



2019
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
MEETING

Minutes of Meeting

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Las Vegas, NV
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**MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

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Chairman:
Larry Beltramo

Secretary and Director, Sergeants-at-Arms:
Traci M. Walker

Call To Order: Chairman Beltramo called the regular meeting of the Board of Governors of the National Electrical Contractors Association, Inc. to order at 8:30 a.m. on September 14. Mr. Beltramo welcomed the members of the Board and guests.

Regarding the conduct of the meeting, the following are applicable in accordance with sections 4.4 and 8 of the Bylaws:

- In all elections of officers, except when the candidate is unopposed, and in voting on amendments to the Bylaws, the Board of Governors shall take a ballot vote. On other matters, the usual form of voice voting shall prevail with each member of the Board of Governors having one vote. When a ballot is not required, any member of the Board of Governors may call for a ballot vote on any question before the question is put to the Board of Governors for a vote.
- On ballot votes, except on matters pertaining to Labor Relations, each Governor shall cast, as a unit, all the number of votes as provided in the Bylaws for the members of the chapter who are in good standing thirty (30) days prior to the date of the meeting. On any matter pertaining to labor relations, the number of votes shall be limited to those attributable to members that are signatory to an I.B.E.W. labor agreement. The President, District Vice-Presidents and the Vice-President-at-Large shall cast one (1) vote each.
- Effective date of these proposals shall be immediate upon passage unless otherwise indicated.
- Robert's Rules of Order will govern such discussion as may be desired on these proposals.

ROSTER - The following is a list of the members of the NECA Board of Governors that were in attendance:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President:	Larry Beltramo - San Jose, California
Vice President, District 1:	Michael E. McPhee - Farmington, Connecticut
Vice President, District 2:	Todd A. Mikec - Canonsburg, Pennsylvania
Vice President, District 3:	Kirk Davis - Shreveport, Louisiana
Vice President, District 4:	Wes Anderson - Springfield, Illinois
Vice President, District 5:	Vincent Real - San Antonio, Texas
Vice President, District 6:	Scott Bringmann - Anchorage, Alaska
Vice President, District 7:	Gregory A. Rick - Moorhead, Minnesota
Vice President, District 8:	James McDonald - Missoula, Montana
Vice President, District 9:	Earl Restine Jr. - San Diego, California
Vice President at Large:	David Nielsen - Minneapolis, Minnesota

Unable to Attend

Vice President, District 10:	Jody Shea - Chattanooga, Tennessee
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CHAPTER AND GOVERNOR

Alaska Chapter	Lael L. Fullford	Northeastern Illinois Chapter	Craig R. Martin
Albany Chapter	Joseph P. Gross	Northern California Chapter	Kurt Brinkman
American Line Builders Chapter	Edward Farrington	Northern Illinois Chapter	Lewis G. Maffioli
Arizona Chapter	Shane Snyder	Northern Indiana Chapter	Anthony J. Maloney, III
Arkansas Chapter	Mike Komm	Northern New Jersey Chapter	Alan M. Golub, Alternate
Atlanta Chapter	Rilo Stephens	Northern New York Chapter	Joel Bovee
Atlantic Coast Chapter	Terry J. Lette	Northwest Line Constructors Chapter	Joe Sutton
Boston Chapter	Kathleen E. Guinee, Alternate	Ohio/Michigan Chapter	Scott Korczynski
California Central Coast Chapter	Louis J. Angelos	Oklahoma Chapter	Jeff L. Lewis
Cascade Chapter	David Ginestra	Orange County Chapter	Jeff Perry
Central Florida Chapter	James MacDonald	Oregon-Columbia Chapter	Mark Walter
Central Illinois Chapter	Tom Gray	Oregon-Pacific-Cascade Chapter	Michael P. Weaver, Alternate
Central Indiana Chapter	Sara Dinkel Smith	Penn-Del-Jersey Chapter	Luke R. Cunningham
Central Massachusetts Chapter	Joseph F. St. Pierre	Puget Sound Chapter	Marvin D. Nelson
Central Mississippi Chapter	Glade McInnis	Quad-Cities Chapter	Tim Koehler
Central Ohio Chapter	Greg E. Stewart	Red River Valley Chapter	Marvin L. Groves, II
Chicago & Cook County Chapter ...	Richard A. Jamerson, Alternate	Redwood Empire Chapter	Jolene Corcoran, Alternate
Cincinnati Chapter	Howard Mayers	RI & SE Massachusetts Chapter	George Ouellette, Alternate
Connecticut Chapter	Thomas Grennan	Rochester New York Chapter	Carl P. Rath
Contra Costa Chapter	Rick Henry	Rocky Mountain Chapter	Craig Clark
Dakotas Chapter	Robert Flurer	Santa Clara Valley Chapter	Timothy P. Daniels
East Central California Chapter	David J. Helsel	South Florida Chapter	Jonathan R. Borden
East Tennessee Chapter	Micheal P. Thomas	South Louisiana Chapter	E. J. Deubler, III
Eastern Illinois Chapter	Gregory L. Outsen	South Texas Chapter	John C. Wright
Eastern Oklahoma Chapter	Boomer L. Holtz	Southeast Michigan Chapter	William M. Darish
Finger Lakes NY Chapter	James A. Engler, Alternate	Southeast Texas Chapter	Matthew B. Cappadonna
Florida West Coast Chapter	Andy DeLaParte	Southeastern Line Constructors Chapter	Jesse Colley
Georgia Chapter	Ricky Ellington	Southern Arizona Chapter	John F. Kostyo
Greater Cleveland Chapter	David Haines	Southern Nevada Chapter	Dennis F. Nelson
Greater Sacramento Chapter	Brad Kirk	Southern New Jersey Chapter	Michael C. Nielsen
Gulf Coast Chapter	James Bowles	Southern Sierras Chapter	Thomas G. Ispas
Hawaii Chapter	Steve T. Watanabe	Southern Tier Chapter	Bill Emmons
Hudson Valley Chapter	Robert A. Metz	Southwest Washington Chapter	Scott B. Stephens
Idaho Chapter	Jeffrey L. Wheeler	St Louis Chapter	Brian J. Kohnen
Illinois Chapter	Terry Buhs	St Paul Chapter	Jim Malecha, Alternate
Inland Empire Chapter	David A. Peterson	Twin Ports-Arrowhead Chapter	Rick Osbakken
Intermountain Chapter	Shawn J. Murphy	Washington DC Chapter	Gregg S. Kaderabek
Iowa Chapter	Marvin 'Barney' Pottebaum	West Texas Chapter	J.P. (Pat) Mills, Alternate
Kansas Chapter	Shawn P. Smith	West Virginia-Ohio Valley Chapter	Ted Brady
Kansas City Chapter	Don Laffoon	Western Line Constructors Chapter	James M. Stapp, Alternate
Kern County Chapter	Jack D. Bellows	Western Massachusetts Chapter	Lawrence F. Eagan
Long Island Chapter	Larry Spring, Alternate	Western NY State Chapter	Brad Keatley
Los Angeles County Chapter	Rick Jarvis	Western Ohio Chapter	John S. Frantz
Louisville Chapter	Kevin Waldron	Western Pennsylvania Chapter	Michael R. Hanlon
Mahoning Valley Chapter	David A. Dickey	Wisconsin Chapter	Robert Van Ert
Maryland Chapter	Steven M. Petri, Sr.	Wyoming Chapter	Gunner Vignaroli, Alternate
Memphis Chapter	Wayne A. Lowrie, Alternate		
Michigan Chapter	Robert J. Turner, II		
Milwaukee Chapter	David M. Washebek		
Minneapolis Chapter	Duane Hendricks		
Missouri Valley Line Constructors Chapter	Darran V. Ayres		
Montana Chapter	Curtis Butts		
Monterey Bay California Chapter	Frederick A. Jensen		
Nebraska Chapter	Richard J. Milota, Jr.		
New Mexico Chapter	Troy L. Beall		
New York City Chapter	Ben D'Alessandro, Alternate		
North Central Ohio Chapter	Robert E. Wickham		
North Florida Chapter	Brent Zimmerman, Alternate		
North Louisiana Chapter	Jimmy Feazel		
North Texas Chapter	Steve Hargrove		
Northeast Louisiana Chapter	Martin West		

INTERNATIONAL CHAPTERS

- Canadian Electrical Contractors Association Inc (CECA).....Colin Campbell, Alternate
- Corporation of Master Electricians of Quebec Simon Bussiere
- NECA Americ (Mexico) National Office Ernesto Dias Sanchez, Alternate
- NECA AOCIEC (Oaxaca, Mexico) Pedro Narvaez

The following Chapters did not pick up their ballot books:

- Baton Rouge Chapter
- Central Texas Chapter
- El Paso Chapter
- Northeastern Line Constructors Chapter
- San Diego County Chapter
- San Francisco Chapter
- San Mateo County Chapter
- Southern Colorado Chapter
- Southern Indiana Chapter
- Southwest Louisiana Chapter
- Southwestern Line Constructors Chapter

The following International Chapters were not represented:

- Bermuda Electrical Contractors Association (BECA)
- Canadian Electrical Contractors Association-Pacific (CECA Pacific)
- Electrical Contractors Association of Ontario
- Greater Toronto Electrical Contractors Association
- Korea Electrical Contractors Association
- MEA (Master Electricians Australia)
- NECA (Australia) National Office
- NECA (Australia) Western Australia
- NECA ACOEO (Guadalajara, Mexico)

Pledge of Allegiance: David Nielsen led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome from Host City: Don Campbell, Executive Director of the Southern Nevada Chapter welcomed the governors and guests to Las Vegas.

Recognition of Fellows of the Academy of Electrical Contracting: Mr. Beltramo requested that all Fellows stand and be recognized.

Recognition of Deceased Governors: A moment of silence honored all chapter governors who have died since the last meeting.

Report of the Secretary-Treasurer: Ms. Traci M. Walker, Secretary-Treasurer & CFO, reported on the current financial and membership status.

Report of the Chief Executive Officer: Mr. David Long, Chief Executive Officer, reflected on changes that took place during his term as Chief Executive Officer.

Report of the President: Mr. Larry Beltramo, President, presented a report on the state of the association.

Presentation of Industry Partner Award: Mr. Beltramo presented the 2019 award to 3M for their partnering efforts with NECA.

Remarks: Mr. Lonnie R. Stephenson, International President of the IBEW discussed the state of the electrical construction industry.

Actions:

Action on Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the meeting held in Philadelphia, PA on September 29, 2018, were approved as submitted by voice vote.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the meeting held in Dallas, TX on January 15, 2019, were approved as submitted by voice vote.

Action to Reaffirm Standing Policy Statements:

Upon motion duly made and seconded, Standing Policy Statements 1, 2, 4 to 8 and 10 to 18 were reaffirmed by voice vote.

Action on Bylaw Amendment Proposal #1: (see amendment beginning on page 6)

*Being properly submitted by the NECA Executive Committee, this proposal to amend Sections 10.1, 10.2, 10.4, 10.5 and 10.7 regarding President and Vice President at Large Term Changes was **ADOPTED**. A ballot vote was required, and the results showed 4,203 votes cast FOR and 0 votes cast AGAINST. A two-thirds majority was required to adopt this amendment.*

Action on Bylaw Amendment Proposal #2:

Being properly submitted by the NECA Executive Committee, this proposal to amend Sections 8.2, 9.2, 9.3, 10.1, 10.5, 10.6, 10.7 and 10.8 re New Vice President of Technology Systems was withdrawn by the Executive Committee.

Action on Ordinary Proposal #1: (see amendment beginning on page 11)

*Being properly submitted by the Codes and Standards Committee, this proposal to amend NECA Standing Policy Statement #3, Local and State Legislation was **ADOPTED** by voice vote.*

Action on Ordinary Proposal #2: (see amendment beginning on page 12)

*Being properly submitted by the Codes and Standards Committee, this proposal to amend NECA Standing Policy Statement #9, Electrical Inspections was **ADOPTED** by voice vote.*

Action on Ordinary Proposal #3: (see amendment beginning on page 15)

*Being properly submitted by the Codes and Standards Committee, this proposal to amend NECA Standing Policy Statement #19, Safety Programs and Safe Workers was **ADOPTED** by voice vote.*

Establishment of the NECA Executive Committee:

Election of President:

There being no opposition, upon motion duly made and seconded, the following candidate was elected to a two-year term commencing January 1, 2020:

President Larry Beltramo, San Jose, CA

Election of Member Vice Presidents:

There being no opposition, upon motion duly made and seconded, the following candidates were elected to two-year terms commencing January 1, 2020:

Vice President, District 1 Michael E McPhee, Farmington, Connecticut
Vice President, District 3 Kirk Davis, Shreveport, Louisiana
Vice President, District 5 Vincent Real, San Antonio, Texas
Vice President, District 7 Gregory A Rick, Moorhead, Minnesota
Vice President, District 9 Earl Restine Jr, San Diego, California

Announcement of Executive Committee Selection for Vice President At Large

President Beltramo announced that the Executive Committee had appointed David Nielsen as the Vice President at Large for a two-year term commencing January 1, 2020. Mr. Nielsen represents Parsons Electric LLC of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Action on Honorary Membership for COO Daniel G. Walter

The Executive Committee had nominated Dan Walter for honorary membership.

*An Honorary Membership for Mr. Walter, based upon his significant contributions to the industry, was **ADOPTED** by voice vote.*

Other Business:

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the Chairman thanked the members for their presence and cooperation and officially adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.



Traci M. Walker
Secretary

BYLAW AMENDMENT #1 — Proposal re President and Vice President at Large Term Changes to Amend Sections 10.1, 10.2, 10.4, 10.5 and 10.7 (submitted by Executive Committee)

Whereas NECA has previously established term limits for the President and Vice President at Large, and

Whereas, the NECA Executive Committee wishes to align the term limits of the President with those of the Vice Presidents, and

Whereas, the NECA Executive Committee wishes to change the term of President to a two year term with the ability to serve up to two terms,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the bylaws be amended as follows

Current Language

Proposed Language

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ARTICLE X. MEMBER OFFICERS

ARTICLE I - GOVERNING AUTHORITY

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concurrence of a majority of the Governors from the District in which the nominee operates the headquarters of his business, by filing the nomination with the Secretary/Treasurer at any time after the nominations of the Executive Committee and more than thirty (30) days prior to the date of such regular meeting of the Board of Governors.

(c) **Election.** The President of the Association shall be elected by the Board of Governors at its last regular meeting in the third year of each President's term. Individual members shall have the right to vote by proxy one vote each for a duly nominated candidate for President. Proxy ballots shall be mailed to the Secretary/Treasurer.

(d) **Term of Office.** Presidents' term shall begin January first of the year following their election. Presidents shall serve three (3) years or until their successors are duly qualified and elected. The President shall serve no more than one (1) full three-year term.

(e) **Duties.** The President shall perform the following duties:

- 1) Exercise leadership necessary to promote the policies and programs of the Association.
- 2) Speak for the Association and the electrical contracting industry.
- 3) Preside at all meetings of the Board of Governors, the Executive Committee, and the Convention.
- 4) Appoint the Chairman and members of all Committees not otherwise specified in these Bylaws.
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- 1) Represent the conveyed interests of the chapters in their districts to the Association and the Executive Committee.
 - 2) Promote the policies and programs of this Association.
 - 3) Lend counsel and advice to Chapter officers and agents and coordinate their efforts.
 - 4) Investigate and report pertinent developments in the District that could affect this Association.
 - 5) Perform such additional duties as the Board of Governors may from time to time assign.

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- a) In the event the President resigns or is unable to serve, as determined by the Executive Committee, the Executive Committee shall select a District Vice President or the Vice President at Large to perform the duties of the President until a successor is elected. At the next regularly scheduled meeting of the NECA Board of Governors following the vacancy, the Governors shall elect a President in accordance with the qualifications and procedures as established in Section 10.2. Such newly-elected President's term shall begin on January first of the year following the election and the President shall serve one (1) three-year term.
- (b) In the event a District Vice President resigns or is unable to serve, as determined by the Executive Committee, the vacancy shall be filled the in the following manner:
 - 1) The Governors from the District where the vacancy exists, shall, at a time and in a manner determined by the NECA President, elect a qualified Member from that District (see Section 10.4) to serve the unexpired term.
 - 2) However, in the event the vacancy occurs after the Governors of that District have already elected the next District Vice President of that District pursuant to Section 10.4 (c), but before the elected-candidate's term has begun, the elected-candidate shall perform the duties of District Vice President of that District until the elected candidate's term officially begins pursuant to Section 10.4 (d).
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ORDINARY PROPOSAL #1 — Amend NECA Standing Policy Statement #3, Local and State Legislation
(Submitted by the NECA Codes & Standards Committee)

Current Language

POLICY 3
Local and State Legislation

The National Electrical Contractors Association is a National Association devoted to the interests of the electrical contracting industry in the nation as a whole. The determination of the desirability of any State or local legislation or the form thereof is left for the decision of the electrical contractors in each locality or State acting individually or through their autonomous Chapters.

NECA believes that it is in the public interest and the interest of the electrical contracting industry throughout the United States as a whole that there be adopted local codes providing safety standards for electrical installations, and believes that the requirements of the most recently published edition of the National Electrical Code® together with provisions for proper inspection represents the minimum necessary in the interests of the public and the industry. It recognizes, however, that any political subdivision may adopt higher standards where local conditions warrant and a greater degree of public safety from hazards is deemed desirable.

(Adopted Jan. 4, 1955)
(Revised Nov. 6, 1959, Oct. 6, 1979, Oct. 3, 2015)

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Current Language

POLICY 9 **Electrical Inspections**

NECA supports the inspection of electrical installations by qualified inspectors. Inspection services provided by qualified inspectors protect the public, both owners and users, from harm to life and property, by reducing the possibility of hazards resulting from incorrectly installed electrical products. In addition to decreasing hazards, properly installed electrical systems are more reliable and efficient, which adds to their long-term value. NECA endorses the following principles with respect to electrical inspections:

1. In order to protect public safety, most states and localities require electrical installations to comply with the National Electrical Code®, and electrical products to be “listed” by nationally recognized safety testing organizations. Electrical inspections help confirm that electrical wiring and systems are installed “according to Code,” using only properly listed products meeting U.S. safety standards.
2. The benefits of electrical inspections are not limited to power or line-voltage wiring systems, including alternative energy systems and energy storage systems. In order to insure safety, all installations of wiring and equipment covered by the National Electrical Code® should be required to have permits and electrical inspections. This includes, but is not limited to, such low-voltage and limited-energy systems as telecommunications, security, nurse call, computer networks, audio and video distribution, optical fiber, emergency voice/alarm signaling systems, and cable television.

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POLICY 9 **Electrical Inspections**

NECA supports the inspection of electrical installations by qualified inspectors. Inspection services provided by qualified inspectors protect the public, both owners and users, from harm to life and property, by reducing the possibility of hazards resulting from incorrectly installed electrical products. In addition to decreasing hazards, properly installed electrical systems are more reliable and efficient, which adds to their long-term value. The association believes that electrical inspection jurisdictions should provide consistent and fair application of codes and standards to electrical installations and systems. To that end, NECA believes electrical inspection jurisdictions should reference and perform their responsibilities in a manner consistent with the practices outlined in NFPA 78 Guide on Electrical Inspections. NECA endorses the following principles with respect to electrical inspections:

1. In order to protect public safety, most states and localities require electrical installations to comply with the National Electrical Code®, and electrical products to be “listed” by nationally qualified electrical testing laboratories-recognized safety testing organizations. Electrical inspections help confirm that electrical wiring and systems are installed “according to Code,” using only properly listed products meeting applicable U.S. safety standards.
2. The benefits of electrical inspections are not limited to power or line-voltage wiring systems, including alternative energy systems and energy storage systems. In order to insure safety, all installations of wiring and equipment covered by the National Electrical Code® should be required to have permits and electrical inspections. This includes, but is not limited to, such low-voltage and limited-energy systems as telecommunications, security, nurse call, computer networks, audio and video distribution, optical fiber, emergency voice/alarm signaling systems, and cable television.

3. In addition to their public safety benefits, electrical inspections confirm that qualified electrical contractors are on the job and help protect the public against untrained or unprofessional contractors and electricians.

Too often, unqualified installers perform improper electrical installations out of ignorance, cut corners in order to reduce costs, and use products that don't meet national safety requirements or local laws and codes. The result can be unsafe installations that pose shock and fire hazards to users, and which also damages the public's confidence in the safety of, and therefore the value of, properly constructed electrical installations.

4. The cost of electrical inspections should be supported by permit and inspection fees paid directly by builders and electrical contractors. The cost of this vital public safety function should not be paid indirectly out of general funds, because this makes it vulnerable to fiscal cycles experienced by state and local governments. By the same token, revenues from electrical permit and inspection fees should be used only to provide and maintain a strong, professional electrical inspection function that protects public safety. They should not be regarded as a source of general public revenue.

5. NECA believes that electrical inspectors should be trained electricians with at least five years practical field experience in electrical construction, and that they should be certified by a nationally recognized organization such as the International Association of Electrical Inspectors (IAEI) and the International Code Council (ICC). NECA also believes that such certification or equivalent credentials should include mandatory continuing education for renewal processes as new NEC editions are published. Only persons with substantial National Electrical Code® knowledge and experience, which has been verified by an independent agency, should be entrusted with performing this important public safety function.

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6. [NECA members are progressive and are continuously implementing effective improvements to their operations to promote safety, productivity, and profitability. To that end, the association encourages inspection jurisdictions to recognize prefabrication processes and to coordinate off-site inspection and approval processes in a cooperative fashion that reduces delays and downtime on projects. The association also recognizes that remote inspections are becoming common in the industry and encourages inspection jurisdictions to foster continuous](#)

coordination between inspectors and contractors as these newer technologies are deployed. Inspection jurisdictions should utilize the latest technologies to enhance the services they provide their customers.

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Current Language

POLICY 19

Safety Programs and Safe Workers

NECA believes that safety is an integral part of achieving excellence in the electrical contracting business by maintaining the highest productivity, quality, and safety standards in a proactive, practical, and cost effective approach to manage organizational loss control. NECA members demonstrate safety professionalism and responsibility through every aspect of work and services they provide including designing, planning, construction, service work, and implementing operations with a minimum of disruption to customers. NECA's commitment to jobsite safety is reinforced by placing special emphasis in quality safety training programs that integrate safety into project pre-planning and project management.

NECA, historically, has supported and continues to support the highest safety standards in construction for the benefit of its members, the industry and the consuming public. NECA actively advocates maintaining the safest and most productive workplace possible. NECA members appreciate the benefits of a workplace free from injuries, the advantage of a productive work force, and the responsibility of offering a safe working environment. To that end, NECA believes that to achieve zero injuries in the workplace, contractors must strive for zero energized work environments as the normal and best practice, whenever achievable.

NECA members understand jobsite safety is an important responsibility shared between employers and employees and affirms that implementing safe work practices is not optional. The association believes that a trained and qualified workforce has responsibility to recognize and avoid workplace hazards and, where necessary, employers provide the required personal protective equipment for workers exposed to workplace hazards.

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NECA remains active in government relations and rulemaking processes related to worker safety. The association actively participates in electrical safety standard development, such as NFPA 70 *the National Electrical Code*, and NFPA 70E *Standard for Electrical Safety in the Workplace* and other safety legislation that affects the industry. NECA is committed to supporting collaborative effective efforts in industry alliances and partnerships sharing common safety objectives.

The goal of NECA members is to maintain a safe and healthy workplace for all employees and to foster efficient operations, thereby offering the best possible product and services to the customer. Effective safety-related work practices and principles must be integrated into the planning and installation of electrical work as well as into design.

NECA members recognize that implementing effective safety programs and safe work practices is often challenging. NECA members are dedicated to addressing these challenges while establishing and maintaining safety in the workplace. Safety Excellence results from safe work practices that continuously strive for Zero Injuries. NECA's commitment to safety excellence and safe work environments remains active, focused and constant.

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