



Date: August 26, 2022

Memo To: Members of the NECA Board of Governors

From: Traci M. Walker  
Secretary-Treasurer

Subject: Proposals for the Board of Governors Meeting

The following proposals were properly submitted in accordance with Section 8.8 of the NECA Bylaws for review and action at the October 15, 2022 meeting of the Board of Governors to be held at the Austin Convention Center in Austin, TX.

There is **One Bylaw Amendment and Two Ordinary Proposals**. If adopted the proposed changes shall become effective immediately (unless otherwise indicated).

**Bylaw Amendment - Proposal #1** - New Vice President of Integrated Systems Contractors and District 10 Vice President Duties

**Ordinary Proposal #1** - Amend NECA Standing Policy Statement #3

**Ordinary Proposal #2** - Amend NECA Standing Policy Statement #9

Please note that in accordance with Section 8.8 of the NECA Bylaws, responses, amendments, and/or substitutes to such proposals must be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer by September 15, 2022.

Information about the upcoming meeting as well as data on policies and historical data can be found at <https://www.necanet.org/about-neca/governance/2022-board-of-governors-meeting>.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-991-6281 or [tmw@necanet.org](mailto:tmw@necanet.org).

Thank you.

## **BYLAW AMENDMENT – PROPOSAL 1**

### **Addition of Sections 10.6 and 10.7 re. New Vice President of Integrated Systems Contractors and District 10 Vice President Duties (Submitted by NECA Executive Committee)**

WHEREAS, Member Officers of NECA currently include a President, District Vice Presidents and a Vice President at Large, and

WHEREAS, technology, systems integration and low voltage work continue to have a significant impact on the electrical construction industry, and

WHEREAS, there is a need for a Member Officer to focus on the influence of technology, systems integration and low voltage on markets and company operations of NECA members and to represent that segment of the industry, and

WHEREAS, the NECA Executive Committee wishes to add a Vice President of Integrated Systems Contractors, and

WHEREAS District 10 and the NECA Executive Committee see the need to amplify the duties of the District 10 Vice President,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Article of the Bylaws re. Member Officers be amended to include two additional provisions as follows:

**Section 10.6. Vice President of District 10.** Whereas District 10 represents the entire United States for all Line Construction and is unique to the other Districts, the District 10 Vice President shall be responsible for the following duties as they pertain to line construction work and provided that they are not in conflict with these bylaws:

1. All Labor Relations with the IBEW International and IBEW VP Districts regarding District 10 issues. This shall include the negotiations of any IBEW National or District Agreements for line construction work.
2. The selection and appointment of all committee members representing District 10.
3. The Selection and appointment of CIR panel members sitting on the Outside Line CIR.

**Section 10.7. Vice President of Integrated Systems Contractors.** The Vice President of Integrated Systems Contractors shall be nominated by the Technology Systems Integration Task Force from among qualified representatives of member firms in the United States performing work covered within the Scope of Work of the VDV National Agreement, whether or not working under this Agreement. The nomination for the Vice President of Integrated Systems Contractors must be transmitted by the Task Force to the Secretary/Treasurer, not more than sixty (60) days nor less than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the Board of Governors meeting at which elections will be held. At the time of the nomination, candidates for the position of Vice President of Integrated Systems Contractors must represent a member who is signatory to an I.B.E.W. labor agreement, be a member in good standing of a recognized permanent chapter, and is currently serving, or has served as an officer or director of a recognized permanent chapter. The Vice President of Integrated Systems Contractors shall be elected by the majority of the Board of Governors in even-numbered years and shall serve a term of two (2) years beginning the first day of the January of the year following their election. The Vice President of Integrated Systems Contractors may serve no more than two (2) terms. If a Vice President of Systems

Integrated Contractors is appointed to fill an unexpired term due to vacancy, service of one-half or more of the unexpired term shall be considered a full term for purposes of term limits. The Vice President of Integrated Systems Contractors shall perform those duties customary for District Vice Presidents except they will be expected to represent and convey the interests of member contractors participating in the Teledata, Sound and Communications, VDV, Systems Integration and Low Voltage sectors of the industry.

Additional sections of the Bylaws will be edited accordingly to include this new position.

**Comment from NECA National Office:**

These proposals are recommended **FOR** adoption for the reasons stated above.

**ORDINARY PROPOSAL #1** – Amend NECA Standing Policy Statement #3, Local and State Legislation  
(Submitted by the NECA Codes & Standards Committee)

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safety, all installations of wiring and equipment covered by the National Electrical Code® should be required to secure applicable jurisdictional permits and required inspections. This includes, but is not limited to, low-voltage and limited-energy systems as telecommunications, security, nurse call, computer networks, audio and video distribution, optical fiber, power over ethernet (POE), emergency voice/alarm signaling systems, digital electricity (pulse power 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 inspection services 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.

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