15 - 18, 2007
 Basic Electrical Estimating Workshop
 McDonald's Hamburger University Oak Brook, IL

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

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.

NECA CONVENTION UPDATE

MANAGEMENT SEMINARS

Those attending the 2007 NECA Convention & Trade Show to be held October 5 - 8 in San Francisco, California will be able to attend a wide array of programs featuring a variety of electrical contracting management issues.

The following lists a number of these programs slated for the Convention:

“Design - Build strategies, risks and rewards from the legal perspective,” “Project Labor Agreements,” “NFPA 70E compliance made easy,” “Supervisory skills for new managers,” “Guide to Benchmarking Field Operations,” Top 10 Business Practices,” “Recent Developments in Construction Law for Electrical Contractors,” “Emerging Green Markets: The role of the electrical contractor on Green Building Projects,” “Pre-construction planning process,” “Single vs. Multiple Prime Contracting,” among other programs.

Further information regarding these programs can be found at the NECA website at: www.necanet.org.

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

JUNE EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

	2006	2007	Cumulative Hourly Totals
NUMBER OF CONTRACTORS	1,004	927	2006 8,066,714
JOURNEYPERSONS & APPRENTICES EMPLOYED	11,470	11,349	2007
HOURS WORKED	1,123,521	1,145,242	8,157,049