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SEPTEMBER 2007

Mark Your Calendar!



SLO Apprentice Orientation

September 4, 2007 — Local #639

Western Region LMCC Meeting

September 5, 2007 — Reno, Nevada

Local #413 BBQ

September 8, 2007

**Board of Directors and
General Membership Meeting**

September 18, 2007

A.J. Spurs — Grover Beach

NECA Convention

October 5-8, 2007 — San Francisco

NECA Convention-Bus Trip

October 6, 2007 — San Francisco

Contractors Photovoltaic Solar Class

October 11, 2007

Cliffs Resort, Avila Beach

CPR/First Aid Class

October 27, 2007

Maria Del Sol, Santa Maria

NECA Holiday Party

Friday, December 7, 2007

Board of Directors Retreat

January 11-14, 2008

Installation of Officers

January 19, 2008 — Five Cities/Pismo Elks

To Benefit...Participate!

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Please mark your calendar and join us at
our next General Membership Meeting to
be held on:**

**Tuesday
September 18, 2007**

**6:00 No Host Cocktails
7:00 Dinner**



**A.J. Spurs Saloon & Dining Hall
1760 El Camino Real
Grover Beach, CA**

***Please plan to join us for this
General Membership Meeting!***

Happy Labor Day!

**NECA Convention & Trade Show
Bus Trip
Saturday October 6, 2007**



The Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo County LMCC's are again sponsoring a bus trip to the NECA Convention and Trade Show in San Francisco. If you are interested in catching a ride on a 48 passenger Silverado Coach to attend the show, please contact your respective Local Union to reserve a seat. Pick-up locations and times are:

- 5:30 a.m. Local #413—Buellton
- 6:15 a.m. IHOP Parking Lot—Santa Maria
- 7:00 a.m. Vets Hall - San Luis Obispo
- 7:40 a.m. Target (South/East Corner of Lot)-Paso Robles

Bus will return to Buellton by approx. 12:45 a.m. Trip includes lunch.

All times approximate. \$25 refundable deposit required. First 24 per local.

**RSVP— 805-543-5693 Local #639
805-688-8083 Local #413**



Quick relief from e-mail overload

If you are feeling overburdened and stressed at work, your online habits may be partly to blame. Poor e-mail management often is a sign – or the cause – of other time management woes. A top culprit: mismanaging incoming messages.

Marsha Egan, president of The Egan Group, a success – coaching firm, offers a self-management program that teaches you how to eliminate time-draining e-mail habits and boost your productivity. First, Egan says, you need to altar your perception of e-mail: stop viewing the act of checking e-mail as a task in itself: come to see e-mail as merely a task delivery system. Then adopt these habits:

Empty your inbox every time you check it.

- ♦ Live by the two-minute rule. If you can handle any incoming message in two minutes or less, do so immediately. That could mean replying to, forwarding or simply deleting a message.
- ♦ Use a filing system. Create action folders and use them temporarily to file e-mail messages that will take longer than two minutes to respond to.
- ♦ Treat those messages as items on your daily to-do list.
- ♦ Control incoming messages – instead of letting them control you.
- ♦ Change your “send and receive” e-mail function from “Automatic” to “Every two hours”.

NECA Co-Sponsored Retention Reform

The NECA co-sponsored legislation to cap the amount of retention in which public agencies can withhold on public works projects at 5% continues to move through the legislative process. The measure, SB619 (Migden), has yet to receive a no vote as the state legislators understand the tight profit margins contractors operate on and are sympathetic to releasing cash flow on work that has been performed and approved. After clearing both the Senate Policy and Senate Appropriations committees, the bill will now go to the Senate floor for vote.

New Focus on Liability Insurance Reform

This measure closed a potential loop-hole in our 2005 legislative enactment prohibiting "type-1" indemnification agreements in residential construction contracts. The measure clarifies that all builder are within the rule applicable to every other builder.



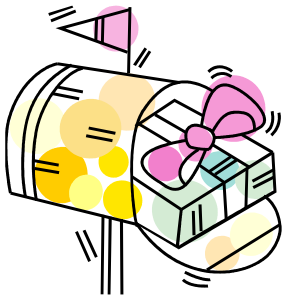
Welcome, Central Coast Environmental Controls!

It is our pleasure to welcome Central Coast Environmental Controls, Inc. to the California Central Coast Chapter, NECA family! Mike Logsdon is the Accredited Representative for CCEC, a C7 and C10 contractor that was established in 2002. CCEC designs, installs, and maintains facility management and control systems that provide optimum energy consumption while maintaining precise environmental conditions.

CCEC's office is located at: 127 North V Street
Lompoc, CA 93436
Phone: 736-8030
Fax: 736-1484

Welcome Aboard! We are glad to add you to our roster!

SEPTEMBER



5th— Don Tate, Tate Electrical, Inc

9th—Charlene Schofield, Allen Schofield Electric

14th—Bill Thoma, Thoma Electric

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Labor Management Cooperative Committees
of
San Luis Obispo County
And
Santa Barbara County



CONTRACTOR'S PV BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT KEYS TO A SUCESSFUL PV SOLAR BUSINESS

Presented at no charge through the Sponsorship of the San Luis Obispo & Santa Barbara LMCC's

When: Thursday, October 11, 2007

Where: The Cliffs Resort, Shell Beach

Time: Registration and Continental Breakfast 7:00 AM

Seminar 7:30 – 4:00 PM

This seminar is a must for owners and contractors' staff as it will address the major components required to build, drive and grow a successful PV solar business. It is designed to deconstruct the PV business issues which many contractors find unclear, unreliable and/or uncomfortable. Key topics:

- ◆ Sale, Marketing & Public Relations
- ◆ PV Engineering
- ◆ Component Sourcing, Supply and Competitive Position
- ◆ Liability, Warranties and Insurance
- ◆ Summary of Incentives (Federal, State and City)
- ◆ Financing Leases and Power Purchase Agreements
- ◆ Introduction to Software; Financial Analysis and Proposals
- ◆ Technical Training Resources (Site Assessment, String Sizing, Installation and Monitoring)
- ◆ Jurisdictional Challenges

JOIN US FOR THIS INFORMATIVE SEMINAR

A block of rooms has been reserved at a rate of \$169.00 per night. Please contact:

The Cliffs Resort
2757 Shell Beach Road
Shell Beach, CA
(805) 773-5000

Please RSVP to The CA Central Coast Chapter, NECA at (805) 348-1200 by
September 7, 2007.

Reservation forms available thru the Chapter Office.



Solar Class a Big Success!!

Two hundred participants from the San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Fresno, Bakersfield and Monterey attended the Photovoltaic Solar Training Class held August 18th and 19th in San Luis Obispo. The statewide LMCC "road show" pulled into town and offered two days of outstanding hands-on training.



Our thanks to Hank Lewis, Business Manager of Local #639 for his hard work in pulling this seminar together. Be sure to participate in the contractors photovoltaic class to be held on Thursday, October 11, 2007 at the Cliffs in Shell Beach!

DID YOU KNOW? - Contractors State License Board

Do you have a problem or question relating to your Contractors License? We want you to know that Beverly Carr is available to all NECA members to assist with any issue relating to your contractors license. Just give her a call at 916-444-3770 ext. 18 or email her at Carr@politicogroup.com. If you just have a question, email us at www.politicoonline.com and we will get you an answer! This is a service provided to California NECA contractors through the Electrical Contractors of California Trust.

NECA Convention



Education / Tracks

NECA 2007 San Francisco features the best educational opportunities around for electrical contractors, estimators, and project managers. From heavy power distribution to low voltage systems, from putting together winning proposal to dealing with difficult business decisions, NECA has a management or technical course that answers your questions.

Convention seminars are arranged by three tracks – management, integrated building systems (IBS) and lighting

- Management track seminars are designed to help industry professionals build the strategic management skills necessary to operate a profitable electrical contracting business.
- IBS track seminars will help electrical professionals stay ahead of the rapidly changing low-voltage market, networking and any aspect of integrated power and communication systems.
- Lighting track seminars feature an impressive line-up of leaders in the lighting industry, with the latest information on lamps, ballasts, fixtures, and controls and dimmers in both new construction and in renovation/retrofit projects.

Pre-Conference Workshops

Time Session Title

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM Friday, October 05, 2007 NJATC Photovoltaics and Distributed Generation, PW-3

8:30 AM - 5:00 PM Friday, October 05, 2007 It's Not Easy Being Green, but it's Profitable, PW-1

8:30 AM - 5:00 PM Friday, October 05, 2007 Lighting Design Basics, PW-2

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM Friday, October 05, 2007 Top 50 Significant Changes to the 2008 NEC®, PW-4

For a complete list of convention Educational Opportunities, visit:

<http://www.necaconvention.org/schedule/index.cfm?fa=category&cat=Management>

http://www.necaconvention.org/schedule/index.cfm?fa=category&cat=Technical_Workshop

<http://www.necaconvention.org/schedule/index.cfm?fa=category&cat=IBS>

**NOTICE TO ALL RETIREES
RECEIVING A NORMAL OR EARLY RETIREMENT PENSION BENEFIT
CONCERNING A *TEMPORARY* RETURN TO WORK AMENDMENT TO
THE PLAN OF BENEFITS FOR THE NEBF**

The Trustees of the National Electrical Benefit Fund (NEBF) and the National Employees Benefit Board have approved a temporary Return to Work Amendment to the Plan of Benefits for the NEBF that **permits certain eligible retirees to return to covered and contributory employment for a period of time without a loss of pension benefits from the NEBF.** Please read the following notice carefully, as this amendment does not apply to all retirees or to all electrical employment.

As you are aware, the rules of the Plan generally provide for a suspension of benefits for a retiree who returns to employment in the electrical industry for forty (40) or more hours per month. This temporary Return to Work Amendment changes the suspension rules for certain eligible retirees. Following are the features of the amendment:

1. The temporary amendment is effective from **September 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007.**
2. All normal and early retirees with a pension effective date of August 2007 or earlier will be permitted to return to covered and contributory employment only and will be permitted to work for up to 600 hours during the above period without a loss of NEBF benefits (your receipt of benefits from other funds will depend on rules of those funds).
3. Once an individual has worked for 600 hours in covered and contributory employment during the term of the temporary amendment, the individual will not longer be able to take advantage of this amendment and the normal rules (permitting work in the electrical industry for less than forty (40) hours per month without a suspension of benefits) will apply.
4. **Disability pensioners are not eligible (the existing rules applicable to disabled pensioners remain in effect).**
5. Only retirees who return to NEBF covered and contributory employment will be able to take advantage of this amendment — this amendment will not apply to persons who work for covered employers where no NEBF contributions are required or to persons who work for non-covered employers in the electrical industry.

September 1, 2007





CPR/First Aid Class Scheduled

The California Central Coast Chapter will be hosting a
CPR/First Aid Class on:

**Saturday,
October 27, 2007
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**Maria Del Sol
1401 E. Main Street
Santa Maria, CA**

Continental Breakfast & Lunch will be provided.

Those who complete the class will receive certification for both
CPR and First Aid.

The cost of the course is \$50 per person.

We hope that you will join us!

Names of Participants

Please fax your registration form to NECA at (805) 348-1203.