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

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

President's Message

Greetings to all,

The last Provincial Board meeting was held on October 19th at our Edmonton office. We welcomed Jeff Light, PEC as our new Education Chair. Jeff has a long history with the ECAA as past Central Chapter President for many years and Provincial President (1994-1995). We are glad to have his knowledge and expertise back at the table. After the meeting, a number of the Board,



members and spouses attended the Hope Mission in downtown Edmonton and volunteered by helping to prepare and serve a meal to impoverished and homeless men, women and children. Thank you to all who attended and helped out.

The STARS, Building Magic in the Air Gala was the following evening at the Chateau Lacombe. This was an amazing evening filled with fantastic food, wonderful company and many laughs. The theme for the evening was "The Great Gatsby", many people attended in era specific costumes. Thanks again for the wonderful work that the folks at STARS do. I understand that over \$150,000 was raised.

There will be a one day low voltage, arc flash and shock training course at our Edmonton office on November 20th, presented by Mr. Terry Becker. The following day (21st) there is an Interview & Selection Skills seminar cohosted by the Mechanical Contractors Association, at the ECAA office. Register on-line or by contacting the ECAA office.

CODE COURSES

Code Seminar Registration Form

MEETINGS

November 8th, 2018 CALGARY CHAPTER

November 13th, 2018 FORT McMURRAY CHAPTER

November 15th, 2018 NORTH WEST CHAPTER Grande Prairie

November 19th, 2018 EDMONTON CHAPTER

TRAINING

Arc Flash & Shock 1 Day Low Voltage Training Tuesday, November 20th ECAA Provincial Office Edmonton

Interview & Selection Skills

8:30 am - 10:30 am ECAA Provincial Office Edmonton

SOCIALS

Calgary Chapter Christmas Gala Saturday, November 24th Fairmont Palliser Hotel Calgary, AB

ECAA Christmas Open House Thursday, December 6th ECAA Provincial Office

ECAA 2018-2019 Board of Directors

Click on the above link to meet our Provincial Board of Directors The first Annual Calgary Chapter Christmas Social will be held on November 24th at the Fairmont Palliser Hotel in Downtown Calgary. 149 tickets have been sold to-date. Come join Calgary Chapter President Andrew McGuire and his wife Kristina for a fun filled evening of dining, dancing and networking.

Our next Provincial Board meeting will be held on December 6th, with the Open House to follow, from 3:30 - 6:30 pm. I hope to see you there.

Registration for the 2019 ECAA Convention at the Jasper Park Lodge, May 30th - June 2nd will be mailed out in December. Sponsorship opportunities are available now. Contact the ECAA office.

"Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value" - Albert Einstein

Until next time, be safe and God bless,

Tim Tarita,

ECAA Provincial President

Electrical Safety Program "Product in a Box"

1-Day Low Voltage Arc Flash and Shock Training Course Overview Based on CSA Z462-2018

COURSE DATES:

November 20th, 2018 (EDMONTON)

*Minimum numbers apply to run this course. If you are interested in one of the above sessions please email chryniw@ecaa.ab.ca

For more information please contact ECAA directly.

Getting to Know Your Executive

We thought our readers would like to know more about the volunteers who make up the ECAA Board of Directors so have added this feature into the Spark.

Getting to Know Your Education Chair Jeff Light, PEC

Company: Retired

Family Members: Carl (School teacher), Granddaughters Océanne and Maélie and Michael (Landscape Architect) Karen Hutchinson (Realtor)

When and how did you start in the industry: March 1978 after I decided being a telephone man with AGT was not for me.

Favorite hobbies: Anything outdoors

Trade shows

Thank You to Our Volunteers who helped at the following trade shows!! Favorite TV show: Gold Rush

Favourite Sports Team: Edmonton Oilers

Calgary Construction
Career Expo

Most memorable vacation: All vacations are memorable but St. Lucia is pretty awesome!

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Career Expo

Any word of advice to new electrical apprentices: Take pride in your work and celebrate your Journeyman ticket.

Fort McMurray

Favorite ECAA memory: Tailgate party in Waterton

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Best part of ECAA is: For me the best part was getting involved with the Central chapter thanks to my Dad and then eventually being asked to take on the role of Provincial President.

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Industry News

ECAA is pleased to welcome Shannon Guite to the Provincial Office team. Shannon will be assisting with membership, chapter and event support. Welcome Shannon!

ECAA's Christmas Open House will be held on Thursday, December 6th from 3:30 - 6:30 pm a the Provincial Office (17725 - 103 Avenue, Edmonton). Join us as we celebrate the season and network with your Provincial Board and industry. To rsvp click on the following link: http://events.ecaa.ab.ca/events/ecaa-annual-christmas-open-house/

ECAA Christmas Open House Invite

Interview & Selection Skills Wednesday, November 21st 8:30 am - 10:30 am Presenter: Julianna Cantwell. The cost of employee turnover

(range) is between 0.5-4 times the annual salary of the position, with an average of 1.5 times the annual salary. This is a great expense to organizations and can be prevented by

hiring right. This engaging workshop will provide tools and techniques to help choose candidates that fit your organization. For more information and to register click: http://events.ecaa.ab.ca/events/interviewing-selection-skills/

Training Session: Interviewing & Selection Skills

2019 ECAA Convention Sponsorship Opportunities. ECAA will be hosting our annual convention Thursday, May 30th - June 2nd, 2019 at the Jasper Park Lodge. On behalf of Provincial President Tim Tarita and his wife Karen, we look forward to you joining us. This event would not be successful without the support of our members and industry partners. ECAA is currently looking for sponsors for Convention events and activities. Convention will kick off with a Golf Tournament at JPL Golf Course on Thursday, May 30th followed by our annual Technical Training Day on Friday, May 31st; AGM's, Awards Luncheon and President's Gala on Saturday ending with a morning farewell breakfast on Sunday, June 2nd. Sponsors will be acknowledged throughout the event and advertised on all ECAA's social platforms, ECAA website and event promotional materials. Click on the link below for a complete list of sponsorship options. Contribute here: http://events.ecaa.ab.ca/events/ecaa-annual-convention-sponsorship-opportunities/

2019 Convention Sponsorship Opportunities

Tim Hortons Grey Cup Kick Off Party

- WED NOV 21, 2018
- NISSAN TITAN STREET FESTIVAL
- JASPER AVENUE FROM 99 TO 96 STREET, EDMONTON, AB, CANADA
- 6:00 PM 8:00 PM

The Alberta Chamber of Resources is pleased to announce that the Keynote Speaker for its 2019 Awards Banquet is the Right Honourable Stephen Harper - Canada's 22nd Prime Minister. The banquet will be held on February 1st, 2019 (Shaw Conference in Edmonton) to hear Mr. Harper speak about "Right Here, Right Now - Future of Populism in the age of disruption". For more information and to register for this event click here.

Safety Codes Conference 2019: Call for Speakers. Conference 2019 is the premiere networking and learning event for Alberta's safety codes system professionals, scheduled at the beautiful Rimrock Resort Hotel in Banff, AB, May 29 - 31, 2019. Interested in speaking at our event? Please download the speaking proposal form here and return by December 1, 2018.

Meet the New Director of Corporate Services and the ASCA Director for Safety Codes Council. The Safety Codes Council is pleased to welcome two new faces to their team, Rob Dean, Director of Corporate Services, and Charles Hallett, Director of the Alberta Safety Codes Authority (ASCA). Rob Dean. Looking out for three Council departments: Accounting, Human Resources, and Information Technology Services, Rob comes to the Council with wide-ranging leadership experience in various

roles. Rob began his career in health and safety for Capital Health, and progressed to managing a provincial portfolio for one of the largest not-forprofit trust insurance companies in the country, supporting the recovery of teachers and support staff across the province. Rob also played an integral role in the development of a new IT program providing enhanced selfservice and communications options with the Alberta School Employee Benefit Plan. Most recently, he was the Director of Finance and Business Operations at MacEwan University, supporting the operations and strategic direction for the School of Business. Charles Hallett. The ASCA Director has oversight of the division, which is responsible for providing safety codes services, including inspection and permitting services, in unaccredited municipalities throughout the province. Charles comes to the Council with extensive leadership experience in both the private and public sector, including Western Camp Services, Aguamax Wastewater Solutions, and Health Canada. Charles has an expansive working knowledge of the safety codes system and the Council's mandate. He spent nine years as a Plumbing Sub-Council member, and was Chair of the Private Sewage Disposal System Working Group. He was also this year's recipient of the Council's Dr. Sauer Award as a result of these contributions, in addition to actively participating in the Council's appeals process. As an active volunteer within his community, Charles has been involved with the Alberta Onsite Wastewater Management Associate (AOWMA) for many years. In addition to his extensive field experience, Charles is a Certified Public Health Inspector. ECAA congratulates and welcomes these two Directors to the Safety Codes Council.

Save the Date. NETCO (National Electrical Trade Council) August 10th & 11th, 2019 Westin Bayshore Hotel, Vancouver. "Promoting Apprenticeship Success Coast to Coast"

We are saddened to share the passing of Don Currie, P.Geol., who served as the Managing Director of ACR and COAA from 1985 to 2000. Don took the helm as ACR and COAA came together under one roof to share staff and overhead expenses, and he was just the right person for the job. His intellect and personality bridged seamlessly between the group skilled at attracting investment and the group skilled at transforming investment into productive capital assets. Recognizing the "big ideas" that were important to the Alberta economy and the people of Alberta was his forté - and he could charm senior executives into putting their shoulders to the wheel to get the big ideas into action. The National Oil Sands Task Force, which provided a new energy vision for Canada, and the then-novel concept of all construction owners sharing safety lessons-learned are just two examples of Don's behind-the-scenes leadership. He was recognized by the ACR as Resource Person of the Year in 2000, and by the naming of COAA's top annual honour as the Don Currie Award in 2004.

Beyond his out-side-the-box leadership and aversion to bureaucracy, those of us who had the privilege of working with Don remember him best as an always-reliable colleague, a fascinating raconteur and a loyal friend. Geologist, prospector, educator, jazz aficionado, Managing Director, poet, mentor and inspiration to many - Don Currie will be missed. For obituary click here.

Provincial Board of Directors Update

A Provincial Board meeting was held on Friday, October 19th in the ECAA Boardroom. President Tim Tarita called the meeting to order at 10:30 and welcomed and acknowledged Jeff Light, new Education chair. In attendance were Terry Barnett; Darrell Castor, PEC; Bob Clarke; Eric Fadden, PEC; Tim Fehr; Dave Hagen; Jay Kuystermans, PEC; Jeff Light, PEC; Bob

Maslanko, PEC; Brandon Thoma, PEC; Keith Urlacher; Steve Warholik; and Sheri McLean, Recording Secretary. ECAA still waiting for approval from Municipal Affairs on the updated Fire Alarm course manual prior to proceeding with a fire alarm course in partnership with CFAA.

Bert DeBruin was nominated by Board as ECAA's representative to the Electrical Sub-council. The issue of master electricians pulling permits for more than one company was once again brought to the Board table. ECAA was assured that Safety Codes Council will address concerns if specifics are given (including the name of the master electrician). If companies are using non-indentured apprentices there is provision on the AIT website to make a complaint through the Enhanced Compliance initiative with OH&S officers. OH&S officers will have the authority for specific regulations and sections of the AIT Act to confirm eligibility to work in a compulsory trade; employment of a person in a designated trade; impeding an officer; confirming ratios of journeyperson to apprentice; appropriate supervision.

ACE Technology will offer a one-week master electrician course in Edmonton in February and reached out to ECAA to advertise. Question will be asked how Provincial master's exam will be written. August pro forma, Wood Gundy investments and 60/90 overdue invoices reviewed. Membership and PEC applications approved. Bob Prowse and Barrack Anderson, lawyers from Prowse Chowne joined the meeting at 11:50 am. to discuss membership in ECAA. Purpose of their membership in ECAA is to connect generals with subs. (Lou Hiemer and Rob Little attended in the afternoon). Chapter and Committee reports presented. Code rule pertaining to permit requirement when replacing fixtures was again discussed. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m. Next Meeting: Thursday, December 6th, followed by ECAA's Christmas Open House from 3:30 - 6:30 pm.

New Members

Welcome new members approved at the last Board of Directors meeting:

Associates: Leduc Chrysler (Leduc); Prowse Chowne LLP (Edmonton)

Journeyperson Associates: Stephen Romanycia (Fort McMurray)

Professional Electrical Contractor (PEC) News

Welcome new PEC's approved at the last Board of Directors meeting.

Douglas Auchenberg PEC#351; Tamara Dizy PEC #352; Scott Hamilton PEC #353; Gary MacDonald, PEC #354; John Nodrick PEC#355; Christopher Parslow PEC #356; James Pugsley PEC #357

Congratulations!

Local Chapter Activity

<u>CALGARY:</u> Next meeting **Thursday, November 8th** Best Western Port O'Call Hotel.

Pre-Meeting Presentation at 5:00 pm: Steve Maudsley, Johnson Controls

Topic: Understanding the new Alberta Building Code Requirements for Integrated Life Safety Systems Testing

Chapter Meeting & Dinner 6:00 pm

Guest Speaker: City Of Calgary Inspectors, Adam Ghani, Melvin

Skiffington

Topic: Changes to Canadian Electrical Code

Guest Speaker: Terry Becker, Danatec Educational Services

Topic: Z462 2018 & Electrical Safety Program **Meeting Sponsor: Johnson Controls**

Tickets are still available for the Calgary Chapter Christmas Gala. Join Chapter President Andrew & Kristina McGuire for a dinner and dance at the Fairmont Palliser Hotel on Saturday, November 24th. Purchase your tickets and wine sponsorship today by clicking on the following events page: http://events.ecaa.ab.ca/events/938/ For invoices please email ecaa@ecaa.ab.ca

Calgary Chapter Christmas Gala

EDMONTON: Next Meeting **Monday, November 19th**, Chateau Louis Hotel & Conference Center.

Pre-Meeting Presentation 5:00 pm: Joe Davis, Johnson Controls

Topic: Fire Alarms & Systems in Smart Buildings

Chapter Meeting & Dinner 6:00 pm

Guest Speaker: Terry Becker, Danatec Educational Services

Topic: Z462 2018 & Electrical Safety Program

Meeting Sponsor: Johnson Controls

FORT McMURRAY: Next meeting is **Tuesday, November 13th**, Best Western Plus Sawridge & Suites 6:00 pm.

Guest Speaker: Terry Becker, Danatec Educational Services

Topic: Z462 2018 & Electrical Safety Program **Meeting Sponsor:** Dustin Busch, Eecol

<u>NORTH WEST</u>: Next meeting is **Thursday, November 15th**, Pomeroy Hotel, Grande Prairie 5:30pm.

Guest Speaker: Dave Hagen ACSA/WCB Representative

Topic: Cannabis Awareness

Guest Speaker: Darrell Warholik, ABB Group

Topic: Introduction to ABB Group **Meeting Sponsor:** ABB Group

Professional Electrical Contractor (PEC) Courses

2018-2019 PEC Course Schedule and Registration

Accounting Principles Thursday, November 8th & Friday, November 9th, 2018 (Calgary) Instructor Clayton McCrea. This course will introduce you to the common terms and concepts used in accounting, along with showing you how to use accounting tools to attain goals, analyze your business, and create strategies for future growth. The goal is to develop awareness of how to read financial reports to understand your companies financial position. You will learn practical skills to help you develop, interpret and use financial information, identify problems and opportunities, and focus your resources toward a successful electrical contracting business.

Electrical Project Management Thursday, November 22nd & Friday, November 23rd, 2018 (Calgary) Instructor Rob Colclough, PEC. Once given a successful bid package, you will develop an awareness of how to apply ten project management knowledge areas and five processes to derive a project charter and project schedule. From here you will then learn how to manage the project to successful commissioning and close out.

Safety Principles Thursday, November 29th & Friday, November 30th, 2018 (Edmonton) Instructor Barry Lawrence. Legislation recognizes a PEC as an "Employer". This course lays the groundwork to develop a successful safety program, and mitigate additional employer risk. We'll learn to identify common gaps found in safety systems, simple ways to interpret legislation, and many other valuable tools including: OH&S Obligations (Employer & Worker); Employee Competency; WCB Expectations; Claims Management Strategies; CSA Z463 & Z462.

**Reminder all PEC's retaking courses 12 APD points apply. Reduced course rate of \$60 per 2 day course; \$90 3 day course.

Online Training

ESTS 2018 Update Available. The newest version of our 2018 compliant ESTS course was developed for workers that perform energized electrical work. The overall course content was developed using industry accepted best practice standards as the underpinning in support of meeting Provincial or Federal regulatory due diligence for arc flash and shock.

ONLINE TRAINING -- ECAA MEMBER DISCOUNT AVAILABLE! use Promo Code ECAA2018!

E-Learning Courses Available:

- ESTS Electrical Worker Canada 2018
- ESTS Electrical Worker USA
- ESTS Non-Electrical Worker Canada and USA
- Bear Awareness Online Training
- Confined Space Pre-Entry Online Training
- Fire Safety Awareness
- Ground Disturbance Online Training Supervisory 3.0
- H2S Awareness Online Training 2.0

- Hazard Awareness Online Training 2.0
- TDG Online Training 3.0
- WHMIS 2015 Online Training
- Defensive Driving 3 Demerit Reduction Online Training (Alberta Only)
- Defensive Driving Condensed Online Training (CDN Version)
- Fatigue Management for Senior Administrators and Supervisors Online Training
- Fatigue Management: Driving Drowsy Taking Responsibility Online Training
- Professional Drive Improvement Course Online Training 3
 Demerit Reduction (Alberta Only)

FIRST LEVEL SUPERVISOR TRAINING PROGRAM **5 Gold Seal

Credits This course offers the critical basic skills and concepts needed to supervise a crew in the residential, institutional, commercial, industrial and civil construction sectors. For more information click on the following link <u>First Level Supervisor Training Program</u>. Course is complimentary to all unionized electrical contractors and their employees that have a bargaining relationship with the IBEW Local 424.

Course cost is \$400 and to enroll contact Christine chryniw@ecaa.ab.ca

ON-LINE ETHICS COURSE. This course is designed for the Certified Master Electrician (CME) that desires to maintain that designation and for any Registered Master Electrician (RME) or Master electrician that desires to become a CME Information at www.ecaatraining.com (Ethics course).

Alberta Construction Association Update

RHFAC Accessibility Assessor Training At SAIT

This fall, the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT) will be offering the Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification™ (RHFAC) Accessibility Assessor Training course for the first time. This 48-hour course is the first step to qualifying for an RHFAC Professional designation, providing you with the knowledge and practical skills needed to rate a building for its overall accessibility under the RHFAC program. Join an upand coming profession, and learn to view barriers in the built environment from the perspective of people with disabilities.

Prerequisites include:

- You have a diploma of technology in architecture, engineering, urban planning, interior design or a related program; or
- You have a Journeyman Certificate of Qualification in a designated trade related to building construction; or
- You are an engineer or are eligible for registration as an engineer; or
- You are an architect or are eligible for registration as an architect;
- You have a minimum of five years' experience related to building construction.

Register for the fall session at SAIT in Calgary, AB:

November 21-24 & December 5-8, 2018 Register Online on the SAIT Website Register by phone with SAIT Student Services at 403.284.7248

Towards a Western Canada Growth Strategy

On Friday October 19, ACA submitted a letter calling on the Government of Canada to develop a Western Canada Growth Strategy.

ACA answered a number of questions regarding what we see as ways to increase growth in the economy, development of representation of more underrepresented groups and how to work together with stakeholders to create success.

To view the letter in full please click here.

Passive House Design Course

In August 2017 the Federal Government released <u>Build Smart - Canada's Building Strategy</u>, providing a pathway for Canada to build drastically better buildings. This policy initiative aims to make high-performance energy-efficient buildings the norm by 2030. The international Passive House Standard is identified as one way to achieve that target. Becoming trained in Passive House design and construction, and/or becoming a certified Passive House professional will positions professionals for future building expectations and helps to lead the way in the building industry.

Here are our late-fall offerings taking place in Edmonton: November 1 - 4: 120A: & Passive House Design and Construction in Edmonton, AB.

This in-depth four-day program covers the technical, economic and policy elements of Passive House buildings. Participants will learn how to apply Passive House principles in the context of building physics, windows and mechanical systems. Numerous case studies, both domestic and international, will be used to demonstrate current best practices and teach concepts of cost assessment. Participants will also have the opportunity to solidify their learning with interactive exercises throughout the course.

November 22 - 24: <u>120 B: Understanding and Working with the Passive</u> House Planning Package (PHPP) - Edmonton

Understanding and Working with PHPP will enable you to take on your first Passive House project. It provides step-by-step instruction for using the PHPP energy modelling software, which is essential for designing a Passive House building.

Participants will learn the structure, inputs and outputs of PHPP, and how to select appropriate climate data sets and record building measurements. The course includes modelling a sample Canadian project, where participants will assess building heat loss, energy demand and summertime overheating risk, as well as looking at the reliability of data sources and how design decisions impact the building energy demand.

December 7:

Certified Passive House Designer/Consultant Exam - Edmonton

There are two methods of becoming a certified Passive House Designer or Consultant, through submission of a certified Passive House project, or by passing the standardized international exam. Examination dates are fixed by the <u>Passive House Institute; (PHI)</u> and offered by Passive House Canada in cooperation with PHI. Certified Designers and Consultants will be listed on our website, as well as the international database. For information on certification via project design and documentation please see <u>PHI's Project Qualification page</u>.

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The exam is thorough and time-limited, and it is not recommended that you attempt the exam without first taking courses 120A, 120B and 120C offered by Passive House Canada.

Registration for courses can be done directly through the course page links provided, or by visiting website at www.passivehousecanada.com/training

If you have any questions about registering, or would like more information on our courses, please don't hesitate to contact Janet Davies at (250) 265-2744.

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Federal Government Seeks Input On Integrity Regime

In the fall of 2017 the Government of Canada sought stakeholder views on enhancing the Integrity Regime as part of a public consultation on addressing corporate wrongdoing.

In the spring of 2018, the Government of Canada <u>announced</u> that the following enhancements to the Integrity Regime would be made, incorporating the feedback received during the fall 2017 consultation:

- introduction of greater flexibility in debarment decisions (rendering companies ineligible from receiving federal contracts or real property agreements)
- increasing the number of triggers that can lead to debarment
- exploring alternative measures to further mitigate the risk of doing business with organized crime
- expanding the scope of business ethics covered under the regime into key areas such as combatting human trafficking and the protection of labour rights and the environment

As the Government of Canada prepares to release the Integrity Regime's revised <u>Ineligibility and Suspension Policy</u>, a public consultation is now being held to seek comments on the application of the proposed draft Policy and any of its requirements. This feedback will be taken into consideration to further refine the draft policy before it comes into effect.

Interested parties may provide feedback by submitting comments and

responses online, by email or by mail.

Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact our vice-president of public affairs Rodrigue Gilbert at rgilbert@cca-acc.com or 613-236-9455, ext. 432.

Industry Taskforce Subcommittee to Examine the Effects of Bill 30 The Industry Taskforce (ITF) has struck a subcommittee to conduct an objective review of Bill 30 changes and identify items industry would like to see repealed if the opportunity arises, as well as those industry would like to see retained.

ACA will be working with the ITF in the new year to help create a policy document around these points as we get closer to the election in the spring. In the coming months if you have issues with the changes to WCB legislation it would help us represent you to government if we have examples of where the pressure points are for your business in these changes.

Beyond ACA's work with the ITF on the WCB, ACA is also interested in any changes members are seeking to Government regulations, including Employment Standards, Occupational Health and Safety, etc.

If you have comments, or would like to share your experiences, please contact ACA Policy Analyst Jonathan Williams at jonathan.williams@albertaconstruction.net

Contact Us

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 its important to us. Please submit any comments to smclean@ecaa.ab.ca

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