

## **Academy of Electrical Contracting New Fellow FAQs**

As we prepare for the upcoming annual meeting June 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> at The Wild Dunes Resort in Isle of Palms, SC, we wanted to share some frequently asked questions with Fellows who were inducted in 2024. These FAQs cover general information, the 2025 Annual Meeting, and the 2025 Convention Reception.

### **General Information**

- **When can I exchange my red ribbon for a blue ribbon?**
  - We encourage Fellows who were previously inducted into the Academy to welcome new Fellows who are identified by the red ribbon. After your first Annual meeting, you'll receive a blue ribbon at the next Academy event you attend. Blue ribbons will be available at the Convention. Diane Jacobson can assist with this.
- **When should I wear my Academy medal?**
  - Opening General Session at NECA's Annual Convention
  - Academy Reception at the NECA Convention
  - Formal Dinner at the June annual Academy meeting

**Note:** You should not wear the lapel pin when wearing your Academy medal.
- **What happens if I lose or damage my medal, ribbon, or name badge?**
  - Contact Diane Jacobson at (301) 351-5484 or [dsj@necanet.org](mailto:dsj@necanet.org) and she can order a replacement for you.
- **Is attendance at the annual meeting required to remain a Fellow?**
  - Participation is strongly encouraged to stay connected and involved; however, we understand that there might be situations where you are not able to attend. Per the Academy Rules, "Fellows who do not attend three consecutive Annual meetings of The Academy of Electrical Contracting, will become Fellows Emeritus."
- **What does it mean to become a Fellow Emeritus?**
  - A Fellow Emeritus may continue to attend all Academy events, although there is no longer a requirement to comply with the responsibilities outlined in Section 6 of the Rules of the Academy. A Fellow Emeritus may return to active status upon written request to, and approval by, the Board of Directors.
- **Where can I learn more about the Academy (rules, history, etc.)?**
  - This information can be found on the Academy website at [www.necanet.org/Academy](http://www.necanet.org/Academy).

### **June Annual Meeting**

- **What should I wear to the meetings?**
  - The suggested attire for meetings/workshops is resort casual. Those who are golfing in the afternoon will sometimes wear golf attire to the meetings and that is fine! Name badges should be worn at all events.

- **What is the attire for the formal dinner?**
  - The attire is black-tie optional. Many will wear tuxedos, however it is acceptable for men to wear suits. Women wear a mix of long gowns and cocktail dresses or formal pant suits. Be sure to bring your name badges (for you and your spouse/guest) and your Academy medal for the formal dinner.
- **Can I present a paper at the annual meeting?**
  - Yes, you are encouraged to, as it is one of the responsibilities of a Fellow (per Section 6 of the Academy Rules). Contact Traci or Diane if you're interested in presenting at a future meeting. If you prefer to give a presentation without writing a formal paper, that is fine too! Click [here](#) If you'd like to see a list of past papers and presentations.
- **Will new photos be taken for the Academy directory?**
  - Yes. We will have a professional on-site photographer at the annual meeting. Casual couples photos will be taken during opening receptions, and formal photos will be taken at the dinner.
- **Do I need to register my spouse or guest?**
  - Yes, they must be registered to attend the events.
- **Can I bring my children to the annual meeting?**
  - Yes. Children can attend receptions at no cost but cannot attend the formal dinner. You can register children for tours/golf, based on availability.
- **Can I cancel my registration if needed?**
  - Yes, cancellation details and deadlines will be shared in your registration confirmation.

### **NECA 2025 Convention Reception**

- **When and where is the 2025 Academy Reception at the NECA Convention?**
  - Saturday, September 13, 2025, at the Palmer House in Chicago, IL.
- **Do I need to register separately for the Academy Reception?**
  - If you're registered for the NECA Convention, you're automatically registered. If not, you can pay a nominal fee to attend—contact Diane to arrange.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact Traci or Diane.

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