

## Veteran Members

The Bylaws provide for a **Veteran Membership** category, as follows:

*Veteran Membership shall be available to persons having represented a Regular Member in good standing for at least fifteen (15) years and not currently engaged in the electrical contracting business. Veteran Members shall be elected by the Executive Committee. [National Bylaws, Section 4.1(c)]*

This category is designed to recognize and honor a long-time representative of a NECA member firm at the time the person leaves the electrical contracting industry.

**The Requirements:** Generally, the candidate would:

- be the “accredited representative” for the NECA member firm.
- no longer be involved in the electrical contracting business, i.e., this honor is not bestowed upon a current Accredited Representative at the time that they have held that position for fifteen years.

**Nomination by Chapter:** There is **no** nomination form for this award. A letter (generally on chapter letterhead) should be submitted to Diane Jacobson requesting this honor. The letter may be mailed or e-mailed and should include the following:

- A statement that the person is “not currently engaged in the electrical contracting business”;
- The name of the member firm (or firms) that the nominee has represented during the period to be considered; and
- The **home address** of the retiring representative as well as their **e-mail address** so that they can receive the electronic transmission of *NECA This Week*. **The nomination, if qualified, will not be submitted to the Executive Committee until this information is received.**

A **clarification** of these requirements was made at the June 2001 meeting of the NECA Executive Committee. “... **not currently engaged in the electrical contracting business** ...” is interpreted as permitting, for example, the nominee’s involvement in the firm’s Board of Directors, or an ownership interest – so long as the candidate is **not** engaged in the “day to day” operations of electrical contracting.

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**The Process:** Upon receipt of the nomination letter, NECA staff will review the records to determine if the individual meets the qualifications specified in the Bylaws. When the record of service has been verified, an e-mail will be sent to the nominator (generally the executive manager) confirming that the requirements have been met and the individual will be presented to the NECA Executive Committee for approval at their next scheduled meeting.

If the research reveals that the individual does **not** appear to meet the criteria, i.e., they were not listed as the Accredited Representative for the required fifteen years, the nominator will be notified about our findings. Further explanation may be required.

**The Rewards:** Upon approval by the Executive Committee, generally at one of the three regularly scheduled meetings, the nominator will be notified of the acceptance. A certificate to commemorate this honor will be forwarded to the chapter for presentation to the new Veteran Member. As a result of this honor, the veteran member may elect to receive *NECA This Week* via e-mail.

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