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OUR 51ST YEAR

CONTRA COSTA CHAPTER

September 2014

## Annual Meeting of the Contra Costa County Electrical Industry Trust

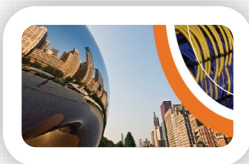
September 23, 2014

The Annual Meeting of the Contra Costa County Electrical Industry Trust will be held at Flemings Prime Steakhouse and Wine Bar, in Walnut Creek, Tuesday, September 23, 2014 @ 6:00 p.m. Our September NECA Chapter Membership Meeting will be held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting, and is open to all signatory contractors.

Each year the Board of Trustees report on the progress of the Electrical Industry Trust and the other Trust funds that are included in the hourly contribution rate, which include the Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee, our local LMCC, and our Statewide LMCC.

During negotiations over the Inside Wireman's agreement this year, we also added a new component to the Trust — to develop and fund an industry-wide drug testing program. Although it has not yet been finalized, we will review its likely form and content when it becomes effective later this year.

We will also have a presentation from Chris Smith, the Energy Solutions Coordinator for the NECA/IBEW Statewide LMCC. Chris will review the merits of the new NECA Energy Conservation and Performance product (ECAP), which will allow you to compete with Energy Service Companies (ESCO's) and offer energy performance contracting with financing solutions for your customers, and results guaranteed by third-party insurers. This is going to be a huge growth area going forward and we want to set the table for a full half-day program which we plan to offer in October.



NECA 2014 Chicago  
**September 27-30, 2014**

[Download or View the Brochure Here](#)

The Electrical Industry Trust will also be holding an election during this meeting to fill two Trustee positions. Candidates must be a representative of a Contra Costa-based firm that makes contributions on a regular basis to the various Trust funds under the Inside Wireman's Agreement. If interested, please contact the NECA office to get the proper nomination form and procedures.

  
**Fleming's**  
PRIME STEAKHOUSE & WINE BAR



## **Employers Signatory to the** **Inside Wireman's Agreement:**

We are providing this advance notice that the due date for contributions under our Inside Agreement will change from the 20th of the month to the 15th of the month at some point in the near future. The change has become necessary because our current procedure conflicts with the National Electrical Benefit Fund's (NEBF) requirements for a due date of 15 days after the month in which hours are worked. We are currently examining all of our banking arrangements to see if a change in our existing depository (Bank of America) is also necessary. Because of the number of entities involved, that is a rather lengthy process, but once resolved you will receive an official notice of any changes to the banking arrangements as well as the changes in the due date. We anticipate this will go into effect sometime after the first of the year.



Since the bulk of the contributions each month are for Trusts governed by ERISA, namely the Health Trust, the Retirement Trust, the NEBF and the Apprenticeship Trust, the Trustees of the funds can be held personally liable for employer contributions that are not collected. The requirements imposed by ERISA are so exacting, we are now seeing a trend of contractors refusing to serve as Trustees, and thereby bringing out the need for management organizations like NECA to hire professional Trustees to fill those positions. We have been fortunate to have volunteer Trustees from among your peers. In order to keep that support in place, we need to do everything possible to comply with existing laws and best practices for handling monthly contributions.

A copy of our existing Delinquency and Collection Procedures can be viewed and/or downloaded for your records at the following link:

[http://www.ccneca.org/Delinquency\\_and\\_Collection\\_Procedures.pdf](http://www.ccneca.org/Delinquency_and_Collection_Procedures.pdf)

# Electrical Code Interpretations Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Electrical Code Interpretations Committee will be held on Thursday, September 18, 2014. As you know, the new Title 24 regulations went into effect in July; and we would like to use the meeting as a forum to determine what the various jurisdictions are doing as far as the electrical and lighting requirements are concerned.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE		(Page 1 of 5)	NRCC-ELC-01-E
<b>Disaggregation of Electrical Circuits</b>			
Project Name:		Date:	
Project Address:		Climate Zone:	Conditioned Floor Area : Unconditioned Floor Area :
<b>General Information</b>			
Building Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Nonresidential <input type="checkbox"/> High-Rise Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Hotel/Motel			
<input type="checkbox"/> Schools <input type="checkbox"/> Relocatable Public Schools <input type="checkbox"/> Conditioned Spaces <input type="checkbox"/> Unconditioned Spaces			
Phase of Construction: <input type="checkbox"/> New Construction <input type="checkbox"/> Addition <input type="checkbox"/> Alteration			
Documentation Author's Declaration Statement			
• I certify that this Certificate of Compliance documentation is accurate and complete.			
Name:		Signature:	
Company:		Date :	
Address:		If applicable: CEA # CEPE #	
City/State/Zip		Phone:	
<b>Principal Designer's Declaration Statement</b>			
• I am eligible under Division 3 of the California Business and Professions Code to accept responsibility for the design of electrical circuiting.			
• This Certificate of Compliance identifies the features and performance specifications required for compliance with Title 24, Parts 1 and 6 of the California Code of Regulations.			
• The design features represented on this Certificate of Compliance are consistent with the information provided to document this design on the other applicable compliance forms, worksheets, calculations, plans and specifications submitted to the enforcement agency for approval with this building permit application.			
Name:		Signature:	
Company:		Phone:	
Address:		License #	
City/State/Zip:		Date:	
Nonresidential Compliance Form			
February 2013			

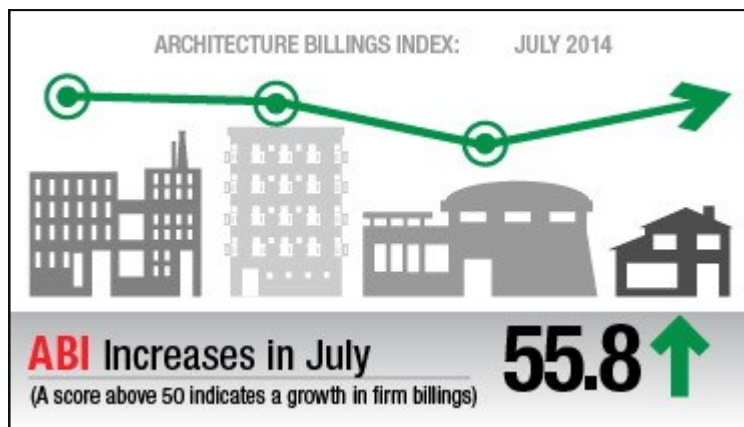
One additional change brought about by the new Title 24 requirements is something called the **“Disaggregation of Electrical Circuits.”** If you have not heard this term before, please take two minutes to go to the following link: [Disaggregation of Electrical Circuits](#). This could potentially result in significant increases to your installation costs — especially if you were to find out about it the hard way (after you call for inspection). We will be discussing methods of complying with the requirement while minimizing installation costs.

If you plan to attend and have not yet signed up, you may download Registration Form at [http://www.ccneca.org/Code Meeting Notice.pdf](http://www.ccneca.org/Code_Meeting_Notice.pdf).

# Architecture Billings Index Reaches **Highest Score in Seven Years**

The July peak marks three consecutive months of growth.

Things are looking good in the design and construction industry, according to the latest Architecture Billings Index (ABI) released .... [more](#)



**Any score above 50 indicates an increase and score below 50 indicates a decline.**



## SYNERGY eLinks

[Delinquency and Collection Procedures](#)

[Disaggregation of Electrical Circuits](#)

[Electrical Code Interpretations Committee Meeting Notice/RSVP Form](#)

[NECA Contractor Call to Action Act Now on SB 785 \(Wolk\)](#)

[How Much do you Really Need to Retire?](#)

[NECA 2014 Convention Website](#)

[Wage Rates & Cost Per Hour Sheets](#)

[Personal Best](#)

September 2014



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1 <b>ENJOY LABOR DAY!</b>	2	3	4	5 <b>Partnering Session</b> Crown Plaza Concord 8:00 a.m.	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 <b>JATT</b> Training Center Martinez 3:00 p.m.	17 <b>Sound and Communication Apprentice Interviews</b> 10:00 a.m. Training Center Martinez	18 <b>Code</b> Zio Fraedos Pleasant Hill Sub: 10:30 a.m. Gen: 11:45 a.m.	19	20
21	22	23 <b>Annual Electrical Industry Trust Meeting</b> Flemings Walnut Creek 6:00 p.m. <b>Board of Directors</b> 4:30 p.m.	24	25	26	27 <b>NECA</b> Board of Governors Chicago
28 -30  <b>NECA 2014 - CHICAGO</b> September 27th—30th						



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