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LA LEGISLATION UPDATE

Louisiana House Bill 683 was enacted on 6/13/2020 to amend and reenact R.S. 40:1646(B), 1664.8, 1664.9(D)(3), (K), and (L), and 3 1664.11(B)(1), to enact R.S. 40:1664.5.1 and 1664.9(D)(4), (M), and (N), and to 4 repeal R.S. 40:1664.5(A)(12), relative to life safety and property protection 5 licensing; to provide relative to annual inspections of life safety and property 6 equipment; to provide relative to exceptions for certain building owners; to provide 7 limited exemption for electrical contractors; to provide relative to criminal 8 background checks; to provide requirements for conveyance device mechanic 9 license; to provide with respect to temporary and emergency conveyance device 10 mechanic licenses; to provide for fees; to provide with respect to the Life Safety and 11 Property Protection Education Board; to provide for an effective date; and to provide 12 for related matters.

[View the Bill.](#)

OSHA UPDATES

CPWR-NIOSH-OSHA COVID-19 Webinar Series

In conjunction with OSHA and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), The Center for Construction Research and Training (CPWR) hosts regular webinars on a variety of topics including current research, new efforts and trends in occupational safety & health, and training programs. [To access these webinars, visit the News and Events page on the CPWR website.](#)

NAICS Codes

OSHA and the Alliance team is requesting that for all future OSHA 300 Reporting, please use NAICS code 238290. This will enable the alliance to research data needed to improve all safety for our industry. Thank you for your assistance in making it better for the industry.

OSHA Quicktakes Newsletter

Please view the OSHA Quicktakes Newsletter for up-to-date information on enforcement actions, rulemaking, outreach activities, compliance assistance, and training and educational resources. [VIEW THE LATEST ISSUE.](#)

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2020

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Contractors Association



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National Association of
Elevator Contractors

**DON'T MISS THIS
ALL-VIRTUAL EVENT
SEPT. 14-16!**

Remember going out? Remember hanging out in the hallway talking casually with co-workers? The staff of NAEC very much misses seeing our members in person, and while we are disappointed that we won't be able to see everyone in Houston this year, we are very excited about the way the virtual UNITED 2020 show is shaping up! Anyone else up for virtual cocktails?

If you are a registered exhibitor for the show, look for an announcement very soon about demonstrations of the platform and a regular Q&A series to help you get your company set up. **If you are interested in attending and getting in the hours you need for your certification renewal**, look for the announcements about *registration coming soon*. We will also have generalized demonstrations of the platform available as we build out our virtual trade show space for you to experience the value of the virtual exhibition. We are scheduling a **strong agenda of educational offerings**, with special speakers attuned to this unique moment we are living in. If you are missing your industry connections, **look for the announcement soon about the transformation of the UNITED 2020 event and join us for what will be a wonderful, unique experience!** Visit unitedconvention.com for updates.

NEXGEN UPDATE

NexGen members were surveyed on the upcoming educational retreat in Nashville, Tennessee, and with the travel restrictions still in place due to COVID-19, the committee agreed to postpone the event until early 2021 as targeted numbers would not be met. *Rescheduled date to be announced.*

The committee also discussed focusing on education and providing additional opportunities at NAEC events.

Do you have anyone in your company under the age of 40? **Now is the time to have them join NexGen!**

Sign them up by July 31st and they will be entered to win a FULL Registration to the NexGen Education Retreat including two (2) nights accommodations at the 21c Museum Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee!

Contact Britnee@naec.org for more information.

RENEWAL REMINDERS

MEMBERSHIP: Renewals are now due. If you have not received an invoice for 2020-21, contact Britnee Irwin at Britnee@naec.org.

Please note that in order to be included in the 2021 Membership Directory, dues must be paid in full.

CET/CAT: Candidate Renewals have been sent and are due 30 days from the day received. If you have not received an invoice for 2020-21, contact Kathy Bell at Kathy@naec.org.

CENTER STAGE



TRIPP COOK

Let's welcome Tripp Cook to the NAEC staff! Tripp joined us in March as our Manager of Marketing and Member Services in a career focused on association management. He holds the designation of Certified Association Executive,

the highest professional credential in the association industry. He has worked in the association industry for over 20 years, starting initially in government relations roles to advocate for members' interests. Many NAEC members may have already spoken to Tripp as he leads the effort to transform the trade show into a virtual event.

In addition to having extensive experience working with member-led associations, he is a professional photographer and still embraces his music on vinyl. He always loves to hear about other people's first concert, so feel free to bring up your early music experiences when you meet him! [Join us in welcoming Tripp at Tripp@naec.org!](mailto:Tripp@naec.org)



JULY STAFF ANNIVERSARIES



JENNIFER SIMMONS
JULY 2013



BRITNEE IRWIN
JULY 2018

WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

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Farewell to NAEC's Own, *Teresa Witham*

After nearly 30 years of devoted service, Teresa Witham retires from NAEC as an employee, but will carry on as consultant in supportive roles and bookkeeping duties.

She began her journey with NAEC as Meeting & Membership Director and quickly moved up the ranks to Executive Director. Throughout the years, with her leadership and expertise, guided the association to its success today. During her tenure, Teresa has impressed such an efficacious influence on many in the industry, and in return, made many friends who will sorely miss her.

Mike Ryan, Peelle Company: *I considered it good fortune to have met Teresa almost 25 years ago. We have shared many good times, great laughs, good meals, and bad golf games; I have learned much by watching Teresa. My favorite phrase of hers, which took me many years to learn the true meaning, is "bless his/her heart".*

Steve Husband, GAL Canada: *I have always felt so honored that Teresa has had so much confidence in me (and as a Canuck...lol). It truly warms my heart to know Teresa has felt that way about me and that has helped me in my career in the Elevator Industry more than Teresa would ever know! Teresa is one of the most special people I know in the Industry and both my wife and I love her like family!*

Steve Wurth, Wurtec, Inc.: *I believe that Teresa's greatest gift to the NAEC, and she has many, is her unique ability to steer a new Board and Board President every 12 months onto a course that is consistent with the overall vision of the NAEC. Teresa is a sincere, hard-working, visionary leader that has gained the respect of an entire industry.*

We thank Teresa for the many wonderful years with NAEC. We will miss her presence at events and send her off with warmest wishes for a happy retirement!



2020 NAEC Board of Director Nominees

The 2020 Nominating Committees have reviewed all the recommendations and selected nominees for the four possible new Board Members to take office this September. The official report will be submitted at the General Business Session at the 2020 UNITED Virtual Convention & Expo.

Nominees for the **Contractor** positions:



Karen Kennedy Dodds, Kencor Elevator, Inc.

Karen Kennedy Dodds, CEO of Kencor Elevator Inc., entered the industry in 2004 starting with a brief period in the field and, in the subsequent 16 years, moved through the management structure to her current position as CEO. She is the fourth generation of a family owned independent company. During her tenure, the company has grown from 19 employees to over 100 employees. She also simultaneously worked with the ABC to develop a nonprofit arm that works to ensure equitable consideration for all workers in legislative rulings and continues the relationship with the Associated Builders and Contractors as Chairperson for the Elevators Contractors Council.

Karen has been a member of NAEC for 16 years and served the Membership and Government Affairs Committee. She holds an MBA from West Chester University and is a member of Vistage, a professional development organization. She views workforce development and globalization issues as the primary challenges for the elevator industry.

Karen is married to John Dodds and they have two daughters, Delaney and Vivian. When not working, she enjoys family time, tennis, pottery, and volunteering.



Stephen Gielarowski, ICE Industrial/Commercial Elevator

Steve Gielarowski has worked in the elevator industry for over 40 years, gaining valuable knowledge in all aspects of the business by working his way through the industry from the ground floor up. In 1979, Steve joined the family business, Industrial/Commercial Elevator, as an elevator technician.

After several years, Steve was promoted to Field Superintendent, overseeing maintenance and service jobs, and was later promoted to Senior Construction Supervisor, building customer relations in the competitive landscape of new construction and modernization. Later, as Executive Director of Operations, Steve was charged with responsibility for the overall direction and development of the business and embraced the opportunity for expansion. The company grew and prospered. In 1999, with the retirement of his father, Steve became President and CEO of the company.

Steve's formal education was at Robert Morris University where he earned a degree in Business Finance, and he considers himself a lifelong learner--always eager to gain and share his knowledge.

Steve holds NAESA Q.E.I. certification and is a certified elevator inspector in the states of Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Steve is proud to be on the Elevator Safety Board for State of Pennsylvania.

Steve believes that in addition to ongoing advances of vertical equipment technology and improvement in manufacturing processes, ongoing education and safety are top priorities for the success and integrity of the industry. With vast knowledge and experience, Steve looks forward to and would appreciate the opportunity to contribute in a meaningful way to the National Association of Elevator Contractors.



John Tolar, United Elevator Services

John Tolar, General Manager of United Elevator Services, has been in the elevator industry for 37 years. Beginning at Dover/ThyssenKrupp as a probationary helper in the office as a coordinator/expediter, he moved up through sales and finished his 17 years with the company as District Manager. He also worked in sales for six years, with Schindler before coming to United Elevator Services. John holds a BA in History as well as studied three semesters of law school at the University of Mississippi.

John has been a member of NAEC for 14 years and is currently serving on the Member Services Committee. He believes that safety is an important facet of the elevator industry, as well as the growth of Independents.

John has two sons, Ben and Drew. In his free time, he enjoys hunting, shooting, boating, traveling, going on mission trips, and working on his Model A.

Nominee for the **Supplier** position:



James Varon, Vantage

James Varon graduated as a Technical Draftsman in 1978 at Queens College, New York, then joined the industry in 1980 as an Electrical Draftsman at GAL Manufacturing. Not long after joining GAL, he was promoted into Research & Development as a Mechanical Draftsman and spent the next 30 years at GAL progressing through engineering positions to become the VP of Engineering for Vantage today.

James has been a member of NAEC for 40 years and believes that a shortage of technical expertise in the elevator field mechanics is an issue our industry is currently facing – training and education are essential. He would like to see NAEC partner with Technical schools to develop programs tailored to the elevator industry.

James has two daughters, Jennifer and Jessica, and one son, James. He loves music, and in his spare time is currently learning to play the guitar.

ESCM Manufacturing, Inc.

ESCM Manufacturing Inc. is a New York based company that develops a unique contact monitoring system that delivers state-of-the-art fault monitoring of elevator safety devices.

THE CHALLENGE

Implementing a reliable and code-compliant safety monitoring system for elevators

Elevators have separated branch circuits that include the hoistway, the car, and the machine room, which represents a measure of safety to those maintenance persons working on the elevator. One of the biggest issues faced when installing and repairing elevators is the troubleshooting of electrical safety devices - technicians and elevator mechanics must jump out the safety devices or remove their covers for contact inspection.

As of January 1, 2020, the elevator industry has been regulated by a new code - all NYC automatic passenger and freight elevators must be able to detect jumped and faulty door circuits in order to be considered compliant. While other manufacturers develop DLM (door lock monitors) to conform to new code requirements, ESCM Manufacturing has delivered unprecedented microprocessor-based technology - monitoring and troubleshooting of elevator safety devices.

Main project requirements

The main challenge was to develop a safe and code compliant monitoring system to inform technicians on the state of the elevator safety devices.

THE SOLUTION

A monitoring safety system based on the Arduino Nano

With an Arduino Nano implemented, the ESCM2000 Monitor and Display Board supports elevator technicians

during the troubleshooting procedure of elevator safety devices by giving an observable indication of the status of the device being monitored: a red blinking LED represents an open contact, and a green LED represents a closed contact. Moreover, the ESCM2000 has been designed to be independent of any other device, allowing for remote monitoring and eliminating the need for unnecessary jumping out of safety circuits.

Implementing the Arduino Nano gave the ESCM2000 advanced functionality and programming ability



allowing for an addressable component and the ability to send data to any desired location for viewing on LCD via RS485 or CANBus. Two rotary DIP switches allow for easy programming of any address from 00-99 efficiently transforming any safety device into an addressable device.

ESCM2000 was designed based upon three core deliverables:

- Visual fault monitoring
- Ability to identify improperly wired safety circuits, short circuits in the safety string and jump out safety devices
- Realtime annunciation of the status of each safety device monitored

ESCM Manufacturing is dedicated to the safety and reliability of elevator safety devices delivering visual fault monitoring at its finest.



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NAEC Member since September 2018

Wurtec, Inc. Celebrates 35 Years

This year marks the 35th anniversary of the founding of Wurtec, Inc. Established in Toledo, Ohio, by engineer Steve Wurth to provide innovative solutions to elevator industry challenges, Wurtec has grown into a worldwide company with seven branches, partnerships with leading suppliers and distributors, and a diverse product line encompassing patented installation tools, safety gear, hoists, and elevator systems and components. While pursuing an ambitious global strategy, the company remains family-owned and operated and committed to the same core values that have guided it for the past 35 years.

The logo for Wurtec, Inc. features the word "wurtec" in a bold, lowercase, sans-serif font. The letters are a vibrant red color.

Wisconsin Elevator Symposium Cancelled

After careful evaluation by the NAESA Executive Committee, advisors and staff, Executive Director Bob Shepherd recently announced the cancellation of the Wisconsin Elevator Symposium annually held in the fall in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. With the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic, and health and financial risks to consider, it was a unanimous decision.

NAESA stated they will work with the State of Wisconsin to create virtual educational offerings to meet the needs of all who need QEI continuing education units (CEUs) and/or annual state licensing education requirements.

For more information on training courses and workshops, contact NAESA at 800-746-2372, or visit naesai.org.

Annual Pop Joe Memorial Invitational Outing Postponed, 2020 Honoree Named



The annual Pop Joe Memorial Invitational Outing has been postponed to June 14, 2021, due to concerns with COVID-19. Along with honoring the memory of "Pop" Frohlinger/ Joe Marchese, two of the industry's most distinguished members, this much anticipated event also assists the continued efforts of

the Elevator & Escalator Safety Foundation (EESF) to raise vertical transportation safety awareness to the public, and brings elevator professionals together to simply enjoy a day of fun. Congratulations to this year's named Honoree, Vincent Moscato of Liberty Elevator Co., Inc.!

For more information, contact Joel Frohlinger at jfrohlinger@mcontrols.com.



Interested in entering the CET[®] program at Year 3?

If you have previous experience and/or education, you may qualify to enter the CET[®] Program as an Associate Elevator Technician (AET) and begin studies at the Advanced Curriculum.

If interested, or have any questions, contact Kathy Bell at Kathy@naec.org or 770.760.9660.

EHC Global and Employees Raise Money to Support Feed the Need Durham

Responding to the immediate need of local food banks for funding to offset the significant drop in food donations, employees at EHC's global headquarters and manufacturing facility in Oshawa swiftly organized and kicked off a successful two-week fundraising campaign. From the onset, many managers also challenged one another in matching or even doubling the contributions of their respective departments. Inspired by the efforts and generosity of EHC employees as well as their lifelong ties to Oshawa and Durham Region, Ronald Ball, Founder and Chairman, and Jenö Eppel, President and Chief Executive Officer, decided to top up the amount raised in to reach \$10,000.

"Since our humble beginnings over forty years ago, EHC has always been committed to helping to make the world a better place by supporting the communities that we work in, live and serve around the world," says Ronald. "We truly appreciate the tireless efforts and recognize the immediate positive impact that Feed the Need in Durham staff, partners and volunteers have had and continue to have throughout Durham Region, especially at this time of unprecedented need."

For more information on how you can help, or to make a donation, visit feedtheneedinurham.ca.

In Memoriam



Elevator industry influencer, Marie McDonald, passed away on May 31, in Hemet, California. A mover and shaker, Marie helped pave the way and stamped a mark for women in the industry. In the late 1950's, she significantly contributed in the formation of the West Coast Chapter of the

National Association of Women in Construction, and in 1958, became the first woman to receive an elevator license in California. She also earned her QEI certification through NAESA International and was elected to NAESA's Board in 1976 where she served as Treasurer for 17 years. Soon after in 1977, she founded McDonald Elevator Co., an elevator-inspection firm, where she landed a multiyear U.S. government contract covering elevator inspections in 10 states, including the U.S. Postal Service and the Government Services Administration. In the mid-1980s, she became the first woman certified elevator inspector in the U.S., and in 1988, her hard work and determination earned her Entrepreneur of the Year by the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce.

A long-time member of NAEC, Marie served on the Board from 1989 to 1991. Highly recognized as an inspiration

to many in our association, she received the President's Award in 1990 and the William C. Sturgeon Distinguished Service Award in 2001. She also served as chairperson for the Elevator Escalator Safety Foundation (EESF) for many years.

After her husband, John McDonald, passed away in 1989, Marie sold her company and worked for Pacific Access Contractors in Redwood City, California, until her retirement in 2013. She remained an NAEC member and was appointed an Honorary membership in 2008. Marie is survived by her children, Kimara, Lori and Adam; grandchildren, Garrett, Michaela and Stephanie; and five great-grandchildren.

Donations to EESF at eesf.org in McDonald's memory are greatly appreciated.



2001 WCS Award Recipient

TOE-TO-GO

Foot-Activated Elevator Call Button



The **Toe-To-Go (T2G)** foot-activated elevator call button allows activation of hall and car station buttons by shoe, reducing the risk of transferring germs by creating a hands-free experience.

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- ✓ Stainless Steel or PVD Brass Finish
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- ✓ Surface-Mount Option for Hall Station
- ✓ Keypad Option for COP
- ✓ No code alteration or submission required for modification



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metal index

1982 Base	May 2020 (Current)	Apr 2020 (1 Month Ago)	Nov 2019 (6 Months Ago)	May 2019 (1 Year Ago)
Metal and Metal Products	214.6(P)	215.9(P)	215.5	223.5
Hot Rolled Sheet	109.5(P)	117.2(P)	122.3	141.6
Hot Rolled Structural	188.9(P)	191.9(P)	189.7	213.8
Steel Pipe and Tube	268.7(P)	270.9(P)	273.5	283.6
Cold Rolled Sheet	209.2(P)	218.9(P)	216.1	233.7
No 2 Diesel Fuel	135.5(P)	155.5(P)	279.3	294.2

P: Preliminary. All indexes are subject to revision four months after original publication.

INDUSTRY CALENDAR & NAEC EVENTS

JUL
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Elevator Association of Florida (EAOF)
EAOF Monthly Meeting
Hampton Inn & Suites
Bradenton Airport
Sarasota, FL
Lee Rigby
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So Cal Elevator Industry Organiz. & IUEC Loc 18
Southern California
Charity Golf Tournament
Brookside Golf & Country
Club, Pasadena, CA
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SEP
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Elevator Association of Minnesota (EAM)
Annual Business Meeting
Marriott - MN Airport
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JUL
7-9

BOMA International
2020 BOMA International
Conference & Expo
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AUG
24-25

American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)
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JUL
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Canadian Elevator Contractors Association (CECA)
Rick's Run
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Registration

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American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)
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Course Link

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Massachusetts Elevator Safety Association (MESA)
Annual Golf Event
Olde Scotland Links
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AUG
27

Elevator Association of Minnesota (EAM)
Annual Golf Outing
Willingers Golf Club
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SEP
23-25

Lift and Escalator Symposium Educational Trust
12th Symposium on Lift and
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China Elevator Association
World Elevator & Escalator
Expo
National Exhibition and
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Canadian Elevator Contractors Association (CECA)
Eastern Region Meeting
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SEP
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Canadian Elevator Contractors Association (CECA)
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