which the proposal will alleviate the problem. Good substantiation is the key to gaining acceptance of a proposal. Remember—safe installation is the issue here. It is also a good practice to obtain a copy of the NEC Manual of Style when developing Code proposals. This document is available from NFPA at no charge.

 Topic 7—Report on Proposals Meeting (ROP)
 Topic 8—Panel Action to Accept
 Topic 9—Panel Action to Accept in Principle
 Topic 10—Panel Action to Accept in Part
 Topic 11—Panel Action to Accept in Principle in Part
 Topic 12—Panel Action to Reject a Proposal
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 Topic 14—Simplified Motion Procedures
 Topic 15—Official Ballots for Proposals
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 Topic 21—Appeal to the Standards Council
 Topic 22—NFPA Standards Council Issuance
 Topic 23—NECA Code Involvement

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All NECA Chapters have access to the Codes and Standards Committee through the Executive Director of Standards and Safety where individual Chapter members can solicit assistance in preparing Code Proposals or Code Comments and submitting them in a timely manner.

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Living by rules is not new. Everything we do is governed by a code of conduct. Without rules governing conduct there would be chaos. Imagine roads without center lines, without stop signs, without speed limits, without cross-walks. Who would make out the best? Probably the big guys, the ones who could force their will upon the weaker or more timid or I must add in here, the less knowledgeable. Equality is achieved by rules of conduct or as electrical contractors like to say “give us an equal playing field”. You have probably all felt that indescribable letdown when all your hard work and efforts went South because somebody “value engineered” you out of a project. As is true in everything else there also are rules to be followed in the installation of electrical work. The National Electrical Code® in its introduction tells us its purpose. The purpose of this Code is the “practical safeguarding of persons and property from hazards arising from the use of electricity”. Well now, that’s the basic approach each electrical contractor is obligated to take when making any electrical installation. 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