



MONDAY MORNING NEWS

Puget Sound Chapter • National Electrical Contractors Association



**AUGUST 31, 2020
MEETINGS**

NECA 2020 LIVE – 10/5 – 10/7

FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER, NECA’S ANNUAL CONVENTION IS COMING TO YOU!

For those who have never experienced a NECA Convention before, now is the time to sign up, because this year the NECA Convention is coming to you! 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.

In planning the virtual convention, NECA is focusing on a “Five-Star Approach” to create a brand-new experience. NECA 2020 LIVE is designed to **Expand, Educate, Engage, Entertain, and Excite.**

EXPAND

By widening the audience this year, we hope to provide true value to everyone through a new virtual lens. This is not just a NECA event. This is a business-to-business solution for the electrical industry.

EDUCATE

NECA has expanded its online educational offerings substantially this year, and the convention will offer more options with more relevance to help contractors address the unique issues they face today.

ENGAGE

Engagement will take a new turn but will be an important aspect of the event, despite its virtual nature. It will allow attendees to interact with more—and more varied—people than ever before.

ENTERTAIN

One of the main goals of the program is to make it fun: games, contests, and live music performances will support personalized interactivity.

EXCITE

NECA plans to build anticipation for this event and promises to blow it out of the water. It will be an educational tool for contractors like no other.

For more information or to register click [here](#).

If you need immediate assistance, please reach out to Taylor Kershaw at taylor@necanet.org or (301) 215-4508. We look forward to “seeing” you at NECA 2020 Live!

KING COUNTY EXEC’S NEW CLIMATE PLAN PROPOSES BUILDING CODE UPDATES

King County Executive Dow Constantine's plan for the 2020 Strategic Climate Action Plan aims to cut greenhouse gas emissions countywide in half by the end of the decade.

The plan, which was unveiled Thursday, is an update of the 2015 plan and will have more focus on climate justice and preparing for climate impacts.

The earlier plan focused on making the county's own operations more energy efficient. The new one recommends actions to cut greenhouse gas emissions at a countywide scale. For instance, the plan calls for updating building codes to make them consistent in all 39 cities and unincorporated areas to make codes greener to construct, operate, maintain, and demolish. According to Constantine, this will make it more cost effective for developers.

“And then we’ll connect those greener buildings to transit powered by renewable energy — or, even better, connect communities so people can walk or bike to their favorite destinations so they don’t produce any greenhouse gas emissions,” he said.

In addition to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 50% by 2030, the update seeks to cut emissions by 80% by 2050. It also accelerates the county’s commitment to reduce emissions from its operations by 80 percent by 2030, 20 years sooner than previously planned.

“Climate change is impacting King County today, deepening inequities and intensifying natural hazards — flooding, wildfires, extreme heat — that put people, our economy, and our environment at risk,” Constantine said in a news release.

UPCOMING “VIRTUAL” NECA SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING – SEPTEMBER 11TH

Mark your calendars for our upcoming “virtual” safety committee meeting on Friday, September 11th starting at 10:00 AM. We are excited to announce that our guest speaker will be Mr. Jeff Stachowiak, Director of Safety for Sunbelt Rentals. He will be giving an important overview of the new ANSI A92 standard and the changes that will affect mobile elevated work platforms (MEWPs) formerly known as aerial work platforms (AWPs) worldwide. This meeting is open to anyone in your firm that would like to attend. For those that wish to attend, **please RSVP to PSC NECA, Director of Safety, Justin Thayer at justin@necaseattle.org**



NEW L&I WEB TOOL HELPS YOU CHOOSE THE RIGHT FACE COVERING OR MASK

Choosing the correct mask for COVID-19 prevention at work just got easier and quicker, if you choose to use L&I's new web-based e-tool from your mobile device or computer. Although not intended for hospitals, clinics or other treatment facilities, the e-tool is designed to help businesses make informed choices based on the level of risk and whether users are working alone, indoors, outdoors or in a vehicle. Click [here](#) to access the tool.

The e-tool also includes links to other helpful information, including videos on how to correctly put on and remove masks, answers to common questions about masks, and L&I's "[Which Mask for Which Task?](#)" booklet.

You can also visit L&I's [Coronavirus safety and health overview page](#) for prevention materials and links to policies, requirements, and helpful resources about COVID-19 safety for healthcare professionals, agricultural workers, airline employees, construction crews, childcare workers, grocery workers, dental workers and many other occupations.

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY 1997 – Shortly after midnight on August 31, 1997, Diana, Princess of Wales—affectionately known as “the People’s Princess”—died in a car crash in Paris. She was 36. Her boyfriend, the Egyptian-born socialite Dodi Fayed, and the driver of the car, Henri Paul, died as well.

Princess Diana was one of the most popular public figures in the world. Her death was met with a massive outpouring of grief. Mourners began visiting Kensington Palace immediately, leaving bouquets at the home where the princess, also known as Lady Di, would never return. Piles of flowers reached some 30 feet from the palace's gate.

Like much of her life, her death was a full-blown media sensation, and the subject of many conspiracy theories. At first, the paparazzi hounding the car were blamed for the crash, but later it was revealed that the driver was under the influence of alcohol and prescription drugs. A formal investigation concluded the paparazzi did not cause the collision.

Diana’s funeral in London, on September 6th, was watched by over 2 billion people.

“There is no limit to the amount of good you can do if you don't care who gets the credit.”

-- Ronald Reagan

As of Friday, August 28th, there are 260 JW on Book 1 and 144 JW on Book 2. There are currently 10 Commercial Apprentices, 0 S&C Apprentices, and 0 Residential Apprentices available for dispatch. There are 0 unfilled Commercial, 4 unfilled S&C and 0 unfilled Residential Apprentice requests. 15 Commercial bootcamp graduates will be available September 15th.