



MONDAY MORNING NEWS

Puget Sound Chapter • National Electrical Contractors Association



**AUGUST 24, 2020
MEETINGS**

NECA 2020 LIVE – 10/5 – 10/7

NECA LIVE 2020 – REGISTER!



It is not too late to register for the upcoming NECA 2020 LIVE, the virtual Convention & Trade Show which will take place Oct. 6th–8th. NECA is harnessing cutting-edge technology to deliver all the benefits of the NECA Convention—including an interactive trade show floor, extensive educational opportunities, and inspiring talks—as well as all the freedom that comes from an online experience. An emphasis was also made on making this event accessible and valuable to NECA members amidst these uncertain times, enabling them to send more members than ever and continue to develop talent within their companies. Full registration for NECA 2020 LIVE is available at the following prices.

- **\$200 per individual registrant** for NECA members before Sept. 15th
- **\$250 per individual registrant** for NECA members after Sept. 15th
- **\$500 per individual registrant** for non-members

“We’re in unprecedented times in 2020, and at NECA National we have a fiduciary responsibility to our members in order to help get them through this challenging economy,” said NECA CEO David Long. “This pricing structure will allow our entire membership to register for NECA 2020 LIVE, and we feel this is an incredible value that enables companies to provide our cutting-edge education and industry-best exhibits to their entire staff in this difficult year.” For more information or to register click [here](#).

NECA CONTRACTOR, ROSENDIN ELECTRIC, USES COOLERS TO SPRAY DISINFECTANT ON JOBSITES

Rosendin is employing a new solution — literally — to better protect its workers during the coronavirus pandemic. Rosendin is using an industrial-grade cooling unit to blow mist made up of disinfectant and water over high-traffic areas on jobsites. Unwashed surfaces on construction sites can be a hidden health concern, even when workers wear the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) and maintain social distancing. Rosendin adopted the practice following the publication of a white paper from the Power Breezer company, that found that the company's industrial cooler was capable of using mist to disinfect large surfaces. Rosendin has employed it at two prefabrication warehouses in Oregon, and two data center jobsites in Oregon and Washington state, according to Josh Johnson, Rosendin's West Coast Corporate Safety Director.

The Power Breezer, originally intended to cool down large spaces during working hours, can spray the mist up to 60 feet, and takes about four hours to diffuse a whole tank. Rosendin rotates the Power Breezer to a different area onsite after each workday to disinfect the space. As with any new tech or solution onsite, Johnson said, workers were a bit wary of the practice at first, but quickly got comfortable with the new machine, especially since it doesn't operate at the same time workers do. "It provides another tool in the toolbox to provide comfort for our workers in this uncertain time," Johnson said. To check out the white paper click [here](#).

LATEST EDITION OF NECA SAFETY LEADER MAGAZINE

The 3rd edition of the "SAFETY LEADER" magazine has been released and available to read for NECA members. Bundled with NECA's flagship publication, ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR, each SAFETY LEADER issue will deliver content geared toward informing electrical professionals working in all aspects of the industry, including both outside line construction and inside electrical construction. The new quarterly publication will highlight the importance of safety and industry news, OSHA rulemaking, training, on-site practices, safety-related products and services, a view of workers in the field and important resources. To sign up and receive the Safety Leader, click [HERE](#).

STUDENT TALENT ON DISPLAY

Every ELECTRI Council meeting features NECA Student Chapters across the country. The very popular Green Energy Challenge competition drew 9 proposal entries from NECA Student Chapters across North America. A jury comprising contractors and industry partners evaluated and scored each proposal and then met by conference call on August 10th to confirm the 2020 finalists. The judges determined that the top scores were so close that ELECTRI will name four top finalists for 2020: Ball State University, Illinois Institute of Technology, Iowa State and the University of Toronto. The four Student Chapter teams will present their proposals live during NECA 2020 on Monday, October 5th, from 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM. Another component of the 2020 Green Energy Challenge is the video competition. This July, ELECTRI's Talent Initiative offered a virtual competition for the best NECA Student Chapter video in connection with the 2020 Green Energy Challenge. Council members watched eight clips and selected the finalists: Illinois Institute of Technology, Iowa State University and Pennsylvania State University. The winning NECA Student Chapter video will be chosen via online voting during the NECA 2020 LIVE convention in October. [Click this link](#) to watch all eight entries.

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY 1814 – On August 24, 1814, during the War of 1812 between the United States and England, British troops entered Washington, D.C. and burned the White House in retaliation for the American attack on the city of York in Ontario, Canada, in June 1813.

When the British arrived at the White House, they found that President James Madison and his first lady Dolley had already fled to safety in Maryland. Soldiers reportedly sat down to eat a meal made of leftover food from the White House scullery using White House dishes and silver before ransacking the presidential mansion and setting it ablaze.

According to the White House Historical Society and Dolley’s personal letters, President James Madison had left the White House on August 22nd to meet with his generals on the battlefield, just as British troops threatened to enter the capitol. Before leaving, he asked his wife Dolley if she had the “courage or firmness” to wait for his intended return the next day. He asked her to gather important state papers and be prepared to abandon the White House at any moment.

The next day, Dolley and a few servants scanned the horizon with spyglasses waiting for either Madison or the British army to show up. As British troops gathered in the distance, Dolley decided to abandon the couple’s personal belongings and instead saved a full-length portrait of former president George Washington from desecration. Dolley wrote to her sister on the night of August 23rd of the difficulty involved in saving the painting. Since the portrait was screwed to the wall, she ordered the frame to be broken and the canvas pulled out and rolled up. Two unidentified “gentlemen from New York” hustled it away for safe-keeping. (Unbeknownst to Dolley the portrait was actually a copy of Gilbert Stuart’s original). The task complete, Dolley wrote “and now, dear sister, I must leave this house, or the retreating army will make me a prisoner in it by filling up the road I am directed to take.” Dolley left the White House and found her husband at their predetermined meeting place in the middle of a thunderstorm.

Although President Madison and his wife were able to return to Washington only three days later when British troops had moved on, they never again lived in the White House. Madison served the rest of his term residing at the city’s Octagon House. It was not until 1817 that newly elected president James Monroe moved back into the reconstructed building.

“A comfort zone is a beautiful place, but nothing ever grows there.”

— Author Unknown

As of Friday, August 21st, there are 261 JW on Book 1 and 126 JW on Book 2. There are currently 3 Commercial Apprentices, 0 S&C Apprentices, and 0 Residential Apprentices available for dispatch. There are 0 unfilled Commercial, 2 unfilled S&C and 0 unfilled Residential Apprentice requests.