



## MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As we move through the summer season, we are thrilled to share the exciting events and developments from NECA Industry Innovation. Our commitment to fostering innovation and excellence within the electrical construction industry continues to be our driving force.

The Franklin Cohort of the Innovation Institute will convene for their first Program Review on August 5 – 6 in Milwaukee, WI. Participants will have the privilege of touring the state-of-the-art Milwaukee Tool facilities, exploring best practices for R&D, and presenting updates on their personalized NII Capstone Projects. This event promises to be a stimulating exchange of ideas and insights, furthering the cohort's collective knowledge and expertise.

Following this, the Bell Cohort will celebrate their graduation on August 26 – 27 in Washington, DC. This milestone marks the culmination of their hard work and dedication, and we look forward to recognizing their achievements. Just a day later, on August 28 – 29, we will kick off the Da Vinci Cohort in Washington, DC. This new NII cohort will embark on their journey of innovation and leadership, and we are excited to see the groundbreaking projects and ideas they will bring forward.

Looking ahead, we are gearing up for the 2024 NECA Convention in San Diego. This year's convention will feature our Innovation Zone hosted in a new and exciting new location, the Emerging Innovation Hub, located upstairs from the Trade Show in the Sails Pavilion at the San Diego Convention Center. The Innovation Zone will showcase best practices for applying industry solutions and business processes and will feature the popular Innovation Overload podcast. Convention guests will have the chance to hear directly from contractors and industry leaders on how they incorporate practical innovation into their businesses to drive measurable wins. Stay updated on the latest Convention news and announcements at [www.necaconvention.org](http://www.necaconvention.org)

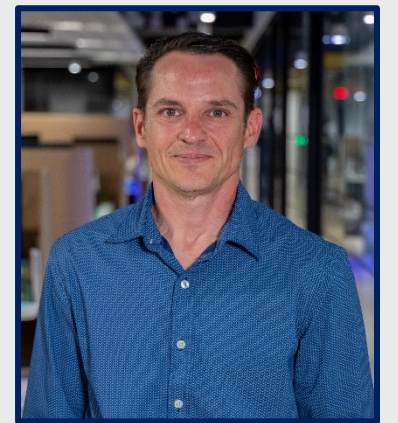
Thank you for your continued support and dedication to advancing our industry. Please join us in celebrating the incoming NII Da Vinci Cohort and all those who are committed to innovation. We look forward to seeing many of you at upcoming events and celebrating our shared commitment to innovation and excellence.

### NECA Innovation Institute Da Vinci Cohort, 2024 – 2025

Institute Candidate	Executive Sponsor	Company	Location
Charlie Duchaine	Colby Bruce	Stewart Electrical Contracting	Lawrence, MA
Robert Sullivan	Dan Murphy	Murphy Electric & Industrial Control	Pembroke, MA
Jason Mack	Matt Hartshorn	ESI Electrical Contractors	Dayton, OH
Thomas Jacquemin	Mark Iames	Sidney Electric Company	Sidney, OH
Mathew Smith	Jarret Bergkamp (Decker Electric)	Power Hour	Baltimore, MD
Cameron Binegar	Crystal Wagner	Gerke Electric	Cincinnati, OH
Nathan Zelenock	Andy Bowman	Miller Electric Company	Jacksonville, FL
John Derrig	Matt Powell	Zeller Electric	Goodfield, IL
Jason Murphy	Shawn Smith	DL Smith Electric	Topeka, KS
Katie Folk	Dennis Harter	Kaiser Electric	Fenton, MO

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## INDUSTRY PIONEERS



*"An innovator is a person who can see a result before it happens. Companies succeed by creating a culture of innovation, integrity, and teamwork."*

**Brian Yetter**  
Prefabrication Manager at Hatzel and Buehler, Inc.  
NII Franklin Cohort  
2023 - 2024



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*"One aspect often overlooked is the importance of relying on your peers. Don't hesitate to pick up the phone and reach out to someone. We're here to uplift the entire industry, and if we can offer assistance, we're more than willing to do so."*



**Sean Lazarian** Chief Financial Officer  
ESSCO  
**Jared Christman** Director of Innovation & Technology  
Big State Electric

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## AROUND THE INDUSTRY



### WHAT WE'RE READING

- [10 ways to build better, faster, and greener with advanced construction technology](#)  
5/25/24, Autodesk
- [New construction technology releases: June 2024](#)  
6/5/24, Construction Dive
- [Top Three Trends That Will Continue to Impact Construction Through 2024](#)  
6/18/24, Construction Executive



### UPCOMING EVENTS

- [ELECTRI Council Meeting](#)  
July 15 – July 17 in Boston MA
- [2024 Labor Relations Conference](#)  
July 17 – 19 in Boston, MA
- [National Training Institute \(NTI\)](#)  
July 24 – 25 in Chicago, IL

