



National Lighting Contractors
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FALL NEWSLETTER

What is New and Upcoming at NLCAA??

It has been another exciting couple months at NLCAA. NLCAA's presence at LightShow West was a huge success, the paperwork is being filed for Michael to provide a voice for NLCAA in the CEA membership, ABC classes continue to grow, and best of all? Two new Contractor Courses are finally being offered! Learn more below!

LIGHTSHOW WEST

NLCAA made its first appearance at LightShow West last week in Las Vegas! Michael, Brianna and board member, Kevin White, manned booth #423 to get the word out about NLCAA offerings. We spoke to an array of people about Acceptance Testing, Title 24 and lighting controls training courses and got some excellent feedback.

On top of our time at the booth, Michael also had the spotlight in 2 different presentations during the show. He spoke to the 2019 Code Updates as it relates to acceptance testing (info on that in the next newsletter) and he explained how to Design, Build and Commission a Compliant Project. We saw roughly 30-50 participants in each session, a great turnout!

The biggest part that came out of the show was the lingering word we had in the back of our heads as we left... "**NATIONAL!**" We are NATIONAL Lighting Contractors Association of America and it is time we acted like it! With the federal standards growing and adapting, we are looking into nationwide education offerings. Stay tuned to see where the company goes next!



Keep reading for a list of new, upcoming classes and get a sneak peak at NLCAA's next big move!



CONTRACTOR COURSES!

nLight and Lutron Contractor Courses are here, and space is filling up fast!

Some of you are aware, NLCAA tried introducing these courses to the public last year. 2017 was a unique year for the company. Jack Yapp retired and handed the reigns to Michael. New staff was hired, new board members approved and there was an adjustment period.

What I feel has happened is that not only have we adapted to the company, but the company has begun to conform to us. The people that have taken on the task to continue to better and grow this wonderful school has created a new mindset and direction.

While NLCAA hoped to offer more educational classes including these Contractor Courses, it has finally come to be!

In these courses, a manufacturer representative will be in attendance to assist and guide the class, providing insight to the newest controls and technologies the company has available.

Michael will walk the students through 2 days of lighting controls training from start to finish. Utilizing not just our lighting controls boards, but also the actual lighting installed in our facility.

You will learn about the physical controls, the different ways they can be utilized, whether they are wired, wireless, Bluetooth, etc. You will discuss design ideas, installation procedures and programming. There will also be time to review codes and walk through the Acceptance Testing Requirements.

Mark your calendars! The **nLight** Contractor Course is scheduled for **November 13th and 14th**.

Our **Lutron** Contractor Course will be happening on **December 4th and 5th**.

Space is filling up so please don't wait! Call us today or go online to reserve your spot in these long-awaited classes!

PS: ONLY **\$300** EACH!!

What other classes and exciting news? Scroll on down to see!



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NLCAA and ABC SoCal

NLCAA is proud to say that our membership at ABC SoCal is growing strong. The first ATT Continuing Education course in Anaheim went great and it is not over yet!

Note from the Author:

I have now been working here for over a year and it has been exhilarating.

There is never a dull moment at NLCAA and CET. ALWAYS something new is in the works.

My job and the company itself have changed significantly since I first started, and I have a feeling the fun is only beginning.

When I first started here, I didn't know a thing about lighting controls (other than how to use a switch or dimmer) and I definitely did not realize there is a whole community committed to energy efficiency. I feel lucky to have been brought into this experience.

I hope as we go forward, I continue to learn more every day, and as Program Director, can set up to help all of you learn more too.

With the world evolving all the time, you never know it all. The learning never stops!

Speak Soon,
Brianna Scalzo

Are you an ABC member? Looking to join? Want information on Title 24 and Acceptance Testing? Looking for an hour of free education? On February 27th next year, NLCAA is presenting a 1-hour Lunch and Learn Presentation on 2019 Code Updates as it refers to Title 24 Lighting Controls and Acceptance Testing. Come on in, have a quick bite and get ahead of the game on the coming changes going into effect in January 2020.

Is 1 hour not enough time give you all the information you want? Well we are offering even more. While the Continuing Education Calendar is still in the works, you will see NLCAA at ABC various times during 2019.

Not an NLCAA certified Acceptance Test Technician/Employer? Do you know someone that should be? We will be offering them at both our Signal Hill location and ABC SoCal in Anaheim. Already certified and want a recap or just looking for an overview of Title 24, Part 6 information? Keep your eye out for our 1-day, 8-hour Navigating Title 24 class.

And the biggest one yet, a brand-new course that we have introduced is Alterations and Electrical Distribution. Due to state requirements, the codes covered in this 1-day course are not part of the ATT curriculum, but are one of the most misunderstood codes in the field causing incorrect designs and expensive change orders. NLCAA will be teaching this course at ABC to get you familiarized with the different requirements of Additions, Alterations and Repairs (§141.0) and Electrical Power Distribution System (130.5) codes.

Once the calendar is live, make sure you call ABC and reserve your spot in these great upcoming classes!

CEA Membership

NLCAA has started to look at all its options available. Michael was lucky enough to be invited to sit in on a CEA (California Energy Alliance) meeting recently, and on behalf of NLCAA will be joining the team. CEA's mission statement is: "The California Energy Alliance (CEA) unites representatives from a broad range of organizations concerned about energy and the built environment. As a member-based organization, CEA works to improve California's energy future and the migration toward a Zero Net Energy horizon. CEA focuses on the promotion and realization of deep energy savings, sustainable energy generation, and integration. The Alliance actively participates in the development and implementation of pragmatic, environmentally and economically sound building energy standards and other initiatives." NLCAA and its team values the work being done to increase energy efficiency and we are excited about what more we can offer as part of CEA.