



# THE SPARK

## ECAA E-Newsletter

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### Calendar of Events

**March 21st**  
Edmonton Chapter Meeting  
(Derrick Golf & Winter Club)

**March 24th**  
Central Chapter Meeting  
(Holiday Inn on 67th, Red Deer)

**April 12th**  
North West Chapter Meeting  
(location TBA)

**April 14th**  
Calgary Chapter Meeting  
ELECTIONS  
(Blackfoot Inn)

**April 18th**  
Edmonton Chapter Meeting

**MARCH/2011**

### Welcome to ECAA's 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

Welcome to ECAA's 2nd edition of "The Spark". Last week I attended a meeting with the Workers Compensation Board of Alberta (WCB), who want to present a new proposal to the Electrical Contractors in Alberta called Industry Custom Pricing. WCB came up with this strategy after consultation with industry stakeholders on experience ratings in 2007-2008. This will affect your WCB rates. **NOTE:** *There will not be any changes to the current system that WCB is using without firstly being voted on by you the Electrical Contractors in this province.* So if you are an Electrical Contractor in Alberta make sure your company is represented at one of the two meetings mentioned below to hear what this proposal is all about. This is just another way to stay informed of the happenings within our industry.



Bob  
Maslanko,  
PEC

### Industry News

**Ownership and Administration of Master Electrician Program Being Moved.** The ECAA was informed today we will no longer be involved with the master's program. Ownership and administration are being moved to Safety Codes Council effective May 1st, 2011. More information to follow as details become available.

**CFAA Lunch & Learn, March 23rd.** Fire chat with Kevan Jess, Chief Fire Administrator, Safety Services Municipal Affairs Public Safety will discuss education requirements and qualification under the Fire Code, how to propose code changes by April 15th and professional involvement for modifications and verification CAN/ULC-S537 of existing system. Contact [friels@ea.ca](mailto:friels@ea.ca) or [somesm@ae.ca](mailto:somesm@ae.ca)

**WCB Approaches ECAA on Industry Custom Pricing.** Presentation to members at the April Chapter Meetings (Calgary: April 14th and Edmonton: April 18th). Member attendance and input important for path forward.

ELECTIONS  
(Derrick Golf & Winter Club)

**May 27th - May 29th**  
49th Annual Convention &  
AGM  
(Kananaskis, Alberta)

### Tradeshows

**March 23rd, 2011**

**James Fowler  
Highschool  
Career Fair**  
(James Fowler  
Highschool, Calgary)

**March 24th, 2011**  
**AEL Learning Expo**  
(Westener Park)  
Red Deer, AB  
[www.elecleague.ab.ca](http://www.elecleague.ab.ca)

**April 14, 2011**  
**Construction Career  
Expo**  
(Stampede Park, Calgary)  
[www.cca.cc](http://www.cca.cc)

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

**May 11th & 12th**  
**2011 Provincial  
Skills Competition**  
(Edmonton Expo Centre)  
[www.skillsalberta.com](http://www.skillsalberta.com)

**Join Our List**

**1st Annual STARS & Construction Industry Gala** on Saturday, October 29th, 2011 at the Crowne Plaza Chateau Lacombe. Sponsorship opportunities and tickets are limited. Further information forthcoming.

**Alberta Construction Association (ACA)** looking for advice on ACTS Trade Definitions and applicability. Ideas and comments?? Contact Bob Maslanko [bobmaz@shaw.ca](mailto:bobmaz@shaw.ca)

**Building Technical Council** declines seat to electrical industry. States our industry segment is presently well represented, however has made a commitment to request participation on working groups when related issues are discussed.

**New Electrical Standata:** Approved to allow Electrical Submersible Pumps in the Oil & Gas upstream to not require standard approval certifications subject to Engineer approval of equipment. This Standata is not applicable to electrical equipment and wiring outside the well casing.  
**New Fire Standatas:** Fire Code Variance AFC 2.16.2.15 Interconnecting of Smoke Alarms in Existing Secondary Suites. AFC.6.3.1.2(1) Smoke Detector Sensitivity Testing. More information available on ECAA website.

**COAA Best Practice Awards** back after 1 year hiatus. Deadline April 6, 2011 for nominations. Further information available at [www.coaa.ab.ca](http://www.coaa.ab.ca)

**The Electrical Safety Training System (ESTS)** is now available. This on-line program is designed to provide Arc Flash and Electrical Safety Awareness training to everyone who works in the Electrical Industry or with electrical equipment. It was developed jointly by Safety Professionals from all sectors of the industry for due diligence to Provincial & Federal Occupational Health and Safety Regulations. For more information contact IBEW Training Centre, CLAC, ACSA or ESPS and ask about the ESTS program.

**ECAA receives thanks from Skills competitor Tim Twa.** Tim was a two-time Gold medal recipient in Alberta Skills competitions, won a bronze medal at Nationals in PEI, and is currently representing Canada in the 2011 World Skills Competition which will be held in London, England. He completed his technical training at SAIT, and writes to express his appreciation for the monetary contributions received from ECAA. *"The support you have for the Skills competitors helps motivate them to strive for excellence."* We wish Tim all the best in London!

### Board of Directors Update

ECAA switches to audit review by Kouri-Berezan & Heinrichs. Two ECAA members to audit 2010 financial statements prior to AGM.

ECAA receives audience with the Honourable Minister Lukaszuk - full article can be found in the next issue of the Contactor.

ECAA Board receives media training. Thank you to Grant Ainsley.

PEC Registration Committee develops new PEC Student Member Application form.

Newcap radio campaign approved by Board of Directors. Purpose to create Province-wide awareness about the Electrical Contractors Association of Alberta and the Professional Electrical Contractors that are part of the Association. CKUA Sponsorship in upcoming Spring Campaign. Look out for an ad on the PEC program on pg. 29 in the Alberta Construction Magazine.

**Convention 2011** - May 27-29, 2011 Kananaskis, Alberta. Convention registration packages have been emailed out and are posted on the ECAA

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## Social Networking



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website. *Keep those sponsorships coming!*

**Convention 2012** - ECAA has an opportunity to charter a Tall Ship from Windstar cruises; questionnaire emailed to members. URGENT you respond. ECAA 50th Anniversary gala, Saturday, May 26, 2012, Marriott River Cree in Edmonton. Mark your calendars now!

### New Members & PEC's

#### Welcome New Members:

Gold Touch Electric Ltd. (Calgary), ABB Inc. (Associate Calgary), Amptech Electric (Edmonton), AC Dandy Products Ltd. (Associate Edmonton), Broere Electric Ltd. (Edmonton), Profile Electrical Installations Ltd. (Edmonton) and True Earth Ltd. (Edmonton)

#### Congratulations to the following new PEC's:

Dariusz Jadewicz, PEC; Jorge Mate, PEC; Myles Nadon, PEC; Erik Nelson, PEC; Erik Smit, PEC; Allan Roy, PEC; Rodney Taylor, PEC.

### Local Chapter Activity

**Calgary Chapter** - Last meeting held Thursday, March 10th (Guest Speaker Rene Greener, Enmax *Topic of Discussion: Easymax Program* & Don Green, FBC *Topic of Discussion: Tax Strategies*) with 50 members and guests in attendance. On February 10th approximately 100 members and guests attended Chapter meeting with Guest Speaker Lori Abernathy with SAIT and Keven Lefebvre, PEC Millenium Electric.

**Edmonton Chapter** - Last meeting held February 25th with approximately 40 members and guests in attendance. Guest Speaker Neil Gearing with FBC.

#### Upcoming Chapter Meetings:

**Calgary:** Thursday, April 14th (Guest Speaker WCB, *Topic of Discussion: Industry Custom Pricing*)

**Edmonton:** Monday, March 21st (Guest Speaker John Wettstien, Wettstein Safety Strageties Inc.) Monday, April 18th (Guest Speaker WCB, *Topic of Discussion: Industry Custom Pricing*)

**Central:** Thursday, March 24th Holiday Inn on 67th in Red Deer.

**North West:** Tuesday, April 12, 2011.

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](mailto:ecaa@ecaa.ab.ca)



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