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March 12th, 2019

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 everyone,

In the blink of an eye, March is upon us and spring is not far behind. This typically means the onset of camping, family/staff BBQ's and all the outdoor activities that lurk beneath a blanket of snow and somewhere north of minus temperatures. For this, I am extremely grateful.



I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that the early bird registration deadline for our Convention, AGM & Training Day is March 29th.

We are honored to have Jody Young, Assistant Deputy Minister (ADM), Ministry of Labour, delivering the update on Bill 30 at Training Day.

A huge "Thank-you", goes to our convention sponsors thus far: Diamond Sponsor-Federated Insurance; Platinum Sponsors ABB; Schneider Electric; Gold Sponsors - AON Risk Solutions, Eaton, K&L Electric and our Silver Sponsors - CECA, E.B. Horsman & Son. These events are not possible without your dedication and support of our Association and to our trade.

Membership renewals are also due at this time. I appreciate the hard work and determination of our local Chapter members and their perspective Presidents. Our Associate speakers that present at local Chapter meetings have been very informative and willing to share information beyond the

NORTH EAST CHAPTER
LLoydminster, AB

March 14th, 2019

CALGARY CHAPTER

March 18th, 2019

EDMONTON CHAPTER

March 21st, 2019

FORT McMURRAY CHAPTER
Fort McMurray, AB

TRAINING

Lunch N' Learn

Helping you with your
Temporary Power
Requirements

Hosted By:

Trinity Power Rentals

Lunch: 11:30 -12:00 PM

12:00 - 1:00 PM Session

Cost: FREE, please rsvp for
lunch numbers.

[REGISTRATION LINK](#)

Conducting Performance
Reviews

8:30 am - 10:30 am

March 19th, 2019

ECAA Provincial Office
Edmonton

[REGISTRATION LINK](#)

[ECAA 2019 Board of
Directors](#)

Click on the above link to
meet our Provincial Board
of Directors

Trade shows

CALGARY CAREER FAIRS

Lord Beaverbrook

High School

February 20th, 2019

51 Exhibitors

187 Students & Parents attended
even with the horrible road
conditions!

meetings pertaining to their presentation. Thank you to all of the presenters taking the time to address our Chapters. This is an industry which I am proud to be a part of and it is great to see such enthusiasm and growth in each ECAA Chapter. Great work.

During my term as Provincial President, I look forward to seeing you all at your upcoming Chapter meeting in the next couple of months.

"If you can't fly then run. If you can't run then walk. If you can't walk then crawl. But whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward" - Martin Luther King

Until next time,

God bless and be Safe.

Tim Tarita

ECAA Provincial President

Industry News

REMINDER 2019 ECAA Convention Early Bird Registration Deadline March 29th, 2019. Join Provincial President Tim & Karen Tarita for our annual Technical Training Day & Convention May 30th - June 2nd, 2019 at the Jasper Park Lodge in Jasper, AB. Registration can be completed [online](#); Rooms at JPL are booking up quickly; be sure to reserve your room early. Reservations can be made [online](#) or by calling the hotel directly 780-852-3301.

[2019 ECAA Convention Registration Package](#)

Thank you again, to the following Convention Sponsors:

DIAMOND: Federated Insurance

PLATINUM: ABB; Schneider Electric

GOLD: Aon; Eaton; K&L Electric

SILVER: Canadian Electrical Contractors Association (CECA); E.B. Horsman & Son

As a member of ECAA, you are entitled to member discounts on all NECA/CECA publications, ELECTRI International Reports and Canadian Electrical Installation Standards (CEIS). The majority of the ELECTRI International Reports are free downloads for ECAA members. Contact the ECAA Office for more information.

COAA's 27th Annual Best Practices Conference planning is underway - and you'll want to secure your spot this year! **Date: May 7 & 8, 2019**

Location: Edmonton Convention Centre (formerly the Shaw Conference Centre). Early Bird Registration Deadline April 12th, 2019. For more information on conference agenda, details and sponsorship opportunities please visit <https://www.coaa.ab.ca/conferences/best-practices-conference-2019/>

*(More details to come following
Father Lacombe & James Fowler)*

St. Joseph High School

Career Fair

February 20th, 2019

**Special Thank you to our
volunteers: Shawn Bishop; Jay
Kuystermans; Brad Peesker &
Lewis Lariviere.**

The numbers and results are in!
128 students from 24 schools
80 parents (approx.)
208 total attendees

Many students stayed for well
over an hour+ with some being
there the entire time.

Evaluations- almost all rated the
event HIGH on both the overall
event as well as the information
provided by exhibitors.

**Thank you to Eric Fadden, John
Knoll and Jay Kuystermans to
volunteering at the**

**Energy Efficiency Summit
February 26th & 27th**

UPCOMING TRADESHOWS

Father Lacombe
High School
March 13th, 2019

James Fowler
High School
April 3rd, 2019

**If you are able to volunteer
contact [Doug Miller](#)**

Provincial Skills Competition

May 8th & 9th, 2019

Edmonton

If you would be interested in
volunteering please contact the
ECAA Provincial Office

Join Our List

2019 CDBI National Design-Build Conference October 17-18, 2019.

Canadian Design-Build Awards. Established in 2002, the CDBI Awards of Excellence are presented annually to recognize excellence in Canada's design-build industry and to acknowledge design-build teams whose projects contribute to the growth and stature of the design-build profession. Award recipients demonstrate the highest standards and principles in the design-build industry and the business community in pursuit of excellence. Submissions are due to the CDBI office no later than April 1st, 2019.

The categories will be decided as the submittals are sent in. The Jury shall decide the number of categories in any given year.

Each submission is judged individually therefore no project is too small.

- [Terms of Reference](#)
- [Submission Requirements](#)
- [Judging Criteria](#)
- [Trade Contractor Design-Build Award](#)
- [Award Recipients](#)

For more information visit <http://www.cdbi.org/2019-conference/>

Provincial Board Update

Provincial Board meeting held March 1st; update will be available in next spark.

Next Provincial Board meeting will be held Thursday, May 9th, 2019 in Calgary.

New Members

Welcome!

Contractor: SolarNinjas Energy Solutions Ltd. (Edmonton)

Associate Member: American Express Canada (Edmonton)

Journey person Associate: Andre Lenz (Edmonton)

Retired PEC's: Robert Burnett (Didsbury); Ray Reed (Grande Prairie)

Professional Electrical Contractor (PEC) News

Welcome new PEC's: Dale Frey (Calgary); Dwight Lucas (Calgary) and Jason Bradshaw (Grande Prairie)

Congratulations!

Local Chapter Activity

CALGARY: Next meeting **Thursday, March 14th** Best Western Port O'Call Hotel. Pre-Meeting Presentation: 5:00 pm; Chapter Meeting/Dinner: 6:00 pm.

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On behalf of Chapter President Andrew McGuire, thank you to the members and guests that attended Industry Casino Night as well as the members that set up for our table top displays.

Pre-Meeting Topic: NECB 2017 Changes for Lighting & Controls

Presenter: Dave Hiemstra, Optics Lighting

Chapter Meeting Presentation Topic: Sustainable Electrical Construction Methods & Products

Presenter: John Knoll, PEC

Meeting Sponsor: Optics Lighting

CENTRAL: Meeting **Wednesday, March 20th**, Holiday Inn South (Gasoline Alley) 5:30 pm

Chapter Meeting Presentation Topic: Sustainable Electrical Construction Methods & Products

Presenter: John Knoll, PEC

Meeting Sponsor: TBA

EDMONTON: Next Meeting **Monday, March 18th**, Chateau Louis Hotel & Conference Center. Pre-Meeting Presentation: 5:00 pm; Chapter Meeting/Dinner: 6:00 pm.

On behalf of Chapter President Jay Kuystermans, thank you to the members and guests that attended Industry Night as well as the members that set up for our table top displays.

Thank you to the following companies that sponsored desserts and refreshments for the meeting: Allstate Insurance; E.B. Horsman & Son; Edmonton Electric; EWEL and Herc Rentals.

Pre-Meeting Topic: Killing you Softly: An Introduction to Occupational Hygiene

Presenter: Barry Lawrence, Bastion Safety Solutions

Chapter Meeting Presentation Topic: Sustainable Electrical Construction Methods & Products

Presenter: John Knoll, PEC

Meeting Sponsor: TBA

FORT McMURRAY: Next meeting is **Thursday, March 21st Best Western Sawridge** 6:00 pm

Meeting Topic: Sustainable Electrical Construction Methods & Products

Presenter: John Knoll, PEC

Meeting Sponsor: TBA

NORTH EAST: Meeting Date: Next meeting is **Tuesday, March 12th,**

****New Venue:** Lloydminster Exhibition Centre, Ranch Room (5521 - 49th Avenue, Lloydminster, AB/SK) 5:30 pm.

Meeting Topic: Sustainable Electrical Construction Methods & Products

Presenter: John Knoll, PEC

Meeting Sponsor: Wesco

Professional Electrical Contractor (PEC) Courses

[2019 PEC Course Schedule and Registration](#)

Business & Public Relations Thursday, March 7th & Friday, March 8th, 2019 (Instructor: Brian McCready

) (EDMONTON) Learn proven management concepts in the areas of managing business strategy, direction for improved performance, credit and collections, time management, managing required human resources concepts, business promotion and public relations, selling and customer service focused business. This will immediately begin improving the performance and profitability of your electrical contracting business.

Basic Electrical Estimating (BEE) Thursday, March 14th & Friday, March 15th, 2019 (Instructor: Jeff Light, PEC) (CALGARY)

For small contractors who are not ready to make the investment in a computerized estimating system. Designed to teach new contractors the fundamentals of preparing an electrical estimate using the Elemental Format hands-on. The course will address material take-off, pricing of materials, labouring of materials using the NECA Manual of Labour Units, labour costs, special overheads, general overheads and profit/contingencies.

Estimating & Finalizing the Tender Thursday, March 21st, 22nd & Saturday, March 23rd, 2019 (Instructor: Chris Reinert)

(EDMONTON) This 3-day course will cover types of estimates, organizing the estimate, labor units, computer estimating and finalizing the tender. Goals of this course include how to do an estimate using a set of drawings and specs applying take off terms and procedures to finalize and submit tender documents and develop an estimate in a format that can be used as a Project Management tool.

****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 [First Level Supervisor Training Program](#) . 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).

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

The next issue of The Spark will be emailed on April 5th, 2019.



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