



Long Standing Members

Thanks in part to the post WWII economic boom during the '50s, NECA/IBEW Local 48's membership numbers increased to 1,800 union electricians by 1956.

Around this same timeframe, several companies joined the ranks of NECA and remain members today, like Christenson Electric Co., Cascade Electric LLC and McCoy Electric.

1933 – W.R. Grasle Co. joins (now a part of Dynaelectric)



W.R. Grasl Co. was acquired by Dynaelectric in 1990. Since 1938, Dynaelectric Company has dedicated itself to providing specialized electrical services to customers and contractors in the Portland area and across the Pacific Northwest. Over the last 75 years, they have grown from a small local business to one of the foremost electrical contractors in the state.

1945 – McCoy Electric joins



McCoy Electric which is another long-standing Portland business that has served customers since 1945. McCoy Electric operated with a set of core principles including quality, integrity and honesty.

1946 – Electrical Construction Co. joins (EC Company)



In 1946 Electrical Construction Company was started to serve the electrical needs of the pulp and paper industry and other industrial markets. These first projects were successful and as time passed, electrical construction work expanded.

1950 – Christenson Electric Co. joins



Founded in 1945, as a family business, Christenson Electric has grown to be one of the largest electrical contractors in the Northwest. Locally, Christenson has proudly served the Portland community for more than 60 years, building its strong reputation by providing high quality workmanship, exceptional customer service and prompt service call response.

All of NECA/IBEW Local 48's members, regardless of when they joined, imbue the partnership's mission to lead the electrical industry – by example – to the highest levels of quality, skill, competence, value and integrity.

As NECA/IBEW Local 48 works on celebrating its next 100 years, the partnership will help our members achieve their own milestone anniversaries.





NECA/IBEW Local 48 have always worked to be the best, for both the members and their clients. Check out these videos that show how NECA/IBEW Local 48 is leading the way in safety, training and design work.



NECA/IBEW Local 48 - Safety
<https://youtu.be/G91NyfuCqa4>



NECA/IBEW Local 48 - Design
<https://youtu.be/u2i9itbTuBE>



NECA/IBEW Local 48 - Training
<https://youtu.be/8mJMxjwSFZU>

NECA/IBEW Local 48 Helps Oregon Celebrate its Centennial

To celebrate Oregon's centennial statehood anniversary in 1959, Portland hosted the Oregon Centennial Exposition and International Trade Fair.

The fair, which lasted from June 10 through Sept. 17, took place on sixty-five acres along the Columbia River, north of the city. Exhibits and entertainment were housed in an eleven-acre arena, the Gayway amusement park bordered the ten-acre International Garden of Tomorrow and Adventureland covered eighteen acres.

Forty electrical contractors and hundreds of electricians, including NECA/IBEW Local 48 members, earned a lot of overtime pay to complete the last-minute construction and installation of the fair, working right up to the day before it opened.

Once the fair was accessible to the public, visitors strolled through the enormous exposition building, where more than 200 companies, government agencies, and private and public organizations held exhibits. Nineteen Oregon counties and 22 foreign countries were also represented. Local businesses such as Alpenrose Dairy, Hyster, KXL Radio, Tektronix and West Coast Airlines had displays, and the Atomic Energy Commission used 5,000 square feet to laud the benefits of nuclear energy. There was even a pool so the International Water Follies could perform a water ballet.

Among the outdoor attractions was the Cameo House, a full-sized home showcasing the latest décor and appliances. In the International Garden, people could visit the Japanese Tea House and the Pavilion of Religion and see a giant floral clock. Organizers used plant species from around the world to ensure constant blooms during the hundred days of the fair.

Adventureland made up the largest portion of the Exposition grounds. Visitors rode an open-air train to visit a Bavarian Beer Garden, a covered wagon train and a working sawmill where visitors could turn trees into timber. An Indian Village featured two totem poles, tepees and elaborate regalia. By far the most popular attraction was the Frontier Village, a recreation of an Old West town from the 1870s, complete with a dance hall, livery stable, church, emporium, saloon, post office and hotel. Actors performed gunfight shows daily.

Nearly 1.5 million people visited the Exposition during its hundred days.

The Centennial Exposition and World Trade Fair is just another example of how NECA/IBEW Local 48 has been pivotal in Portland and Oregon's history.

**Oregon Centennial information courtesy of the Oregon Historical Society*

