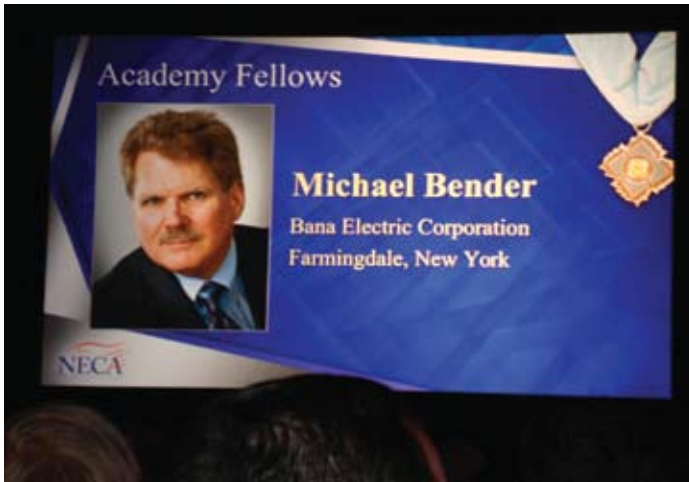


# NECA WIRE

Wiring News Through The Electrical Construction Industry

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## Salute To Michael Bender During NECA National Convention

Michael Bender of Bana Electric Corporation was installed as a Fellow in the Academy of Electrical Contracting at the 2010 NECA National Convention in Boston on October 3rd. His achievement was saluted with an image projection of him on the large screen during the event.

Michael follows in the footsteps of his father, Abraham "Al" Bender, also a Fellow in the Academy.

Membership in the Academy of Electrical Contracting is the singular honor of the Electrical Construction Industry. It is a recognition desired by many, but bestowed on few.

The Long Island Chapter congratulates Mr. Bender and expresses pride in his accomplishment.

More on the Convention and photos are on page 5.

## Long Island Chapter Mourns A Leader



**Donald W. Leslie, Sr.**

Long Island's electrical contracting industry has lost an important member and NECA mourns a giant. Donald W. Leslie, Sr. passed away on November 19, 2010. Don was the father of Long Island NECA Chapter Governor, Donald Leslie, Jr.

Over a long career, Donald Leslie, Sr. was a leader of the Long Island NECA Chapter, having served as Governor and President, and as District One Vice President of the national organization. He was founder and Chief Executive Officer of Johnson Electrical Construction Corp.

Don provided Long Island's electrical contracting industry with the benefits of his strong work ethic, his experience and wise counsel. We will miss him.

The Directors, Officers and members of the Long Island Chapter, NECA offer sincere condolences to his son Donald Leslie, Jr. and the members of the Leslie family.

Visit our website at [www.lineca.org](http://www.lineca.org)

## From the President...



**Nicolaus Feldmann**

In November, elections for the Long Island Chapter NECA Board of Directors were held. At the December Board of Directors Meeting, Joseph Gathard was elected President succeeding me as President. I would like to congratulate Joe on his election and wish him well in his new position. Joe is an Industry leader who will bring continued focus and energy to the Long Island Chapter, NECA.

I was elected Governor, succeeding Donald Leslie, Jr. I would like to thank Donald Leslie, Jr, for his tireless dedication to the Electrical Industry. Donald has been involved with the Chapter his entire career. He was a tireless proponent of NECA and the Industry,

In fulfilling my duties as President for three years, I was helped enormously by the contributions and support of the Chapter Executive Board, member contractors and by the Chapter staff, Roy Richey, Charles Gardner and Maryann Eigel.

In closing, congratulations to all of the newly elected Officers and Board of Directors and good luck in your future endeavors.

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## NECA Board of Directors

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**Christian Hedlund**  
Hedlund Electrical Corporation

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**Charles Gardner**

The National Electrical Contractors Association is the voice of the \$130 billion industry responsible for lighting, power, and communication systems in buildings and communities across the United States. NECA's national office and 119 local chapters advance the electrical contracting industry through advocacy, education, research, and standards development. NECA celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2001.

NECA is dedicated to enhancing the industry through continuing education, labor relations, current information and promotional activities. It is the voice of the electrical contracting industry, working to promote higher standards, quality workmanship and training for a skilled workforce.

# GOLF

October 26, 2010 at  
Hamlet Willow Creek Golf and Country Club



With our scheduled date of September 28th a washout, we were treated to a beautiful golf day on October 26th. 96 golfers including guests; **Dean E. Bennett** of A. Vournou Construction Management Group, **John Gilday** of the Electrical Industry Board, **Christopher Kelly** of the Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee, **Louis Calderone** of the Suffolk County Department of Public Works, and **Richard Ericson** formerly of the Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee enjoyed a great time, dinner, camaraderie and prizes.



## And some stats please...

### Closest To The Pin

Hole #2 Leon Schoemmel  
Hole #16 Pat Santoro

### Longest Drive

Hole #5 John Cook  
Hole #13 Dean Bennett



## Long Island Chapter NECA Thanks The Following Generous Sponsors:

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### Special Dinner Sponsorship

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# The Long Island JATC — A First Class Labor-Management Education Model

The Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee (JATC) for the Electrical Industry of Nassau and Suffolk Counties is a partnering initiative by both labor and management which produces “the best-trained Electricians in the Electrical



**JATC Staff** (l-r) Clare Gould, Tom Dunne, Chris Kelly, Vincent D'Ambrosio, Emily Kaiser

Industry,” — a signal accomplishment of which Long Island NECA and Local Union #25 IBEW are extremely proud.

Administered by three representatives of NECA; Michael Bender, president of Bana Electric Corp., Robert Kohlmeyer, president of CRK Contracting of Suffolk, Inc., and Christian Hedlund, president of Hedlund Electrical Corporation, and three from IBEW Local Union #25; Michael O'Grady, president, Alfred J. Mc Ateer, Examining Board Chairman, and Donald J. Fiore, Business Manager, our JATC sets a state-of-the-art standard for the entire industry.

Leading the training is Christopher Kelly, Training Director. Chris is a standout, energetic administrator

who blends his own strong formal education with heavy work experience to provide a practical academic environment for the students.

He presides over a learning curriculum that over five years takes an apprentice from beginner, where he/she will learn the basics of electricity and wiring, to a skilled professional...a Journeyman electrician. Over the course of the training, the apprentice learns theory and gains hands on experience, accumulating a number of important certifications as well as OSHA and other safety credentials.

A tour of the facility reveals thirteen classrooms with just about every type of demonstration equip-

ment from the simplest doorbell installation to underground manhole replicas and pipe bending machinery. Two full time instructors, Tom Dunne and Vincent D'Ambrosio, two office staff, Clare Gould and Emily Kaiser and twenty-six part time instructors assist Chris.

Chris is a natural teacher. In fact, before becoming Training Director in 2004, he had been an evening and then full time instructor in our JATC program. His ideas have moved the program forward at a fast pace with innovation and 21<sup>st</sup> century applications. He holds a BS in Engineering and has spent twenty-eight years in the construction field, eighteen in the electrical industry where he rose through the ranks from apprentice through foreman and assistant shop



Instructor Vincent D'Ambrosio reviewing some instructional material

superintendent to his present role directing the JATC. He has numerous professional affiliations and industry honors, and is a member of Chi-Epsilon, the National Engineering Honor Society.

The Kelly home is a busy place, too, with Chris' wife Linda and their four children, Christopher, Brett, Alexandra, and Darah, plus Biscuit, their 2-year old golden retriever filling up Chris' leisure time.

Any NECA contractor who hasn't toured the JATC facility in Hauppauge should consider giving Chris Kelly a call and letting him take you through this model educational resource that is turning out the top electricians in our industry. •

## Record 33 Attendees At Chapter Dinner In Boston During the 2010 NECA Convention

A record thirty-three people attended the Long Island Chapter's annual Convention Dinner at Boston's world class Mamma Maria restaurant during the 2010 NECA Convention in October. Set in a nineteenth-century brick row house with private dining rooms our guests were transported to la Patria with an old-world intimacy that everyone enjoyed. It was a fine time.



..and once again there was the **Duck!**



Some even got to pilot the Duck on the Charles River



## Legislative Report

By Charles Gardner

### School Licensing Bill Vetoed

In one of his last acts of a disappointing tenure as Governor, Gov. Paterson vetoed the bill that required that all outside work valued at more than \$10,000 performed on school buildings located in areas where there are local licensing laws would have to be done by licensed electricians and plumbers. His veto message was faulty and equally disappointing. He claimed that the bill would have increased costs to school districts (not true). He also said that he could find no evidence that using unlicensed electricians or plumbers has caused any harm to school districts and that using licensed contractors would not ensure the quality or reliability of their work!

We won a tough battle in both the Senate and the Assembly to get the bill passed. Unfortunately, we ran up against a Governor who just doesn't "get it." I have been in contact with Rich Schaffer, the Counsel for the plumbing contractors. We have already started the process to have the State Legislature consider the bill once again and are confident that we will get a better airing with the new Governor. •



The Long Island Chapter, NECA 2011  
**INSTALLATION DINNER**  
 Will Be Held at  
**OHEKA Castle**  
 on Saturday, January 8, 2011



**2010 Eastern Region Annual Meeting**  
**Rio Mar Resort – Puerto Rico**  
**MARCH 20-23, 2011**

## Calendar

### Meeting Dates

#### Board Meeting

December 16 (3rd Thursday)

#### Installation Dinner

January 8, 2011

OHEKA Castle

#### General Membership Meeting

February 17, 2011 (3rd Thursday)

#### Eastern Regional Meeting

March 20 - 23, 2011

Rio Mar Resort, Puerto Rico

**The rain forest on one side and the glittering ocean on the other – this is called sitting pretty.**

Be awed. At the Wyndham Rio Mar Beach Resort & Spa the only thing rivaling the views here is the pampering. The lush, 500-acre, beach-front property borders both the Puerto Rico rain forest and two spectacular golf courses. There are too many ocean views to mention, even the pool has an ocean view. *AAA Four Diamond rating.*

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