



# MEMBER UPDATE

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## A MESSAGE TO OUR MEMBERS

**Hello NECA Cascade Members,**

**Welcome to the first edition of the NECA Cascade Member Update.**

Thank you for being a valued member of NECA. Your commitment to our industry helps strengthen our workforce, support our communities, and advance the electrical construction industry throughout our region.

Beginning this month, we will be sharing regular updates to keep you informed about industry news, training opportunities, chapter events, safety initiatives, workforce development programs, and resources available to help your business succeed.

We appreciate your membership and look forward to keeping you connected and informed throughout the year.

**NECA Cascade Chapter**

## INDUSTRY SPOTLIGHT

### David Long on Fox Business

Recently, **David Long**, CEO of NECA, joined Fox Business to discuss economic issues affecting contractors, construction firms, and the broader business community.

#### What Members Should Know

- The electrical construction industry continues to face workforce shortages and increasing demand for skilled labor.
- Investments in workforce development, apprenticeship programs, and technology adoption remain critical to meeting future infrastructure and energy needs.
- Artificial intelligence and digital tools are creating new opportunities to improve productivity and operational efficiency across the construction industry.
- Long emphasized the importance of supporting policies that encourage business growth, workforce training, and long-term investment in America's infrastructure.



**[Watch Interview](#)**

# EC ROUNDTABLE RESOURCES NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE

We are pleased to announce that a dedicated page for all Electrical Contractor (EC) Roundtable Virtual Meeting resources is now live on the Western Region NECA website.

## Access the Resource Library:

<https://www.wrneca.org/electrical-contractor-roundtable-virtual-meetings>

**Password:** 2026

**Members can also access the page through the Resources tab at [www.wrneca.org](http://www.wrneca.org).**

Available Resources Include:

- Moneyball Contracting Virtual Meeting Recording
- Moneyball Contracting Presentation Slides
- Josh Bone's AI Prompt Libraries:
- Electrical Superintendents Pre-Prompt Library
- Electrical Project Managers Pre-Prompt Library
- Electrical Estimators Pre-Prompt Library
- Electrical Contractor COO Pre-Prompt Library
- Electrical Contractor Controller Pre-Prompt Library



Thank you to everyone who participated in the live session with Josh Bone of ELECTRI International. The presentation provided practical strategies for improving productivity, project management, and operational efficiency through AI-powered tools and workflows. Members who were unable to attend can now access all materials and recordings at their convenience.

Stay tuned for future EC Roundtable releases and educational opportunities from your NECA Chapter Executives.



## EC Roundtable Virtual Meetings Presentation Links

*Brought to you by NW Technology Innovation Communication Collaboration (TICC) Committee*

## AI MASTERY MODULES AVAILABLE TO NECA CASCADE MEMBERS

As part of our commitment to helping members stay competitive in an evolving industry, the Cascade Chapter Board of Directors has purchased a **12-month AI Mastery Program for NECA Cascade members**.

Presented by **Carl Britton of Iron Thread Consulting**, these sessions are delivered live via Zoom and are followed by dedicated Q&A opportunities to help members implement what they learn.

### **Access the AI Mastery Hub:**

<https://ironthread.online/neca-cascade>

What You'll Find:

- Registration for upcoming AI Mastery sessions
- Recordings of previous webinars
- Presentation slides and course materials
- Registration for upcoming Q&A sessions
- Previous Q&A recordings and resources

The program focuses on practical AI applications for electrical contractors, helping teams improve efficiency, communication, project management, estimating, and business operations.

## MICROSOFT & NABTU LAUNCH AI TRAINING INITIATIVE FOR THE BUILDING TRADES

Microsoft and the North America's Building Trades Unions (NABTU) recently announced an expanded nationwide initiative designed to strengthen AI education and career pathways across the skilled trades.

The partnership introduces new AI-focused training programs and credentials intended to help construction professionals develop the digital skills needed in today's workforce. The initiative supports both current workers and future apprentices by providing practical AI training tailored specifically to the building trades.

### **Learn More:**

#### **Microsoft Announcement:**

<https://news.microsoft.com>

#### **Program Overview Flyer:**

<https://cdn-dynmedia-1.microsoft.com>

NECA education leaders interested in learning more about the initiative may coordinate a briefing discussion regarding available training pathways and credentials.

# SAVE THE DATE: TRADESWOMEN BUILD NATIONS 2026

The **2026 Tradeswomen Build Nations (TWBN) Conference**, the world's largest gathering of tradeswomen, will be held in Houston, Texas, from **October 9–11, 2026**.

Hosted annually by **North America's Building Trades Unions (NABTU)**, the conference brings together thousands of skilled trades professionals, apprentices, labor leaders, and industry partners for professional development, leadership training, and networking opportunities.

## Event Details

**Dates:** October 9–11, 2026

**Location:** Houston, Texas

**Attendance:** More than 5,000 union tradeswomen, apprentices, government officials, and labor leaders

- Conference Highlights
- Leadership development workshops
- Industry and workforce panels
- Career advancement opportunities
- Networking events
- Peer-to-peer learning and mentorship

The event serves as a powerful platform to celebrate and support women in construction while promoting workforce development across the union building trades.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Monday, June 15th** - For the Good of the Industry/Joint Safety Meeting

- Bob's Burgers and Brew - East Wenatchee - 6pm - 8pm

**Tuesday, July 7th** - For the Good of the Industry

- Cascade Chapter Office - Mount Vernon - 5pm - 7pm

**Tuesday, September 15th** - General Membership Meeting

- Timberline Brewing - Wenatchee - 4:30pm - 7:30pm

**Tuesday, November 10th** - General Membership Meeting

- Cascade Chapter Office - Mount Vernon - 4:30pm - 7:30pm

Be sure to RSVP to Lydia - [LydiaL@NECAcascade.org](mailto:LydiaL@NECAcascade.org)

# NECA/IBEW NIGHT AT THE AQUASOX - MARGARITAVILLE

Join NECA Cascade and IBEW 191 for one of our favorite annual summer traditions, NECA/IBEW 191 Night at the AquaSox! This year's theme is Margaritaville, and you're invited to bring your family, coworkers, electricians, and friends for an evening of food, fun, and baseball.

**Date:** Saturday, August 15th, 2026

**Gates Open:** 5:30 PM

**Bullpen BBQ Buffet:** 5:30 PM

**First Pitch:** 7:05 PM

What's Included?

- Upscale Bullpen BBQ Buffet
- Unlimited soft drinks
- AquaSox game ticket
- FREE parking in the AquaSox South Lot
- Face painting by Contours Face & Body Art
- Free Margaritaville AquaSox shirts for the first 1,000 fans
- Post-game fireworks show

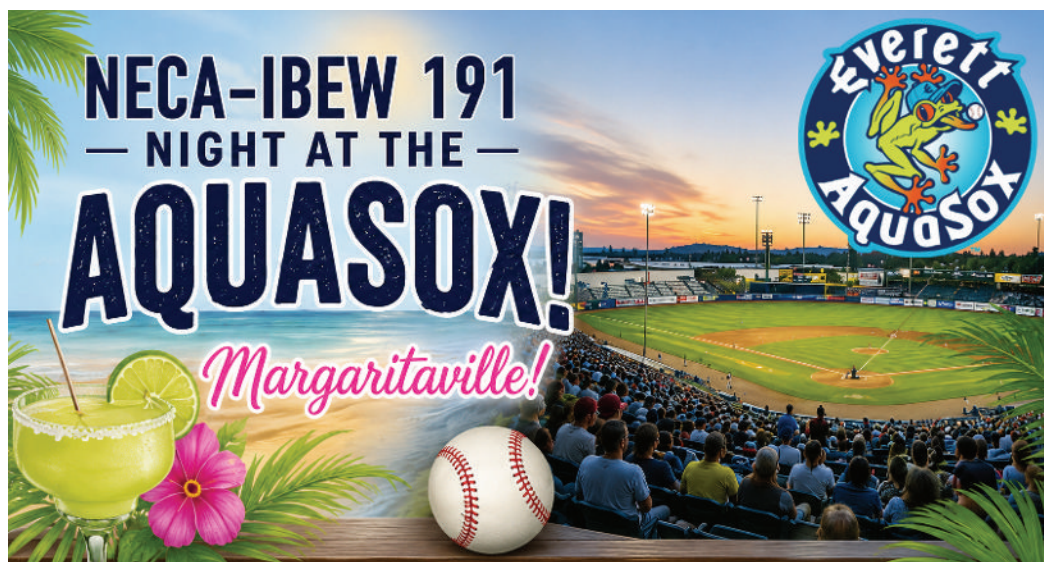
Guests may park free of charge in the AquaSox South Parking Lot, located adjacent to the Stadium Coffee stand on the west side of Broadway, south of the AquaSox office. This event is provided free of charge for NECA and IBEW 191 members, families, coworkers, and electricians.

## RSVP Today

Please RSVP with your attendee count to Amber Harbrecht-

[amber@ibew191.com](mailto:amber@ibew191.com) or 425-259-3195

Don't miss this opportunity for food, drinks, raffles, networking, and most importantly... BASEBALL!



# NECA 2026 TRADE SHOW AND CONVENTION

The electrical construction industry's premier event is heading to Las Vegas, Nevada, and registration is now open! Join thousands of electrical contractors, industry leaders, manufacturers, and innovators from across the country for four days of education, networking, leadership development, and the largest electrical construction trade show in North America.

**Dates:** October 4–7, 2026

**Location:** Mandalay Bay Convention Center

**City:** Las Vegas, Nevada

## Why Attend?

- Industry-leading education sessions
- The NECA Trade Show featuring hundreds of exhibitors
- Networking opportunities with contractors from across the country
- Technology and innovation showcases
- Leadership and workforce development programming
- Special events celebrating NECA's 125th Anniversary

Whether you're a business owner, project manager, estimator, executive, or emerging leader, the NECA Convention provides valuable insights and connections that can help position your company for future success. Register Today!

Visit [www.necaconvention.org](http://www.necaconvention.org) to register and learn more.

Don't wait! Hotel accommodations and popular events fill quickly. Start planning now and join NECA members from across the nation in Las Vegas this October!



## Stay Connected

NECA Cascade remains committed to providing members with valuable education, technology resources, workforce development opportunities, and industry updates. Watch for future communications regarding educational programs, AI training opportunities, and upcoming chapter events.

For questions regarding any of the programs highlighted above, please contact the NECA Cascade office.

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