



National Electrical Contractors Association ★ Penn-Del-Jersey Chapter ★ “Connect with the Best”

NOTO TO BE INDUCTED INTO ACADEMY OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACTING



The Penn-Del-Jersey Chapter, NECA is extremely proud to advise of the selection of Gabe Noto, our Chapter Governor and Past President, for induction as a Fellow into the distinguished Academy of Electrical Contracting.

Gabe's induction is the culmination of years of dedicated and exceptional service to the Electrical Contracting Industry. Installation into the Academy is scheduled for Sunday, October 17, 2004 in Los Angeles, CA at NECA's 103rd Anniversary Convention. The Chapter will host a special reception for Gabe during the Convention.

Gabe was nominated by the Penn-Del-Jersey Chapter, NECA. His formal nomination was reviewed and approved at two (2) consecutive Annual Meetings of the Academy by the Jury of Fellows and the Academy's Board of Directors.

Gabe has spent over 25 years as a member of our Chapter's Board of Directors, over 18 years as a Chapter Officer, including President from 1998 through 2001 and Governor from 2001 to the present. He has served on virtually every Chapter Committee, including the President's Advisory and Budget and Finance Committees.

Gabe was instrumental in the development of the Ronald E. Smallwood Scholarship Fund, which provides college scholarships to the children and grandchildren of the non-union employees of our member companies. Gabe has chaired this committee, which in 3 years has already raised over \$125,000 and distributed 16 college scholarships to worthy students.

At the Division level, Gabe has served on every committee in the Scranton Division, including Chairman of the Division for over 25 years, Chairman of the JATC Committee for over 7 years, Chairman of the Health and Welfare Committee for over 12 years and a Member of the Annuity Committee for over 25 years. Significantly, in 25 years under his leadership, the Scranton Division only brought two issues to the Council for Industrial Relations for resolution. In fact, our relationship with the IBEW leadership in Scranton is one of the best in the Chapter's history.

In addition to his service with the Scranton Division, Gabe initiated the creation of the Shamokin Division, a new Division within the Chapter. Gabe has been the Chairman of the Shamokin Division and a Member of the JATC, Health and Welfare, Annuity, Pension and Labor-Management Committees since the inception of the Division 6 years ago. Gabe was also instrumental in the establishment of the York Division in 1992 and, just recently, a Sound and Communications Division. We are one of the only Chapters in the country that has a Division created and dedicated to sound and communications work.

Under Gabe's leadership, our Chapter has the largest numbers of Divisions within NECA and our membership continues to grow. From the time Gabe took office as President in 1998 until the present, our Chapter has grown from 91 contractor members to 150 contractor members – an increase of over 50%.

Gabe also helped the Chapter's Associate Member Program grow from only 22 members in 1998 to over 50 members today – an increase of over 100%.

Like the membership growth in our Chapter, Gabe's leadership has produced results in man-hours, particularly those worked by NECA members. From 1996 through the present, the Chapter's union hours grew from 8.4 million to over 15 million. The number of these hours worked by NECA members has steadily increased and now is over 70%.

Gabe has helped start a number of new programs within the Chapter, including: a local political action committee to support local and state candidates friendly to our industry; a future executive program designed to encourage second and third level management personnel in member firms to become more involved in NECA activities and programs with the ultimate goal of developing future leaders of the association; and, a state-of-the-art Chapter website. Gabe also championed the creation of the Employees Retirement Fund for Chapter Staff.

Gabe is a generous contributor to NECA ECPAC and he has, through his role as Chapter Governor and NECA Action Team leader, encouraged our members to participate as well in government affairs. Our Chapter is consistently ranked first in political contributions for our NECA District. Gabe has supported many local candidates including Congressmen from Northeastern Pennsylvania who are sympathetic to the union construction industry.

Under Gabe's leadership, the Chapter has received the Platinum Award from NECA in 2002 and 2003 for being No. 1 in the nation in the distribution of the National Electrical Installation Standards to owners, developers and end-users. Gabe also worked with the Chapter in developing the Electrical Project Supervision workshops and in supporting educational workshops for our members. The Chapter is a leader in the country in the number of educational programs we present.

Gabe, as Chapter Treasurer, spearheaded the Chapter's decision to commit one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) to the Electrical Contracting Foundation to help advance the electrical contracting industry. Subsequently, he was elected by the Chapter to serve as our representative on the Electri'21 Council, insuring our commitment to the future of our industry.

As those familiar with our Chapter know, our Chapter covers one of the largest geographical areas of any Chapter in the country. Gabe, who lives in Northeastern Pennsylvania, at the furthest northerly part of our Chapter, has traveled regularly 230 miles to the Philadelphia area to attend Chapter meetings. Gabe is dedicated to NECA's mission and the future of our industry. Gabe also serves NECA at the National level, on the Management Development Committee and was recently appointed to the District Recognition Committee.

In addition to his NECA service, Gabe is extensively involved in the community and many charities and organizations. Gabe is a member of the Board of Trustees for Keystone College, is Chair of its Physical Plant and serves on the President's Advisory and Budget and Finance Committee. In 2002, Gabe received the Distinguished Service Award from Keystone College for his outstanding dedication and service. Gabe has served as a supporter and volunteer for numerous philanthropic events sponsored by the American Heart Association, Northeast PA Regional Cancer Institute, Vietnam War Memorial and youth groups. He is an active member of the Scranton Chamber of Commerce and local political organizations.

Gabe joins a select few of our Chapter members who have been installed as Fellows of the Academy including: W. Edward Frazer (1968); James E. Swan (1969); William D. Walker (1971); Robert L. Baurer (1982); Peter D. Furness (1989); Ronald E. Smallwood (1990); James A. Bogan, Sr. (1996); John F. Hahn (2000) and Larry J. Bradley (2002).

We salute the Academy of Electrical Contracting for its wisdom in selecting Gabe to be a Fellow. Please join the Chapter in our sincere congratulations to Gabe, his family and G.R. Noto Electrical Construction on this outstanding achievement. Please consider joining the Chapter at the Annual NECA Convention in L.A. on October 16-19, 2004 where we will host a special reception in Gabe's honor.

