



Short Circuit

SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON CHAPTER

August 2026

District 6 Council Meeting & Tri-District Conference



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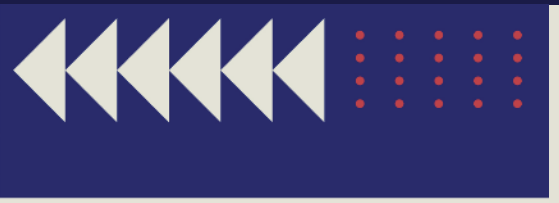
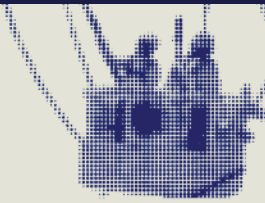
Pete Butler and Elizabeth Velasquez represented the Chapter at the District 6 and Tri-District Meetings in Maui along with Governor Brandon Betschart (BES Electrical Services), President Steve Doyle (Danard Electric), Aaron Randall (Betschart Electric), Michael Ertman (FireTek, and Travis Sharp (Madsen Electric). Attendees received updates from NECA national leadership on workforce development, apprenticeship modernization, safety, government affairs, emerging opportunities in AI, data centers, digital infrastructure, and prefabrication.

The meetings also highlighted NECA's strategic priorities, upcoming 125th Anniversary celebration, and the 2026 NECA Convention in Las Vegas. Educational sessions, industry discussions, and networking opportunities reinforced the importance of innovation, workforce development, mental health awareness, and collaboration as the electrical construction industry continues to grow.

Peter Butler Attends Cerity Partners Institutional Client Summit

Southwest Washington NECA Executive Director **Peter Butler** attended the **Cerity Partners Institutional Client Summit** on behalf of the Chapter. The two-day event brought together business and investment leaders to discuss economic trends, leadership, market outlooks, and long-term strategy. Highlights included a fireside chat with **Howard Marks**, Co-Chairman of Oaktree Capital Management, and a keynote presentation by **NFL Hall of Famer Terry Bradshaw** on leadership and performance.

The summit was well received, and key insights gained will be shared with the **NECA/IBEW Local 76 Trusts** to support informed long-term decision-making and prudent stewardship of trust assets.



NECA 2026 Convention and Trade Show

Las Vegas, Nevada • October 4–7, 2026

Registration is OPEN!!

NECA National 2026 will be at the convention center in Mandalay Bay Convention Center. It will have something for everyone! Registration is open and fills up fast!!

[Register](#)



23 | KITCHENS

PICKLEBALL | BACKYARD GAMES

2026 | SUMMER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



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August 26, 2026

Summer General Membership Meeting

This years General Membership Meeting has moved to 23 Kitchens in Olympia, Washington.

[Register](#)

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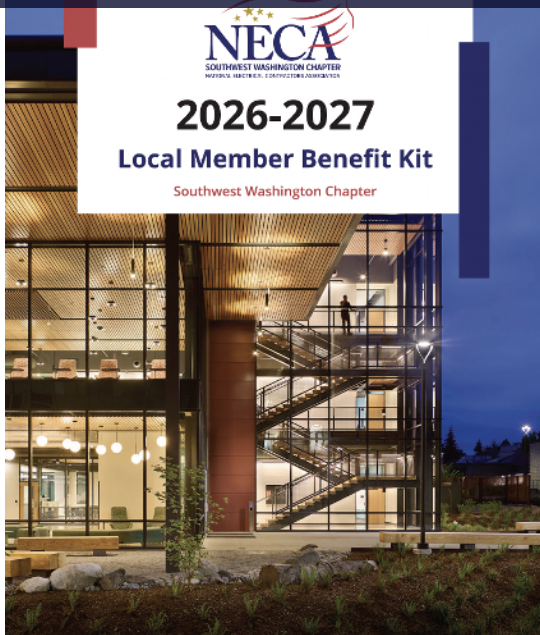
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NECA Resources

2026-2027 Member Kit



Our 2026-2027 Member Kit will be sent to each Member Firm!

Our kit includes multiple resources for our Members! It also includes a Jurisdictional Map with contact information for each Chapter and IBEW Local! Contact Information for our Benefits and Trusts is also included!

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Chapter Education

Save the Dates!!!



Below is the 2026-2027 Class Schedule! Add the dates to your calendar. The Chapter will send out additional information when registration opens for each class!!



09.03.2026	WA Paid Sick Leave - Lunch & Learn	Erik Laiho
09.17.2026	Project Delivery Systems & Their Impact	Mark Federle
10.13.2026	Contract Law	Pam Scholefield
11.13.2026	Analyze Problems & Manage Change	Dale Carnegie
11.13.2026	Delegation & Time Control	Dale Carnegie
01.05.2027	Computer Basics for the Field	Wired Leadership
01.19.2027	Understanding Construction Accounting	Dave O'Brien
02.03.2027	NECA's Claim Management Resources	Mark Federle
02.18.2027	Crisis Management - Lunch & Learn	Brian Padgett
03.02.2027	BlueBeam Essentials & Advanced	TopCon Solutions
03.18.2027	Lein Law Updates - Lunch & Learn	Erik Laiho
04.01.2027	Leadership Succession Planning	Wired Leadership
04.20.2027	Labor Cost - Convert Your Biggest Risk	Maxim Consulting
05.26.2027	Change Order Management	Awad Hanna
06.10.2027	Basic Labor Relations & Negotiations	NECA Field Rep.



National Education

To register for any courses contact the Chapter at 253.584.4095
or click on the desired class to register online.

Virtual Education



August 6 | 12:00 pm

Data Models Demystified : Beyond the LLM Hype

August 13 | 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Understanding Construction Accounting

September 10 | 12:00 pm

The Effort Equation: How Involved Should you be?

[Virtual Learning Registration](#)

NECA's Online Project Management Series

On Demand Project Management Classes!!!

The project manager is an essential part of every electrical construction project. They must act as a conduit for information and have great communication skills.

Click below for more information

[More Information](#)

Call the Chapter at 253-584-4095 for
Enrollment



Calendar



VMT 890 (-20)	PLO 4,350 (+200)	REP 10,985 (+580)	QRT 445 (+15)	OPV 6,800 (+115)
MJB 2,609 (+35)	PCN 7,654 (+149)	NFR 4,522 (+122)	USH 1,632 (+54)	OMJ 3,652 (+182)

Aug 10	JATC Meeting/ JATC Office
Aug 11	LMCC Meeting/ JATC Office
Aug 24	Future Executive Committee/ NECA Office
Aug 26	Board of Directors Meeting/ 23 Kitchens
Aug 26	Summer GM Meeting / 23 Kitchens
Sept 3	L&L- WA Paid Sick Leave
Sept 7	Labor Day - Holiday
Sept 8	LMCC Meeting/ JATC Office
Sept 14	JATC Meeting/ JATC Office
Sept 17	Understanding Project Delivery Systems
Sept 21	Future Executive Committee/ NECA Office
Sept 23	Board of Directors Meeting/ NECA Office
Sept 30	Member Services Committee Meeting/ NECA
Oct 4-7	National Convention Las Vegas
Oct 12	JATC Meeting/ JATC Office
Oct 13	LMCC Meeting/ JATC Office
Oct 13	Contract Law
Oct 19	Future Executive Committee/ NECA Office
Oct 21	Board of Directors Meeting/ NECA Office

6 Months of Unemployment

	Thurston	Pierce	Grays Harbor	King	WA State
Jan	Limited Data				5.8
Feb	5.0	6.1	6.4	5.5	5.7
Mar	4.7	5.3	6.3	4.8	5.2
Apr	4.8	5.4	6.3	4.9	5.2
May	4.5	5.2	5.8	4.7	5.2
Jun	4.1	5.4	5.2	4.9	5.2

Future Events

- Aug 26** Gen. Membership Meeting
- Oct 4-7** National Convention | Las Vegas
- Oct 19-21** Safety Professionals Conference
- Oct 25-28** IF Benefits Conference
- Dec 5** NECA Holiday Party