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CISCO LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

The Electrical Contractors' Association of City of Chicago (ECA) is a member of the Construction Industry Service Corporation (CISCO), a Labor-Management organization which is comprised of dozens of unions and trade organizations throughout the Northeastern Illinois area. As you are aware, CISCO has developed a number of programs that have promoted and strengthened the union construction industry over the years from outreach to schools, to the offering of industry scholarships, to the creation of the Midwest Employee Benefit Fund Coalition and consistent Fair Contracting Committee efforts, among many other areas.



Pictured above from left to right are: James McGlynn, Sr., ECA Legislative Committee Chairperson, McWilliams Electric Company, Inc. (on far left with back to windows) as he has a point clarified during the meeting and Richard Rioux, LU #134, IBEW President.

CISCO also has an active Legislative Committee. Currently, there are 35 individuals who participate with this group. Representatives from the Committee have brought the mutual concerns of the overall construction industry to legislators and governing bodies throughout the State of Illinois. The CISCO Legislative Committee is a unique forum that offers both Labor and Management the opportunity to bring ideas that can be discussed fully and mutually embraced to enhance and improve the industry. The Association wishes to thank those members who have volunteered their time and expertise to serve on this Committee, the CISCO Board, as well as their assistance with other CISCO activities.



Pictured above are the participants at the CISCO Legislative Committee held June 27, 2008.



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JOINT CONFERENCE BOARD ANNUAL MEETING

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 meditation 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 2008 - 2009. The Officers are: James Cassidy, Cassidy Brothers, Inc., Chairman; James Sweeney, Operating Engineers Local 150, 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 meeting featured reports from the 2007 - 2008 JCB Chairman, James Sweeney, the JCB Secretary, Dan Day and Ex-Officio member, Thomas Villanova. Highlights of their reports include the following: Seven mediations and four arbitrations were heard by the JCB from May 2007 - May 2008; Cook County leads the country in the number of Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) and three new PLAs have been signed with Rush Hospital, Children's Memorial Hospital and Microsoft; the JCB has continuous training sessions for labor and management representatives regarding arbitration and mediation procedures; New York, Boston and Chicago are the only cities in the nation that have a Joint Conference Board system.

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.



Pictured above from left to right are:
Dan Day, CEA Director; Thomas Villanova, Chicago and Cook County Building and Construction Trades Council President;
James Sweeney, 2008 - 2009 JCB Vice-Chairman, Operating Engineers Local 150;
James Cassidy, 2008 - 2009 JCB Chairman, Cassidy Brothers, Inc. and
Frank O'Lone, Chicago and Cook County Building and Construction Trades Council Secretary/Treasurer.

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NECA CONVENTION IN CHICAGO

As you are aware, the 2008 NECA Convention is to be held in Chicago, October 4th through the 7th. Registration has already begun for this event and the Chapter hotel is the Ritz Carlton Chicago Hotel. Prior to the NECA Convention and Trade Show, the Association will be sponsoring a "Welcome Reception" for the Chapter Governors, Presidents and Managers from throughout the country. The function will be held on Friday, October 3rd at the Peninsula Hotel in downtown Chicago. ECA members have been invited. Special invitations have been forwarded; we do hope that you will be able to participate.

The Trade Show will be held at McCormick Place Lakeside Center; however, several events will be held off-site. The Opening Reception is being dubbed, "Party at the Pier" as it will be held on Saturday, October 4th at Chicago's Navy Pier. The Opening General Session is scheduled for Sunday, October 5th and will feature members of Chicago's Second City comedy troupe. The Closing General Session is scheduled for Tuesday, October 7th and will have Bob Costas, broadcaster as the presenter. The Closing Celebration is arranged for the evening of Tuesday, October 7th and will have Ricky Skaggs and Bruce Hornsby performing at the Arie Crown Theater.

The Trade Show will also feature a special "Green Alley" section of the show floor. It is to feature the most significant gathering of alternative energy technologies specifically for electrical contractors.



Attendees will be able to meet with the manufacturers of the latest energy-efficient products that are becoming increasingly important to environmentally-minded customers. In addition, a number of technical workshops are to be presented that are focused on the latest green technologies. These programs include the following: "Greenbacks from the Green Movement: Profit Opportunities for Electrical Contractors," "Small Wind Systems," "Benefits and

Applications of Electric Submeters in the "Green Facility" Environment," and "Fuel Cells: Real World Use."

NECA is also teaming up with the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) to offer a pre-convention workshop called, "LEED for New Construction Technical Review." This full-day program is designed for those who have a basic knowledge of LEED and want to delve deeper into the technical requirements of the rating, the building certification process and other implementation strategies. The NJATC is also offering an informative pre-convention workshop called, "Business Development Opportunities in the Solar PV Market." This 8-hour course targets the business opportunities in the exciting field of solar photovoltaic (PV) system installations. Other Green-focused pre-convention workshops include the following: "Lighting Controls: Go Green and Save Green," "Energy Solutions for Commercial and Industrial Lighting Design."

We hope that you'll take advantage of these and other educational opportunities during the 2008 NECA Convention.



UPCOMING EVENTS

August 7, 2008
 LEED Extra Credit: LEED for Dummies
 USGBC - Chicago Chapter sponsored
 Chicago Center for Green Technology
 (773) 265-5911 for registration information

September 10, 2008
 ECA Regular Membership Meeting
 Courtright's Restaurant Willow Springs, IL

September 19, 2008
 MVP Program
 Wyndham Drake Hotel Oak Brook, IL

October 1, 2008
 ECA Regular Membership Meeting
 Four Seasons Hotel Chicago, IL

October 3, 2008
 NECA Convention - "Chicago Chapter Welcome Reception"
 The Peninsula Hotel Chicago, IL

October 4 – 7, 2008
 NECA Convention and Trade Show
 McCormick Place Lakeside Center Chicago, IL

October 12 - 16, 2008
 ECA Post Convention Trip
 The Greenbrier Resort White Sulphur Springs, W V

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

**CHECK OUT
 THE ECA WEBSITE**

The Association urges all members to utilize the many resources that are available on-line at the ECA website. We hope that the information provided will help you better run your business, by helping you become aware of what's new in the marketplace not only in the Chicagoland area, but nationwide.

Available in the On-Line Resources section of the ECA Website is the Equipment & Material Member Exchange.

Visit the "Member's Only" section and unlock all the features provided to ECA members.

The Events area of the site is constantly being updated. Please view the calendar for upcoming educational programming, as this dynamic is ever-changing.

We hope that you will take advantage of the on-line surveys, polls, etc. Your participation will assist in the development of future programs offered by the Association.

We look forward to your visit to: www.ecachicago.com.

Please note: The totals below for '07 & '08 include all electricians working under the Principal, Communication and Residential Agreements.

MAY EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

	2007	2008	Cumulative Hourly Totals
NUMBER OF CONTRACTORS	928	912	2007 7,011,807
JOURNEYPERSONS & APPRENTICES EMPLOYED	11,046	11,157	2008
HOURS WORKED	1,678,000	1,506,996	7,077,147