



THE SPARK

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Calendar of Events

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Edmonton Chapter BBQ
(Goldstick Park)

Sept. 8th

Calgary Chapter Meeting
(The Blackfoot Inn)

Sept. 14th

Annual Bob Carson Classic
(Highlands Golf Course)

Sept. 19th

Edmonton Chapter Meeting
(Derrick Golf & Winter Club)

Jan. 21st, 2012

Edmonton Chapter President's Ball
(Crowne Plaza Chateau Lacombe)

Tradeshows

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

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

President's Message

Hello from the Spark Tabloids. Personally I have found this e-newsletter a great source of summarized information about the topics that your association is working on or with. Being on the Board of Directors over the past few years, I certainly have been privy to the firsthand knowledge of most of the industries day to day activities. I have read through every article of the preceding Sparks, and I can tell you that the reports and articles are very current and relevant to the going on's.



Clem
Gratton,
PEC

This past May 28th, 2011 our Annual General Meeting was held in the beautiful Kananaskis Village. Even though we woke up to about a foot of fresh very wet snow it did not dampen the spirits of our AGM attendees. Bob and Phyllis Maslanko hosted a wonderful AGM in this beautiful part of our province. There were some great times in between our very informative and productive meetings. Throughout the weekend while networking with our industry colleagues I found this to be an absolutely great venue to hear and share some of the trials and tribulations that we all seem to share. Your new executive was installed I am very proud and honored to be your President this year. I do so with the help and support of an amazing team to help me navigate the duties that I have taken on. Mr. Bob Maslanko our now Past President, (that sounds strange Bob), is going to be a tough act to follow, he was truly a very good president for our Association and did us proud. I am very happy that he will be by my side helping me and supporting me through my term. I will also have by my side these very experienced and passionate executive members, Mr. Kelly Wilde as Vice President, Mr. Les Dzwonkiewicz as Treasurer, and newly elected Darcy Teichroeb as our Secretary. I have to apologize to Darcy and his wife Barb for not officially introducing them at the President's ball. I hope that my nerves and obvious awkwardness will settle as the work begins, again sorry Darcy.

We had a chance for the new Board of Directors to sit down in a Board Orientation meeting, and if that meeting was any indication of the nature of the year we are going to have, it should prove to be very active and busy. There certainly is not a shortage of issues to deal with and or get on board with.

Our AGM closed with a very inspirational and insightful presentation by Mr. Bruce Lee, very thought provoking, gave me lots to think about on the long drive home. That was followed with the Circle of Rhythm presentation by Ms. Judy Atkinson. I have to admit that I went into this session with a bit of skepticism

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and apprehension. But when I left the session I felt very relaxed and yet invigorated -- who would of thought beating on your drum could do that, and it was a lot of fun too.

Speaking of fun our welcome reception at the Boundary Ranch was an absolute hoot, although we could not gather around the campfire with the amazing snow falling, the improvised campfire tunes delivered by our own delegates, Mr. Terry Sawatzky, Mr. Daryl Schmidt, and Mr. Warren Bidlock were fantastic. The inside venue at the Boundary Ranch certainly did not aid in the deliverance of sound, but those that gathered certainly had a very good time, and what a feast too.

I would like to thank those of you who took the time to attend the AGM. I know how busy our lives are but coming to these events, voicing your thoughts and concerns, and putting your shoulder to the wheel, only helps us make sure we are dealing with the issues that concern you, ECAA members and colleagues. Thanks again Bob and Phyllis for hosting a truly great AGM, thanks to Sheri Mclean, (by the way 20 years on the job, congrats and thanks Sheri) and her staff for all the hard work, preparation, and cheerfully helping us conduct all of our meetings.

Industry News

ECAA/IBEW Collective Agreement now available through ECAA office (smclean@ecaa.ab.ca)

Weather plays havoc at ECAA Convention - snow, snow and more snow; however event was very successful and a good time had by all. Quorum met at Annual General Meeting - thank you to all that attended. Kudos and thank you's extended to Bob Maslanko as out-going President for all your hard work this past year.

Congratulations to newly elected Provincial Executive -- President, Clem Gratton, PEC; Vice President, Kelly Wilde; Treasurer, Les Dzwonkeiwicz, PEC; and Secretary, Darcy Teichroeb, PEC.

Mr. Brian Halina nominated Director, Labour Relations (Mr. Jim Clarke vice-chair).

CECA President, Rick Brodhurst acknowledged Mr. Willard Kondro's participation as Alberta's representative on the CECA executive since 1993. Thank you to Willard for all those volunteer hours.

Industry honors Mr. John Robinson as the Award of Merit recipient; Mr. Pat Barnes as Honorary Member and Mr. Don Hansen as Lifetime Member. Well-deserved recognition.

Membership recognized and congratulated Sheri McLean for 20 years of employment with the Association.

Location chosen for **ECAA 50th** anniversary convention as **Cabo San Lucas** in mid-March. Annual General Meetings will be held at the River Cree Marriott hotel in Edmonton on May 26th; golf at The Ranch on May 25th. **ECAA looking for 50th Anniversary Committee volunteers.** Contact smclean@ecaa.ab.ca if interested in participating.

Fire Technical Council (FTC)- Keven Lefebvre looking for replacement on the Council beginning February, 2012. If interested please contact Keven directly at (millennium@hotmail.com) or Sheri at (smclean@ecaa.ab.ca).

Bob Carson Classic Golf Tournament - Wednesday, September 14th - Registration forms will be available soon (www.ecaa.ab.ca)

Board of Directors Update

Next **Provincial Board Meeting** scheduled for **Thursday, June 23rd.**

Local Chapter Activity

Calgary Chapter - Congratulations to elected Executive: President Scott White, PEC (*Western Electrical*); Vice President Jaiden Bonville (*High Line Electrical*); Treasurer Barry Wentz (*B.D.W. Electrical Installations*); Secretary Doug Miller (*Custom Electric*)

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 8th (*Blackfoot Inn*)

Guest Speaker: Keith Carson, WD With & Associates **Topic of Discussion:** *Cash Flow Problems? Our business makes dollars and sense.*

Edmonton Chapter - Congratulations to elected Executive: President Scott Hutton (*High Line Electrical*); Vice President Tom Morin, PEC (*MorQuest Electric*); Treasurer Eric Fadden, PEC (*Electri-Can Installations*); Secretary Brent Connell, PEC (*Edmonton Electric*).

Next Meeting: Monday, September 19th (*Derrick Golf & Winter Club*)

Edmonton Chapter BBQ: Thursday, June 9th at Goldstick Park - bring your family and co-workers. \$10 a ticket!! WOW! Price includes Burger or Smokie and 1 drink. Contact ecaa@ecaa.ab.ca to get your tickets.

Continuing Education

Upcoming courses offered by ECAA.

September 10 & 11, 2011 - Design Build. Design-build has become a common place term in the engineering and construction industry in recent years and is prevalent for various building construction projects. The electrical contractor as a sub-trade is being asked to participate in the design build process. As a viable business opportunity, it is necessary for the electrical contractor to fully understand the concept of design build, organizational model, the laws and regulations pertaining to design build, design methods, estimating techniques and risk management. The course will help project managers, engineers, executive and owners of electrical contracting firms to address opportunities in design build and expand their market profitability.

September 22 & 23, 2011 - Safety Principals. A well-developed safety program can reduce costs resulting from injury and property damage and in the hallmark of a quality electrical contracting firms. Follow the steps to develop and implement an effective safety program for small to medium sized electrical contracting firms. Second day is designed to help managers ensure construction supervisors fine-tune their safety skills by clearly understanding roles and responsibilities; presenting and delivering effective training to workers and maintaining high worksite safety standards; conducting effective site inspections and developing appropriate recommendations; understanding the steps to follow and processes involved when investigating accidents or incidents; understanding WCB legal responsibilities.

Registration on-line at www.ecaa.ab.ca or through ecaa@ecaa.ab.ca.

ELECTRICAL SAFETY TRAINING SYSTEM (ESTS) Available through ECAA. ESTS is a computer based, distance delivered program that recognizes Provincial & Federal Occupational Health & Safety Regulations. The program promotes a "Plan, Do, Check, Act" philosophy applying **CSA Z462**, based on **CSA Z1000 Occupational Health & Safety Management System Standard**. *Course is complimentary to all unionized electrical contractors and their employees that have a bargaining relationship with the IBEW Local 424.* Contact Christine chryniw@ecaa.ab.ca to sign up.

Professional Electrical Contractor (PEC) News

Volunteers needed to sit on the Registration, Education, Practice Review Committees - if you are interested please send an email to smclean@ecaa.ab.ca. Thank you for taking the time to volunteer!!

New Members & Professional Electrical Contractors (P.E.C.)

Applications to be reviewed at next Provincial Board Meeting.

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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