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POWERPOINTS
A Message from the Executive Manager
NECA Boston Proactive in Massachusetts
Paid Family Medical Leave Legislation

WHEN the Massachusetts Paid Family Medical Leave Act (PFMLA) takes effect on July 1, 2019, member contractors of the NECA Boston Chapter, as well as fellow union construction industry employers throughout the Commonwealth, can be assured their interests are being strongly represented so that they will be able to comply with the spirit of the legislation without facing an unfair financial burden due to the unique nature of the construction industry.

NECA Boston has proudly joined with the other union construction industry employer groups to ensure that the our state legislature fully understands union construction industry requirements. In so doing, appropriate technical revisions to the proposed Paid Family Medical Leave regulations have been made, and the updated draft regulations will allow employers to comply with union construction industry retirement benefit requirements and the PFMLA.

In addition, NECA Boston alongside the other union construction industry employer groups are working to garner support on Beacon Hill for a technical revision to the statute that will clarify the requirements of our employers under PFMLA. Without action, our employers and union benefit funds will be put into the position where they are unable to accommodate the PFMLA while honoring their commitments made through collective bargaining that are governed under federal law through the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA) and ERISA.

As representatives of our employer members, NECA Boston is proud to work with our labor partners at the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers — IBEW Local 103 in Boston, Local 567 in Southern Maine and Local 1253 in Northern Maine, and Local 490 in New Hampshire — in negotiating collective bargaining of wages, benefits and work conditions that make union electrical construction a highly compensated career that offers union workers outstanding health and pension benefits. First and foremost, our members must comply with those collective bargaining agreements.

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INDUSTRY NEWS
NECA Boston Chapter’s 2019 Board of Directors

WEST NEWTON, MA — The Boston Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) confirmed its 2019 Directors and Officers at its Annual Chapter Meeting in January. Michael McDonald, president of McDonald Electrical Corp., is serving his second year as the Chapter president.

Seated (l to r):
William Weber, Treasurer — Gaston Electrical Co., Inc.
Michael McDonald, Vice President — McDonald Electrical Corp.
Alan Scharfe, Vice President — John A. Penney Company, Inc.
David Noon, Secretary – J. & M. Brown Company, Inc.

Standing (l to r):
John McLaughlin, Director — Sullivan & McLaughlin Companies
John Quinci, Director — Cruz Electric, Inc.
Kathleen Guinee, Director — Aetna Fire Alarm Service Co., Inc.
Matthew Guarraccino, Director — J.M. Electrical Company, Inc.
Thomas Driscoll, Director and Chairman, Maine Division — E.S. Boulos Company
Brian Murphy, Director — A. Murphy, Inc.
Joseph Bodio, Director — LAN-TEL Communications
Dan Venezia, Director — T&T Electrical Contractors

Board Members (not pictured):
Stephen Scarponi, Director and Chairman NH Division – Scarponi Electric, LLC
Joseph McCluskey, Jr., Governor – E.G. Sawyer Company

Amps Electric, Inc. Joins NECA Boston Chapter

WEST NEWTON, MA — NECA Boston Chapter proudly welcomes Amps Electric, Inc., a Waltham, Massachusetts-based full-service electrical construction company, to the Chapter. Founded in 1991 by company president John Bianchi, Amps Electric, Inc. continued on page 3
LAN-TEL Communications Installing
Integrated Video Surveillance System in City of Lawrence, Massachusetts

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LAN-TEL’s Mobile Action Command Unit (MACU) Deployed at New England Patriot’s Victory Parade and Boston Marathon

Boston, MA – LAN-TEL Communications Mobile Action Command Unit (MACU) was deployed at the New England Patriots’ Victory Parade on February 2nd to assist the City of Boston with security and surveillance measures.

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PORTLAND, ME — E.S. Boulos Company (ESB), a subsidiary of MYR Group Inc., headquartered in Westbrook, Maine, has completed the core and shell electrical construction of the new corporate headquarters building of WEX Inc. on the Portland waterfront. WEX is a global leader in corporate payment-processing solutions.

The four-story, 100,000 square-foot glass office building, designed by Portland-based architectural firm, Archetype Architects and architectural/engineering firm SMRT, features an open concept office space. The facility’s expansive 4th floor rooftop patio is designed to accommodate special events, dining and recreation. The mixed-use building also includes a retail space on the ground floor.

The MEP aspects of the project were handled in a collaborative design-build effort between E.S. Boulos, general contractor Cianbro Corporation, mechanical contractor Johnson & Jordan, engineering/architect SMRT and architectural firm Archetype PA.

ESB project manager Steven Saucier and project superintendent Matt Lavois supervised the project with a field crew of 14 IBEW Local 567 electricians at peak construction. The fast-track project commenced in January 2018 and was completed in February 2019. WEX opened its new HQ on March 8th in a ribbon-cutting celebration attended by Maine Senator Susan Collins and Governor Janet Mills. The company moved more than 400 employees from the company’s South Portland facility into the new HQ facility.

The aggressive schedule was a demanding aspect of the project, and PM Saucier commented: “ESB implemented a thorough 3D BIM coordination process with all MEP trades, which helped alleviate potential field coordination issues and streamline construction.” He added, “Prefabrication of electrical equipment and coordinated material deliveries with vendors, which minimized unnecessary handling of materials, were also key factors in meeting the owner’s move-in schedule.”

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primary focus is utility grade solar (PV) systems, as well as large-scale commercial electrical construction. The contractor has completed more than 25MW of renewable energy projects in New England since 2016, including most recently, a 4MW solar power plant in Kennebunkport, ME.

The newest NECA Boston member, Amps also provides electrical services for tenant fit-up, multi-unit residential, traffic signal, and streetlight retrofit projects, as well as electrical transmission and distribution projects.

Among its current high-profile commercial projects, Amps is underway with the ArcLight Cinema complex project at Hub on Causeway at North Station. In the solar market, Amps has recently completed a 6.5MW Solar plant in Warwick, and 3.5MW plant in Johnston, RI, as well as commercial-grade solarplants in Hudson, Chicopee, and Carver, MA.
S TALKER ELECTRIC Inc., based in Woburn, MA, has recently completed the electrical fit-out of the new Fjallraven store, located at 70 Seaport Boulevard in the Seaport District. The fast-track, eight week project entailed Stalker’s installation of electrical distribution, specialty lighting, security, and tel/data systems. The Scandinavian retail outdoor clothing outfitter opened its newest Greater Boston location in fall 2018.

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NECA Boston Honored – 75th Anniversary as NECA Chapter

At their meeting on March 7th, NECA Boston Chapter was honored for celebrating its 75th year of the association’s partnership with the National Electrical Contractors Association. Joe Kellams, Executive Director of NECA’s Eastern Region, joined Ben Nest, NECA Eastern Region Field Representative, in presenting Chapter President Michael McDonald and Executive Manager Glenn Kingsbury with a special plaque commemorating the milestone.

The Electrical Contractors Association of Greater Boston history goes back more than 100 years. The Association was chartered as the Boston Chapter of NECA on February 14, 1944 and is among the oldest NECA chapters in the U.S.

NECA Boston Chapter Annual Meeting features Technology Drivers of Innovation in Construction

Boston, MA – The NECA Boston Annual Meeting, held January 9th at the Seaport Hotel, featured an enlightening panel discussion on technology innovation in the construction industry. Distinguished guest panelists, Chris Mayer, Executive Vice President and Chief Information Officer of Suffolk Construction; Dan Barrett, Maxim Consulting; and, Frank Moore, Business Development Manager Worldwide for Autodesk shared their insights on leveraging technology – BIM, pre-fabrication, digital content from the office to the construction site, smart labs and much more – for greater productivity, enhanced safety, and tighter quality control on the job site. More than seventy NECA members attended.

NECA Boston’s Wentworth Student Chapter Tours SullyMac Offices

Boston, MA – On March 26, the next generation of construction industry professionals were provided a walkthrough of Sullivan & McLaughlin headquarters. The Wentworth Student Chapter members learned more about the estimating, planning, and design phases of the business through project construction. Sullivan & McLaughlin Companies has been actively involved as an adviser to Wentworth Student Chapter’s Green Energy Challenge projects over the past several years.

SAFETY TRAINING NEWS

NECA Boston Conducts Safety Workshop: NFPA Standards and OSHA Update

On, March 22, NECA Boston Chapter’s Safety Workshop, held at the JATC of Greater Boston, focused on the use and arrangement of the NFPA 70E-2018 Standard for Electrical Safety in the Workplace. The program was attended by 29 NECA Boston safety directors, electrical foreman, and project managers. Significant revisions in the 2018 edition of NFPA 70E were discussed, as well as electrical hazards, guidelines to energized vs. de-energized work and decision-making. Topics also included understanding and applying effective lockout/tag-out procedures, selection and application of appropriate PPE, and the supervisor’s responsibility for jobsite safety. The workshop also included an OSHA update.

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We look forward to keeping you abreast of all Massachusetts legislation that directly impacts the union construction industry.

**INSTALLATIONS**

**McDonald Electrical Shines in Historic Renovation of Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston**

Boston, MA – McDonald Electrical Corp. (MEC), headquartered in Hingham, MA, has completed the comprehensive electrical and lighting renovation of the historic Cathedral of the Holy Cross, located at 1400 Washington Street in Boston. The project was integral to the restoration of the Cathedral’s entire edifice, which was lead by John Fish, Chairman of Suffolk Construction and David Manfredi, Founding Principal of Elkus Manfredi Architects. McDonald Electrical’s project scope entailed the highly-detailed retrofit/installation of the Cathedral’s lighting to LED light fixtures, as well as its lighting control system. MEC Project Manager Brian Goode and Foreman Mike Norton managed a crew of eight IBEW Local 103 journeyman and apprentice electricians and four telecom technicians in the historic renovation. The project commenced in March 2018 was completed as scheduled in early April this year.

**Amps Electric Underway with ArcLight Boston at Hub on Causeway**

Boston, MA – Amps Electric, Inc., based in Waltham, MA, is underway with the state-of-the-art ArcLight Cinema project at The Hub on Causeway. The NECA contractor’s scope at the 78,000 square-foot, 15-screen theatre includes highly-detailed electrical, lighting, and A/V installations. Amps will manage a crew of at least 30 Local 103 electricians at peak construction in an aggressive 12-month schedule.

Amenities include custom seats, advanced A/V systems including Dolby Atmos and ArcLight’s widescreen format, and “black box” auditoriums. The theatre complex will also feature a full bar, café and concessions and 21+ lounge.

**NECA Boston Members in Washington, D.C.**

Advocate for Key Issues at NECA 2019 National Legislative Conference

Washington, D.C. – From April 29th through May 1st, NECA Boston’s Legislative Committee joined with Tremont Strategies Group, to represent Massachusetts electrical construction industry at the 2019 National Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. The event is the premier legislative conference for electrical contractors to learn about key issues affecting the industry and to meet with Congressional leaders in advocating for real solutions. Infrastructure investment, repeal of the “Cadillac Tax”, and pension reform advances and is fair to the legitimate interests of our members. And we oppose legislation which imposes unfair restrictions upon the employer or its employees, or which imposes undue, harmful burdens on the industry.

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