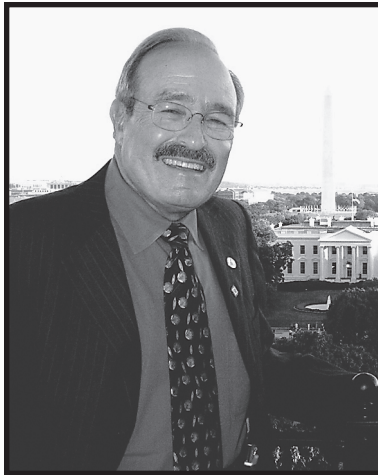


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MEMBER TO RECEIVE AWARDS

Electrical Contractors' Association of City of Chicago member, Jerrold Nixon, Maron Electric Company is to receive two recognition awards this October. First, Mr. Nixon is to receive the Comstock Award,



Pictured above is Jerry Nixon, Maron Electric Company at a recent NECA Political Action Committee (PLC) Summit held in Washington, D.C.

NECA's highest honor recognizing contributions in Labor Relations during the upcoming NECA Convention in Chicago. Jerrold H. Nixon is active at the national level of NECA. He is currently a member of the Electri 21 Council, the Academy of Electrical Contracting and is serving as Chairman for the NECA Political Leadership Council. He also has been involved with the Chicago and Cook County Chapter through his participation with numerous Chapter Committees. He has served on the Executive Committee from 1983 through 1995. Mr. Nixon was Vice President and Treasurer of the Chapter for 1991 and 1992, President of the Chapter for 1993 and 1994, NECA Governor for 1995 and 1996 and achieving Permanent Member Status - further participation with the Executive Committee from 1995 through 2001.

Throughout the years, Mr. Nixon has participated on a number of Sub-Committees in regard to negotiations with Local Union #134, IBEW, as well as being instrumental in forming the Drug-Free Alliance. Mr. Nixon has served as a Trustee on the Labor Management Cooperation Committee of Chicago (LMCC/Chicago) beginning in 1993 and has been Chairman of the LMCC/Chicago since 1994.

Mr. Nixon represents the industry through his participation with other construction-related groups and associations. His activities with these groups include the following:

- Construction Employers' Association (CEA) - Board Member;
- Past Chairman of the Joint Conference Board (JCB), a group that mediates all labor jurisdictional disputes on construction projects in Cook County, Illinois;
- Director on Board of Construction Industry Service Corporation (CISCO), a labor - management group covering northeastern Illinois;
- He is a former member of the Illinois Capital Development Board Advisory Committee;
- Former President of the Illinois Mechanical Specialty Contractors Association (IMSCA), a lobbying group; and
- He also served as Co-Chairperson of the White House Conference on Small Business representing Chicago and the Northern Illinois District.

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Secondly, Mr. Nixon is to receive the Electric Association's 2008 "Gold Medal Award" on October 30th at the Carlisle Banquets in Lombard, Illinois. The purpose of the Gold Medal Award is to give recognition to a person serving in the Chicagoland Electrical Industry who has furthered the industry's goals of promotion and education, demonstrated great devotion to purpose and has shown keen insight into the opportunities of the electrical construction industry.

As indicated throughout this article, Mr. Nixon has performed admirably in regard to the area of industry education, promotion of the industry and labor relations to benefit not only the Chicago Market, but the entire electrical construction industry. Jerrold H. Nixon is deserving of these awards through his leadership, consistency of effort, his emphasis on integrity, the importance of sending the right message to construction users that properly trained, qualified electricians can provide quality service for the customer and his charge to set the right example for the benefit of the electrical construction industry.

Congratulations, Jerry!

MVP PROGRAM

The Electrical Contractors' Association of City of Chicago (ECA) Research and Education Committee is pleased to again sponsor the Managing & Vitalizing Productivity - Developing a MVP Culture program. The session has been scheduled for Friday, September 19, 2008 at the Wyndham Drake Oak Brook Hotel, Oak Brook, Illinois. The MVP program was developed as a complimentary presentation to the Electrical Project Supervision (EPS) series. The MVP program is structured to help office personnel gain an understanding of what the field supervisors have learned through the EPS series. Mr. Norb Slowikowski, Slowikowski & Associates is the instructor for this program. Registration for this full-day program has already been forwarded to all ECA members. Please register, as soon as possible. If any questions, please contact the Association office at: (708) 531-0022.

NECA ENERGY SOLUTIONS SUMMIT

NECA contractor members, Chapter Managers and National NECA staff were on hand at the first "NECA Energy Solutions Summit." The event was held July 26, 2008 in Los Angeles, California. The meeting focused on how NECA can take control of opportunities in the rapidly growing green construction market. The contractors also discussed resources NECA could provide to support members' expansion into energy efficiency and alternative energy projects. NECA is hoping to build a national support network that enables member contractors to thrive in a green construction market. Recommendations generated by summit participants will be used to develop a strategic plan and prioritize what resources will best help NECA contractor members enter and control the green construction market. Initial plans and resources are to be introduced at the NECA Convention to be held October 4 - 7, 2008 in Chicago, Illinois.

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2008 NECA CONVENTION

It's almost here...the 2008 NECA Convention is to be held in Chicago, October 4th through the 7th. Over 50 individuals from the Chicago Chapter membership have registered for the full Convention package; however, it is anticipated that hundreds of apprentices, contractors and their customers will be attending the Trade Show in one form or another. The Chapter has also met its rooming block requirements for the Ritz Carlton Chicago Hotel. Again, 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 have responded and will be able to participate.

The Management Seminars being offered address a wide array of electrical contracting management topics, including the following seminar titles: "Why Submittal Approval Does Not Mean You Are Off The Hook," "Productivity Plus - Changing the Way You Work to Reduce Waste and Improve Safety and Productivity," "Creating an Outrageously Successful Company," "Financial Planning," "Streamlining Home Office Operations," "We Built This City: Investigation of Factors Impacting Growth or Decline of Union Market Share in Large Cities," "Hard-Hat Productivity - The 9 Critical Factors for Maximizing Profits," "NFPA 70E Compliance Made Easier," "Calculating Damages for Lost Productivity and Acceleration," "Financial Statement Analysis," "Measuring Labor Productivity for Electrical Contractors," "Lessons Learned from the Florida Initiative," "Deciphering Lockout/Tagout," and "Communicating Effectively with Difficult and Challenging Personalities."

The Trade Show is to 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." The NJATC is also offering an informative pre-convention workshop called, "Business Development Opportunities in the Solar PV Market." Other pre-convention workshops - 'green' focused or otherwise, include the following: "Lighting Controls: Go Green and Save Green," "Energy Solutions for Commercial and Industrial Lighting Design," "LED 101: Everything You Need to Know," "Unlocking the Mystery of NFPA 70E PPE Compliance," "The NEC Development Process and the Electrical Contractor's Role," "Business Development Opportunities in Building Automation" and "Changes to Grounding and Bonding Rules in 2008 NEC."

As you are aware, the Trade Show will be held at McCormick Place Lakeside Center; however, several events will be 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 hours are as follows: Sunday, October 5: 11:30 am - 5:00 pm; Monday, October 6: 11:30 am - 4:00 pm; and Tuesday, October 7: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. We hope to see you at these many events during the 2008 NECA Convention.



UPCOMING EVENTS

September 4, 2008
 LEED AP Study Session for Existing Buildings
 77 W. Jackson Chicago, IL Regis.: (773) 265-5911

September 9, 2008
 Green or Sustainable Construction in Illinois
 Lorman Education Hoffman Estates, IL
 Regis.: Seminar ID#: 381545 www.lorman.com

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

September 11, 2008
 USGBC – Chicago Chapter Business Meeting
 OWP/P Chicago, IL Regis.: (773) 265-5911

September 18, 2008
 "LEED for Dummies"
 Interiors for Business Batavia, IL Regis.: (773) 265-5911

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
 Pre-NECA Convention event
 "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

October 30, 2008
 Electric Association Annual Membership Awards Dinner
 Carlisle Banquets Lombard, IL

November 19 - 21, 2008
 Greenbuild International Conference & Expo. 2008
 Boston, MA.

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 Chicagoans 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.

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

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

JUNE EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

	2007	2008	Cumulative Hourly Totals
NUMBER OF CONTRACTORS	927	918	2007 8,157,049
JOURNEYPERSONS & APPRENTICES EMPLOYED	11,349	11,391	2008
HOURS WORKED	1,145,242	1,247,448	8,324,595