



# The NECEA News

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NECEA was founded in 1930 to promote professionalism among claims people in the New England Region.

### Officers Roster 2019-2020

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will be closed for renovations. Instead, the March 10 meeting will be at Dakota.

Past President Dan Rich introduced the evening's guest speaker. Attorney Greg Varga led an interactive presentation on complex first-party coverage issues arising from building envelope failures and associated water intrusion.

### February 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting Recap

The NECEA's hosted 32 members and guests at its February meeting at the Dakota Restaurant on Tuesday evening February 11, 2020.

President Charlie Kiablick welcomed the group and gave us an update on the March meeting. Plans to have a luncheon visit to the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield didn't work out -they



What a fun night! Greg introduced three case studies involving water damage from various causes of loss (in some of the cases, the cause of loss itself was hard to define) and challenged us to read some of the policy coverage and exclusions and make a case for a coverage decision.

For the next 90 minutes we were immersed into a world of built up roofing, drain blockage, ponding, the “Open Shell”, policy rain limitations, definitions of rain, flood, back-up, blockage, and even the very essence of “what is a roof”?

The presentation closed with a look at construction defects the policy ramifications of “poor workmanship” and an interesting look at the very definition of physical loss or damage, i.e. cold air and drafts or odors.



### OUR NEXT MEETING

On March 10, our Guest Speaker will be Cristine Kern, Director of Business Development at ERS and ART of Hartford/Springfield/Providence, presenting on the art restoration process.



### NECEA DUES

Dues for the new year are payable (\$25) and you can make your payment on our website.

### Tentative Schedule 2019-2020

#### **March 10, 2020**

Dinner Meeting -Dakota Restaurant

Speaker-Cristine Kern, Director of Business Development at ERS and ART of Hartford/Springfield/Providence, presenting on the art restoration process.

#### **April 15, 2020**

All Industry Charity Night  
Sheraton Rocky Hill

#### **May 19, 2020**

Golf Outing and Annual Meeting  
Glastonbury Hills Country Club





# NECEA Membership Application

*When completed forward to President of NECEA*

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Regular Membership

Associate Membership

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Years in Claims: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

***All new members must be sponsored by two regular members.***

Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

***All new membership applications are subject to review and approval by the NECEA Membership Committee, Executive Officers & General Membership***

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Application \_\_\_\_\_

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