



# Short Circuit

SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON CHAPTER

October 2024



## 2024 National Convention San Diego, CA



# Director News

## 2024 National Convention

**Thank you to all the Southwest Washington Chapter members who attended** the NECA Convention last week in San Diego! The Convention brings together the best minds in the industry to discuss expanding opportunities for electrical contractors. As always, one of the highlight events was the NECA Trade Show, which is the largest exposition for any and all electrical needs including power supply, security systems, integrated building systems, lighting and controls.

This year's convention offered Convention Education sessions, Business Development Seminars, Leadership Trainings, Three General Sessions, and workshops on the NECA Show Floor!!!!

SWW NECA Chapter Governor Brandon Betschart kicked off the Convention on Saturday morning with the **Board of Governors meeting**. Then all convention participants were able to attend Saturday Evenings opening reception in **San Diego's Gaslamp Quarter and dancing in the Streets!** Chapter members were lucky to hear the Milwaukee Tool Shed Band and eat at some of the best restaurants the Gaslamp has to offer.

For Saturdays opening **general session, Rorke Denver (Former Seal Commander and Actor)** was the keynote speaker and shared personal stories about leadership and what it takes to be ready for battle every day. His well received session discussed **"What do the best leaders ask of themselves and of their teams and how do teams operate best?"**

The SWW NECA Chapter also **hosted a joint Chapter Dinner** with the Oregon Pacific Cascade Chapter NECA where Contractor Members had a chance to network with counterparts from another State. Dinner kicked off with a welcome from SWW NECA President Steve Doyle and ORPAC NECA President Larry Brabham. Dinner was held collaboratively with NECA members sitting with new faces!

The Convention closed up on Tuesday Night with the legendary band **Kool & the Gang** performing on the **aircraft carrier and museum USS Midway** for a celebration to remember!


The NECA Convention offers many valuable learning and networking opportunities, and we hope that many more of you will take advantage of all it has to offer at the **NECA Convention next year in Chicago, IL, from September 12-15, 2025!!!**





# Chapter Education

## Save the Dates!!!



Below is the 2024-2025 Class Schedule! Add the dates to your calendar. The Chapter will send out additional information when registration opens for each class!!

**October 28, 2024 | Wes Wheeler**

Creating & Maintaining Effective Safety Programs

**January 27, 2025\* | Mark Federle**

Leadership for the Field & Office

**January 28, 2025\* | Mark Federle**

Creating a Change Order Process

**January 31, 2025\* | Mark Federle**

Lean Construction in Electrical Contracting

**February 5, 2025 | Mary Kay Slowinski**

Retention Strategies a Focused Partnership

**March 18, 2025 | Awad Hanna**

Change Order Management

**April 3, 2025 | Dale Carnegie**

Managing Across Generations &  
Interpersonal Competence

*\*Class Subjects for Mark Federle may change among the dates he is scheduled.*



# National Education

To register for any courses contact the Chapter at 253.584.4095  
or click on the desired class to register online.

## Virtual Education



October 23rd | 9:00am - 12:00pm  
Construction Equipment Economics

December 10-12 | 10:00am - 12:30pm  
Electrical Contractor Essentials

December 11th | 9:00am - 12:00pm  
An Executive Role in Business Development

[Virtual Learning Registration](#)

## NECA's Online Project Management Series

### On Demand Project Management Classes!!!

The project manager is an essential part of every electrical construction project. They must act as a conduit for information and have great communication skills.

Click below for more information

[More Information](#)

Call the Chapter at 253-584-4095 for  
Enrollment



# NECA Resources

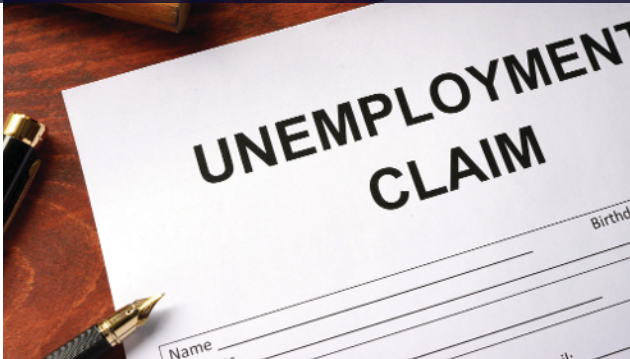
## EVITP Reimbursement



**Southwest Washington LMCC** has invested \$25,000 for Training Materials and Costs in the EVITP at the JATC! You can be reimbursed **\$85** for your Journeymen that get certified!

Just call the JATC 253-475-2922 to enroll

## Unemployment Services



The Chapter offers **Unemployment Management Services** that handle all your unemployment compensation problems and paperwork, everything but paying your taxes! The Chapter offers this service at **NO COST** to our Members

If you have any questions regarding any of these services please contact the Chapter at 253.584.4095

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# Calendar



WVE	FLB	EER	GRT	OPV
890	6,250	10,985	655	8,800
229	1,206	1,588	151	1,119
M, JI	PNV	NRV	ISMA	DMJ

<b>Oct 8</b>	LMCC Meeting/ JATC Office
<b>Oct 14</b>	JATC Comm & Trust Meeting /JATC Office
<b>Oct 16</b>	<b>FDS Module 4 - Labor Relations</b>
<b>Oct 21</b>	Future Executive Committee/NECA Office
<b>Oct 23</b>	Board Of Directors Meeting/NECA Office
<b>Oct 28</b>	<b>Creating &amp; Maintaining Effective Safety</b>
<b>Nov 11</b>	LMCC Meeting/ JATC Office
<b>Nov 12</b>	JATC Comm & Trust Meeting /JATC Office
<b>Nov 18</b>	Future Executive Committee/NECA Office
<b>Nov 20</b>	Board Of Directors Meeting/NECA Office
<b>Nov 28-29</b>	<b>Thanksgiving - Holiday</b>
<b>Dec 7</b>	<b>NECA Holiday Party/ TCGC</b>
<b>Dec 9</b>	JATC Comm & Trust Meeting /JATC Office
<b>Dec 10</b>	LMCC Meeting/ JATC Office
<b>Dec 16</b>	LMCC Meeting/ JATC Office
<b>Dec 18</b>	Board Of Directors Meeting/NECA Office
<b>Dec 25</b>	<b>Christmas Day/ Holiday</b>

## 6 Months of Unemployment

	Thurston	Pierce	Grays Harbor	King	WA State
<b>Mar</b>	5.3	6.0	7.8	4.1	4.8
<b>Apr</b>	4.4	5.1	6.5	3.9	4.8
<b>May</b>	4.4	5.1	6.3	4.3	4.9
<b>Jun</b>	4.1	4.8	5.8	4.8	4.9
<b>Jul</b>	4.7	5.4	6.4	4.9	4.9
<b>Aug</b>	4.6	5.4	6.4	4.6	4.8

## Future Events

<b>Dec 7</b>	NECA Holiday Party
<b>Jan 27</b>	Leadership for Field & Office
<b>Jan 28</b>	Creating Change Order Process
<b>Jan 31</b>	Lean Construction in Electrical

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Open Job Calls**

**No Open Calls**