

# CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



Eastern Illinois Chapter

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## **April Meeting Dates**

### April 11th

Board of Directors Meeting  
NECA Office – 8:00 am

### April 15th – 17th

NECA Labor Relations Conf  
New Orleans, LA

### April 18th

JATC Meeting  
JATC Office – 3:00 pm

### 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

## **Upcoming Meeting Dates**

### May 8th

JATC Meeting  
JATC Office – 3:00 pm

### May 9th

Board of Directors Meeting  
NECA Office – 8:00 am

## **Negotiators Meet Regarding Collective Bargaining Agreements**

It's only March, but NECA's Labor Committee members have already met with officials from IBEW Local 176 regarding 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 Residential agreement. The Inside agreement is mostly just a wage opener, but safety shoe reimbursement, work breaks, and prefab language can be discussed. We hope to wrap up negotiations by early May so that contractors can prepare bids for upcoming projects this Summer and Fall.

## **Retainage Bill Passes State Senate**

I'm pleased to report that **SB 1636**, the bill for retainage reform **PASSED** the Senate Wednesday afternoon with 37 yes votes, 11 no votes and 2 members voting present. It now goes on to the Illinois House for their consideration. You can view it here: <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocNum=1636&GAID=15&DocTypeID=SB&LegID=118771&SessionID=108&GA=101>

Earlier this month we held a Legislative Lobby Day in Springfield with our partners at the Illinois Mechanical Specialty Contractors Association (IMSCA). Several other Illinois NECA Chapters are also active members of this Association. Together we met with the bill's sponsor then spent the afternoon meeting with Senators and Representatives to seek their support. IMSCA also officially supported a bill (SB1407) sponsored by labor unions which would mandate oil and chemical plants, and other hazardous facilities, use only workers trained through a Department of Labor approved training facility. You can read more about this bill here: <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocNum=1407&GAID=15&DocTypeID=SB&LegID=118179&SessionID=108&GA=101>

## **Have You Lost Work to a Non-Union Contractor? We need to know!**

If you have recently bid on a project that went to a non-union contractor, fill out a Lost Work Report! It's quick and easy and available on line at our Chapter website, [www.necaeil.com](http://www.necaeil.com). Once we receive the report, it will be forwarded to the Regional NECA office. We need this information to show where we're losing market share in our area and to have solid evidence to enlist the support of the IBEW to combat non-union contractors.

## JATC Board Meets with Apprentices

Following their monthly meeting, Union and Management members of the JATC Board (Keith Conrad, Paul Rolih, Shane Elliott and Scott Dworschak represent management on the Board) met with the students at the IBEW Hall to discuss their apprenticeship program.

Currently, most students seldom interact with the Board, unless they have work, or instructional discipline problems. At the meeting, JATC Chairman Joel Maxard informed the students that the Board members wanted to hear from them, positive or negative, about their experiences in an effort to improve the program. He also hoped to establish better communication between students and Board members. JATC Faculty and Administrators were not present so that students would have the opportunity to speak freely. The nearly two hour meeting covered topics ranging from rotation, classroom homework assignments, work reports, JW assistance, and evaluations of their overall training and instruction. Board members and students thought the meeting was productive and we are planning to make this an annual event.



### MANPOWER REPORT

*Based on Monthly Benefit Reports for the work month of February 2019*

	<u>Inside</u>	<u>Res</u>	<u>VDV</u>	<u>Sign</u>
Local Contractors	42	6	8	6
Traveling Contractors	<u>86</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>1</u>
	128	9	35	7
Workers-Local	478	6	43	14
Workers-Travelers	<u>284</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>1</u>
	762	14	133	15
Hours-Local	63,065	607	3,759	2,364
Hours-Travelers	<u>25,802</u>	<u>739</u>	<u>2,503</u>	<u>133</u>
	88,867	1,346	6,262	2,497

**Number of Workers**

Registered for Work as of 3/28/19:

Book I.....171

Book II.....139

Apprentices.....19

Residential Wiremen.... 15

Residential Trainees....0

VDV Tech....38

VDV Trainees....0