

Academy of Electrical Contracting New Fellow Information

As we prepare for the upcoming annual meeting June 5 to 7 at the Sun Valley Resort in Sun Valley, Idaho, we wanted to share some information with you about the Academy and its functions throughout the year.

Introduction to the Academy

The Academy was established by the NECA Board of Governors in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on October 11, 1968, to recognize exceptional and outstanding service to the electrical contracting industry.

The academy website can be found at www.necanet.org/Academy.

Purposes of the Academy

The Academy of Electrical Contracting honors outstanding leaders in the electrical contracting industry, and it preserves and utilizes their wealth of experience and knowledge for the benefit of the industry.

Fellows of the Academy have rendered exceptional service to the industry and the National Electrical Contractors Association, and that service is continued and enhanced through their fellowship in the Academy. This is done through the Academy's Business Workshop, special presentations by Fellows, participation in the Annual Meeting and the general camaraderie among Fellows.

The Founding Meeting

In keeping with the spirit of scholarship and genuine achievement that membership signifies, the Academy of Electrical Contracting had its beginnings in the august meeting room of Philosophical Hall, Independence Square, Philadelphia.

This was a most suitable locale for the Academy to have its Founding Meeting. Since 1789, Philosophical Hall has been the home of the American Philosophical Society, which was founded in 1743 by Benjamin Franklin to fulfill the country's need for an organization of learned scholars and scientists to cultivate the finer arts and improve the common stock of knowledge. Such great Americans as Thomas Jefferson, Robert Fulton, John Greenleaf Whittier, Charles Darwin, Woodrow Wilson, Oliver Wendell Holmes, and Herbert Hoover, as well as Madame Marie Curie and Louis Pasteur, were members of the Society. In the field of electrical contracting, the Founding Fellows of the Academy are no less distinguished than the famous men and women with whom they shared a common meeting place.

Annual Meetings

An Annual Meeting is held in May or June each year. The 2024 meeting is scheduled to be held at The Sun Valley Resort in Sun Valley, Idaho from June 5 to 7.

The 2025 meeting is scheduled to be held at the Wild Dunes Resort in Isle of Pines, SC from June 4 to 6.

A reception is also held annually at the NECA Convention to honor newly installed and existing Fellows in attendance. In 2024, a reception will be held on Sunday, September 29 at a to be determined location in San Diego, CA.

Medal/Ribbon

When you were installed into the Academy in Philadelphia, you received an Academy medal and red ribbon. The color of the ribbon differentiates new Fellows from other Fellows with a blue ribbon. This distinction indicates your status within the Academy ~ and other Fellows are encouraged to greet you as a new Fellow and welcome you into this elite group.

All Academy Fellows should wear their medals during the following events:

- ✓ Opening General Session at NECA's annual Convention
- ✓ Academy Reception at NECA's annual Convention
- ✓ The Formal Dinner at the June annual Academy meeting

After you have attended your first annual meeting, you will receive a blue ribbon to replace the red one.

More information about the medals' history can be found on the [Academy website](#).

Lapel Pin

You also received an Academy Lapel Pin when you were installed. Feel free to wear this pin any time except when wearing your Academy medal. **You should not wear them both at the same time.**

June 2024 Annual Meeting

We look forward to seeing you and your spouse at your first Academy meeting - the 54th annual meeting of the Academy of Electrical Contracting, June 5 to 7 at the Sun Valley Resort in Sun Valley, Idaho. We hope it will be the first of many such meetings you attend.

Before the meeting, we will send a brochure and schedule of events to everyone registered to attend. On site, we will distribute hard copies at registration on Wednesday afternoon.

Do not forget your medal and name badges! Name badges (for you and your spouse/guest) are worn throughout the meeting and your medal is worn at the formal dinner.

Request for Presentations

Each year, we seek two or three candidates to share a paper and/or presentation at the June meeting. We currently have one Fellow who will be presenting at the June 2024 meeting. If you want to share a paper and/or Ted Talk presentation at a future meeting, please contact Traci or Diane.

If you'd like to see a list of past papers and presentations, click [here](#) or call Diane for additional history on papers presented.

Directory Photos

When you were installed into the Academy, the photo taken with your spouse was included in the 2024 Academy Directory. During the opening receptions on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, we will have a photographer on site in Sun Valley to take updated couple's photos for the directory. These are more casual photos. You will also have an opportunity to have pictures taken at the formal dinner. Diane will coordinate these photos, and she'll be available if you have questions.

Bringing Your Children

Some people inquire about bringing their children to the Academy annual meetings. They are more than welcome to join you for the trip, and you **do not have to register them** for the meeting itself. They can attend the receptions at no charge; however, they cannot attend the formal dinner. The formal dinner is only for an Academy Fellow and their spouse/guest. They are also welcome to take part in any tours and/or golf (based upon availability) that you sign up for - at the tour/golf rates. You would add them to your tour/golf fees when registering and pay for them at that time. Please contact Diane if you plan to bring the kids or have any questions!

Convention Reception

As noted above, a reception is also held annually at the NECA Convention to honor newly installed and existing Fellows in attendance. A reception will be held on Sunday, September 29 at a to be determined location in San Diego, CA. The 2024 NECA Convention will be held from September 28 to October 1. Registration will open in June.

If you are registered for the NECA convention, you are automatically registered to attend the Academy reception. In the past, Academy members have inquired about attending the Academy Reception (but were **not registering for the convention**). To accommodate these Fellows, we set up a fee per person to cover the cost of the event. We will remind Fellows of this prior to the San Diego Convention. You can then call Diane with your credit card information if you're not registering for the convention but would like to attend the Academy Reception on Sunday evening.

The reception is only for an Academy Fellow and their spouse/guest. Chairman, David Hardt will introduce the newly installed Fellows and it is a wonderful time to catch up with old and new friends.

Do not forget your medal and name badges! Name badges (for you and your spouse/guest) and your medal are worn for the Opening General Session and Academy reception that evening.

As always, please contact us if you have any questions or need more information.

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