

CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



Eastern Illinois Chapter

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March Meeting Dates

March 13th
JATC Meeting
JATC Office – 3:00 pm

March 14th
Board of Directors Meeting
NECA Office – 8:00 am

March 26th
Quarterly Membership Mtg
Syl's, Rockdale – 6:30 pm

Upcoming Meeting Dates

April 10th
JATC Meeting
JATC Office – 3:00 pm

April 11th
Board of Directors Meeting
NECA Office – 8:00 am

April 15th – 17th
NECA Labor Relations Conf
New Orleans, LA

April 18th
H&W/Local Pension Mtg
IBEW 176 Office – 9:00 am

April 23rd
Audit/Bonding/LMCC Mtg
IBEW 176 Office – 8:30 am

April 29th – May 1st
NECA Legislative Conference
Washington, DC

Negotiations to Begin on Collective Bargaining Agreements

This Spring, we will be conducting negotiations with IBEW Local 176 on the Inside, Residential and VDV Collective Bargaining Agreements. The entire VDV agreement is up for discussion, while only wage related issues will be discussed with the Inside and Residential agreements. We are planning on the talks to begin this month and hope to come to a successful conclusion well before the May 31st deadline. If you have any questions on the upcoming negotiations, contact our Chapter Manager, Scott Dworschak, or attend the upcoming Chapter Quarterly Meeting later this month.

Quarterly Membership/Industry Meeting on Tuesday, March 26th

Our next Quarterly/Industry dinner meeting will be on Tuesday, March 26th at Syl's Restaurant in Rockdale at 6:30 pm. In addition to our Chapter Members, we will also be inviting other electrical contractors working in our area. We will be discussing the contract negotiations for this year, along with an update from NECA Regional Representative David Ward on the NECA 1025 Plan to build and expand our industry market share. Meeting notices will be sent shortly, so mark your calendars now and plan to attend.



Enespro PPE Joins as Associate Member

We are happy to welcome Enespro PPE as an associate member of our Chapter. Safety professionals are praising Enespro PPE USA made arc flash kits as a breakthrough product that delivers the comfort & mobility workers have been requesting for years. Enespro PPE offers a full range of arc flash kits including suits, face shields & hoods, balaclavas and rubber voltage-rated glove kits direct at www.EnesproPPE.com.

Contact them at 866-680-4950 or www.EnesproPPE.com/pages/contact and they will provide a special discount code for all NECA EIL members.

Retainage Bill Introduced in Illinois General Assembly

Similar to last year our key state legislative effort this year is on reducing the amount of retainage developers are allowed to keep from sub-contractors on private construction projects. Last year, we were able to pass similar legislation through both the Illinois House and Senate, only to face a veto from Governor Rauner. Now with a new Governor, we think it's time to try again.

We have introduced companion bills: SB 1636 sponsored by Sen. John Mulroe and HB 2916 sponsored by Rep. Luis Arroyo. You can view them online at <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/default.asp> by just entering the bill numbers. Our legislation amends the Contractor Prompt Payment Act and allows retainage to be withheld at a rate of 10% for the first half of a construction project but must be reduced to 5% once the project is 50% completed. This bill will only apply to private commercial construction projects.

As stated in a previous newsletter, our Chapter is a member of the Illinois Mechanical & Specialty Contractors Association (IMSCA). This group is primarily composed of groups representing subcontractors, including several other NECA chapters in Illinois. Together, our voice is stronger to elected officials in Springfield.



MANPOWER REPORT

Based on Monthly Benefit Reports for the work month of January 2019

	<u>Inside</u>	<u>Res</u>	<u>VDV</u>	<u>Sign</u>
Local Contractors	43	6	8	6
Traveling Contractors	<u>82</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>1</u>
	125	8	37	7
Workers-Local	500	6	47	14
Workers-Travelers	<u>294</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>1</u>
	794	14	132	15
Hours-Local	69,236	939	4,914	2,485
Hours-Travelers	<u>26,613</u>	<u>907</u>	<u>1,736</u>	<u>167</u>
	95,849	1,846	6,650	2,652

Number of Workers

Registered for Work as of 2/27/19:

Book I.....205

Book II.....138

Apprentices.....39

Residential Wiremen.... 13

Residential Trainees....0

VDV Tech....39

VDV Trainees....0