



THE SPARK

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Calendar of Events

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Calgary Chapter
Meeting
(Blackfoot Inn)

Feb. 24&25th
Basic Electrical
Estimating
(ECAA, Edmonton)

Feb. 28th
Edmonton Chapter
Meeting
(Derrick Golf & Winter Club)

Tradeshows

AEL Learning Expo
March 24th, 2011
(Westener Park)

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Welcome to ECAA's 1st E-Newsletter, The Spark!

This newsletter was created to keep members informed on the Association's activities and upcoming events in a timely manner.

President's Message

This newsletter is designed for the youth in our organization, you know the ones who typically use social media to communicate with each other every day. While some of us still need our kids to show us how these sites work, there are far more that use it all the time to stay current in this ever-changing world. Enjoy the first issue of "The Spark".



Bob
Maslanko,
PEC

New Members & PEC's

Welcome New Members:

Legacy Electric (Calgary), Zion Industries Inc. (Edmonton) Lloyd Saad Insurance Brokers Ltd. (Associate Edmonton)

Congratulations to the following PEC's:

Rob Coleman, PEC; Jan Dudzik, PEC and Ken de Beudrap, PEC.

Local Chapter Activity

Calgary Chapter - Last meeting held January 13th with approximately 60 people in attendance. Guest Speakers: Scott Wearmouth, Civic Recycling and Dennis Holmes, City of Calgary. Christmas Social was a success raising \$2300 from the Silent Auction with proceeds going to Calgary Food Bank!

Edmonton Chapter - Last meeting held January 17th with approximately 30 people in attendance even though the road conditions were awful! Guest Speaker was Mary Tokarik, Enmax Easymax Program.

Upcoming Chapter Meetings:

Red Deer, AB
www.electleague.ab.ca

May 3rd & 4th, 2011
Bi-Provincial
Try-A-Trade
Career Expo
(Lloydminster
Construction Association)
www.lloydconstruction.ca

May 11th & 12th
2011 Provincial
Skills Competition
(Edmonton Expo Centre)
www.skillsalberta.com

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Calgary: Thursday, February 10th (Guest Speaker Lori Abernathy, SAIT *Topic of Discussion: Promising Futures Campaign*) & Keven Lefebvre, PEC Millenium Electric *Topic of Discussion: How the Building & Fire Code Regulations Impact Electricians*).

Edmonton: Monday, February 28th (Guest Speaker Neil Gearing, FBC *Topic of Discussion: Tax Strategies*)

Industry News

Highlights from Ivan Moore's speech at the recent EIAA Annual Technical Conference: Business as usual despite the recent announcement that Premier Ed Stelmach has decided to step down as Premier of Alberta and leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Alberta; government remains cautious in making any decisions at this time; review of the Safety Codes Act of Alberta is on-going, safety management system with risk based inspections being proposed; town hall meetings around the Province regarding Objective Based Industrial Electrical Code (OBIEC) - **there has been very little objection by the electrical industry to this proposed change - make your comments known.**

Changes made to Journeyperson to Apprentice Ratios. This is referred to as the journeyperson to apprentice ratio and are changing from 1-to-1 to 1-to-2. Ratios are a minimum standard and do not restrict employers from hiring more journeypersons than stated within the ratio (*effective January 31, 2011*). For more information contact your local Apprenticeship & Industry Training Office.

Board of Directors Update

The 2011 Budget has been approved and will focus on Marketing the Association and PEC program.

PEC Marketing and Education Committees meet. Look for upcoming articles and advertisements in the Alberta Construction Association magazine and various local construction association magazines circulated throughout the Province promoting the PEC program. New PEC brochure made available to inspectors at their annual EIAA conference last week.

Presentation was made to the Board on SAIT's '**Promising Future Campaign**', Pledge sheets with more information available in February.

Physical Demands Analysis (PDA) *URGENT*

- Need Residential Contractors pulling cable
- Industrial Contractors installing Switch Gear & Rigid Steel Conduit.
Contact Dave Hagen: dhagen@chemco-elec.com if you are able to assist.

Building Code Standata - Want distinct pattern in two Stage fire alarm system. New Elevator Code out. For more information on this contact Keven Lefebvre, PEC milleniumelectric@hotmail.com

ECAA's website is currently under construction and undergoing a face-lift. Trouble accessing up to date information on the site was due to the main data source crashing and disabling all links to the web. We are in the process of restructuring and re-designing the ECAA website.

Convention 2011 - May 27-29, 2011 Kananaskis, Alberta. Registration forms will be mailed out the end of February.

Convention 2012 - ECAA's 50th Anniversary - Survey was sent out regarding out of country destination options. E-Mail us at ecaa@ecaa.ab.ca to share your ideas.

If you are an ECAA Contractor or Associate member and would like us to help promote an industry or company event please contact us directly at 1-800-252-9375.

We value your feedback and it is important to us. Please submit any comments to ecaa@ecaa.ab.ca



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