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The 2011 NECA National Convention took place in San Diego, October 22-25. The event included Exhibitors and Suppliers from across the country, educational seminars and general sessions, and new this year was an entire day devoted to an Energy Forum. It was the place to be for Electrical Contractors throughout the country to learn from the experts about how to: cross-train your work force; increase communications; expand technologies; improve best practices; add more services; and be more efficient on the job.

The Energy Forum was developed because customers

are demanding more next-generation technologies and that means more opportunities for electrical contractors.

Topics covered included:

building automation and controls; electric vehicles and charging stations; energy storage; retrofit and renewable energy; smart grid; solar/PV; wind generation; and how to get an energy project financed.

The NECA

Show consisted of over 200 exhibitors showcasing better tools, software updates, safety equipment, new emerging technologies like solar and wind, utility vehicles and the new electric vehicle charging station equipment. It provided an opportunity for electrical

contractors to meet company executives and product designers and to learn about how to use emerging



Dennis Quebe, CEO of Chapel Electric, and the new 2012 President of NECA, addresses the general session.

technology to earn new business.

The schedule was intense, with classes and discussion sessions running daily. But one of the highlights was the opening reception which took place on the USS Midway. The ship is now a

museum open to the public. Attendees had an opportunity to explore the flight deck, visit the navigation quarters topside, and go below decks to the engineering department. It was truly inspiring.

The event was eye opening and educational. Every Electrical Contractor who attended came away with knowledge about the latest lighting technologies, energy efficient products and

renewable energy markets. These products are the key to developing a more green infrastructure in our country and open the door for more business for our contractors.

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Architect's roundtable

The Miami Valley Foreman's Club (MVFC) hosted an Architect's roundtable discussion at their October, 2011 meeting. Panelists included Rick Holmes with The Architectural Group and Marty Lange with Edge & Tinney. About 25 Journeymen and Foremen attended. This was an opportunity for Foremen from the various building trades to ask questions about some of the factors in the construction of a facility that influence the

design of buildings.

According to Rick Holmes, half of the budget for a project is electrical and mechanical work, so the aesthetic of the facility is built around those major components. Architects must be versatile when it comes to selecting materials. Manufacturer's reps help with the selection of materials because

they know the cost and availability of particular products.

An aspect of design that is now a major factor are guidelines established by the Department of Homeland

Security. Government buildings are likely to be at risk, because of their role. Due to large numbers of people moving through them, sports facilities and other similar public venues are also at risk. Building technology should minimize unnecessary casualties due to architectural or engineering decisions. However, "the construction of the building is the least of our problems," notes Marty Lange. "It is the general layout of the entire site that must now be considered." For example, the location of a



Rick Holmes (left) with the Architectural Group and Marty Lange with Edge & Tinney address the Miami Valley Foreman's Club.

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building may need to be shifted so it is farther away from another facility, thus reducing secondary casualties in the event of an attack. The placement of parking lots must also meet with new security requirements.

The most important aspects on a job site are craftsmanship and safety. Both architects have had a great experience working with Union Journeymen. According to Rick they are well trained and have a good work ethic. The building trades apprenticeship programs keep workers on the top of their game with exposure to the latest technology.

IBEW Local 82 *National Success Story*

IBEW International recently went on the road to find out how the Construction Wireman/Construction Electrician Program is working in various states. IBEW Local 82 in Dayton was one of the first Locals to implement the program and is showcased in a new video "CW/CE Success Stories" (visit www.ibew.org to view the video). It is a new, flexible career development program that allows workers to begin work immediately. Based on previous experience, electrical workers may enter the program at one of eight wage levels, with pay equivalent to experience and training.

According to Nick Comstock, Business Manager

of IBEW Local 82, "The CW/CE Program is a tool to recapture markets that we



Nick Comstock, IBEW Local 82 Business Manager.

haven't worked in for years." Nick continues, "Dayton used to be an industrial town and the union was heavily involved in that type of work. But the economy has changed and we had to do something to become more competitive in the commercial and healthcare markets. The CW/CE Program

gives us a chance to recreate who we are, what we are, and what we can do."

The program allows workers to: earn while they learn; increase their income as they enhance their skill level; take advantage of healthcare and pension benefits as an IBEW member; and apply their work hours and skills toward becoming a Union Journeyman Wireman. Applicants with little or no previous experience, who are interested in becoming Journeymen Wiremen, are highly encouraged to apply for entrance into the Apprenticeship program. Apprentices work alongside Journeymen and have regular class hours through the Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee (JATC).



Highlights

Several awards were presented to many of our own leaders in the Electrical Industry in Dayton. **Dennis Quebe, became the 32nd president of the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) on January 1, 2012.** Quebe is Chairman and CEO of Quebe Holdings in Dayton, Ohio, and has more than 25 years of industry experience. He served as NECA President-elect in 2011.

Quebe assumes leadership of the association as the entire construction industry hopes to emerge from the economic recession. He has been a vocal advocate for energy-efficient technology and diversified electrical contractor operations that have helped many NECA contractors thrive during the construction downturn.

"The right technology makes things possible, but the right people make it happen," Quebe says. "NECA contractors are the right choice for building owners and developers looking to save money on energy costs by upgrading their systems." Quebe speaks from experience: his companies (Chapel Electric LLC, Romanoff Electric, and Chapel-Romanoff Technologies LLC (CRT)) added alternative energy

to their service rosters four years ago and today, provide feasibility services and solar farm construction throughout the U.S. and installation of fiber optic SCADA systems for wind farms.

Danal Neal, Executive Director of the Western Ohio Chapter NECA in Dayton and Lima since 2000, was awarded the NECA Association Executive Distinguished Service Award. Established in 1989 by the NECA (National Electrical Contractors Association) Board of Governors, the award recognizes a staff executive or chapter manager

who has made significant contributions to the association and the industry.

John Frantz, President of Sidney Electric and Governor of the Western Ohio Chapter NECA was also inducted into the Academy of Electrical Contracting. John



Danal Neal (left) with John Frantz.

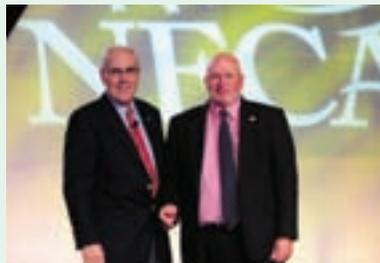
has been involved in the Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Program, and NECA activities for 20-years. He has been the owner of Sidney Electric since 1996. John has promoted education programs for both the industry and his company, including the development of NECA Student Chapters and is a member of Electri International.



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Your comments, suggestions and questions are welcome! Contact the Western Ohio Chapter - NECA.

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Rex Ferry, past President NECA (left) and Danal Neal.

Leading the way

Studies have shown that the most important way to achieve excellent performance in fields such as sports, music, professions and scholarship is to practice. It's possible to build any given skill or capacity in the same systematic way we do a muscle: push past your comfort zone.

Most people know what is expected of them in their day-to-day jobs. But to excel at something requires pushing yourself to reach a higher level of performance. This achievement, through your own hard work, can be immensely satisfying while enhancing your earnings potential.

We have many true leaders in our industry who have gone that extra 'mile' to become successful in their field. Here are two such examples:

Mike Evans, inducted into the MVCTC Hall of Fame

A Tipp City resident and Bethel High School graduate,

Mike Evans was inducted into the alumni Hall of Fame at Miami Valley Career Technology Center (MVCTC) on September 29, 2011. Hall of Fame members are inducted every five years from nominations that come from educators, family members, business, and employers

Evans attended the Electrical Trades program at MVCTC. Prior to his graduation in 2000, Mike was selected into the electrical apprenticeship-training



Mike Evans

program at the Dayton Electrical Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee (JATC). A very noteworthy student and with perfect attendance, Mike graduated from the apprenticeship program as a journeyman wireman on May 6, 2005. The opportunities provided to Mike through the Apprenticeship Program allowed him to get a head start on his career. It was not long before Mike became a foreman and then general foreman.

In March of 2008, Mike took the job as Membership Development Coordinator for IBEW Local Union 82. He is responsible for the recruitment of electrical workers of all levels into the unionized electrical industry. Mike continuously monitors all work done to ensure compliance with federal law, and oversees the Construction Wireman/Construction Electrician (CW/CE) program, which is a pathway for all levels of electrical workers to become journeymen electricians. Mike

is also a committee member and trustee for the Dayton Electrical JATC, where he oversees the apprenticeship training programs.

Mike has remained very active at MVCTC, most noteworthy, participating in the Skills USA regional and state competitions.

Paul Chaney, Outstanding Service to Safety Award

The National Safety Council Labor Division is the conduit for safety-focused information sharing and idea exchange

with other members of unions. By discussing safety issues with other professional who share the same job responsibilities and have experienced the same challenges, their goal is to develop solutions.

At the NSC Labor Division's Fall 2011 meeting held in Philadelphia, PA last October, one of our own was awarded the 2011 Fall Labor Division Award: Outstanding Service to Safety Award: Paul Chaney, IBEW Local 82.

Paul Chaney, a 20-year member of the IBEW, is the Safety Director of IBEW Local 82 and has held that position for the past 5 years. As Safety Director, Paul oversees the Accident Investigation program, training of accident investigators, and contractor safety. He also addresses any member concerns from contractor services for the Local.

Paul is the Chairman of the Local 82 Safety Committee and the past Chairman of the Joint Safety Committee between Labor and Management of the Local and Contractors. Through his JSC term he was able to establish the Local's first Safety Fair, the Local's first in-house employee paid safety glass program and was active in establishing the first Joint Safety Language manual to be adopted by the Local. Paul is also an OSHA Outreach instructor at the Local 82 JATC, where he has also developed and constructed the first Confined

Space Entry Simulator for the Local with the aid of volunteers from the Safety Committee. He has also achieved his three-tier Windmill, Solar, and Building Automation training, and is an E-Hazard low voltage and high voltage TTT.

Paul is very active through community and outreach programs and participates with a number of committees on National, State, County, and Local levels. Recently he was asked to sit on the Safety Program Development Committee for the Safety Congress and Expo for the State of Ohio, which is the largest safety expo offered by any BWC in the country. Currently Paul is the acting



President of the Board of Directors of the Labor Division of the National Safety Council Kent McElhatten (left) and CEO/President Janet Froetcher presenting the Outstanding Service to Safety award to Paul Chaney, Safety Director IBEW Local 82.

Chairman of the Greene County Safety Council.

Paul's dedication to safety equals his diligent but strong leadership in educating others. He is currently attending The National Labor College pursuing dual Bachelor's Degrees in Labor Safety and Health, and Emergency Planning and Response.

Congratulations to both of these leaders for going the extra mile!



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Upcoming Events

Adult CPR / AED Class

March 21, 2012 6:00-10:00pm.

IBEW Local 82, 6550 Poe Ave.

For registration contact Cindy Tucker at cindy.tucker@att.net or call 937.297.3052.

- Knowledge of CPR is not only helpful on the job, but may be useful in your day to day life.
- Certificates will be issued at the end of the class.
- **Remember:** Your certificate is only good for one year. If you took this class last year, you will need to take it again to renew your certification.



Dayton Builder's Exchange and The Subcontractors Association of Western Ohio present the "Ninth Annual Team Building Night", January 26, 2012 held at the Sinclair Conference Center, 301 W. Fourth St., 4:00-7:00pm. Great networking and presentations of the BX Craftsmanship Awards, Project Manager Award, and more. For registration information, please visit www.bxdayton.com.