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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 everyone,

Yet another month has passed and with it most of the snow. We have been blessed with a very warm spring thus far. However, as I write this, I look outside and see snow falling. I know better than to think that winter is truly over just yet.



As we near our next Provincial Election, I keep being reminded of what a great person once told me, "Together, we are strong". This seems to be a hard concept to grasp. In my humble opinion, one should not have to berate or belittle another person to make yourself look better or more important. We need to work together, in an ethical manner to move forward, securing the future for the next generation.

In the past month, I've been to Lloydminster, Red Deer and Fort McMurray Chapter meetings. I am always impressed by the level of conversation in these meetings; it seems as though each person is coming to the meetings not just to fulfill their obligation to our great Association, but to converse with each other about relevant trade issues, and have fun doing so. I would so encourage everyone to attend their local Chapter meeting for often good eats, great presenters and fantastic conversation.

The ECAA Annual General Meeting and Convention is May 30th - June 2nd, 2019 at the prestigious Jasper Park Lodge, a beautiful backdrop for this year's festivities. The ECAA is subsidizing this year's convention by

MEETINGS

April 9th, 2019

MEDICINE HAT CHAPTER

Medicine Hat Lodge
Medicine Hat, AB

Medicine Hat Code

April 10th, 2019

April 10th, 2019

LETHBRIDGE CHAPTER

Lethbridge Lodge
Lethbridge, AB

Lethbridge Code

April 11th, 2019

April 11th, 2019

CALGARY CHAPTER

Best Western Port O'Call
Calgary, AB

Calgary Code

April 12th, 2019

April 15th, 2019

EDMONTON CHAPTER

Chateau Louis Hotel &
Conference Center
Edmonton, AB

Edmonton Code

April 15th, 2019

April 25th, 2019

NORTH WEST CHAPTER

Pomeroy Hotel
Grande Prairie, AB

North West Code

Grande Prairie
April 26th, 2019

TRAINING

Conflict Management

8:30 am - 10:30 am

May 1st, 2019

ECAA Provincial Office

\$120.00 for a single registration and \$240.00 for a couple's registration. The only way we can do this is by getting sponsorships. If you can, sponsorship opportunities are still available starting at \$100.00 and up. It is a great way to support the ECAA and to get your name out there.

-"There is more power in unity than division". - Emanuel Cleaver

Until next time,

God bless and be Safe.

Tim Tarita

E.C.A.A. Provincial President

Legislation Update

ELECTION 2019

With the upcoming Provincial Election, we encourage all of our members to become involved and to make an informed decision. It is our responsibility to make our elected officials explain not only "what they say they are going to do for us but how."

This also includes developing a plan of how and where the funds will come from. The past 4 years have been very difficult for all sectors of the economy; however, we must persevere and elect leaders with conviction and knowledge.

Working with other industry associations we offer the following questions to ask your Election Candidate.

1. How will your government institute Prompt Payment legislation? (Nearly every Province and The Federal Government has some form of Prompt Payment legislation yet Alberta lags behind. Why?)
2. What will your government do different to get our resources to market?
3. How is your government going to reduce the amount of red tape to get these much needed projects moving forward?
4. Is your government committed to working with industry stakeholders to make informed decisions?

(ie. Alberta Energy Efficiency awarding contracts to Non-Alberta based companies and then cancelling programs mid stream without sufficient timing or notice.)

1. How will your government lower my tax burden?
2. What is the Alberta Advantage?

Be Involved, Be Engaged, Be Accountable

"If you are not part of the solution, you could be part of the problem"

Edmonton
[REGISTRATION LINK](#)

[ECAA 2019 Board of Directors](#)

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

Trade shows

Bi-Provincial Try A Trade

Wednesday, May 1st
Lloydminster, AB

Central CAREER Expo

Thursday, May 2nd
Red Deer, AB

Provincial Skills Competition

May 8th & 9th
Edmonton, AB

If you are able to volunteer contact [Christine Hryniw](#)

CAREERS and our hosts at James Fowler High School wanted to send a quick THANK YOU for supporting the 3rd and final RAP and Skilled Trade Fair of 2019.

It was packed! More than 305 students and parents attended! Special thank you to the volunteers that helped with the ECAA Booth.

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Terry Milot
Legislation Chair

A Message from Electrical Inspectors Association of Alberta (EIAA)

EIAA members and conference attendees:

An industry-working group came together in Edmonton in February to form consensus on interpretation of rules involving Solar PV installations under the 2018 Canadian Electrical Code. The working group is comprised of Alberta solar installers, Safety Codes Officers and manufacturers' representatives.

Attached you will find the first 2 agreements that have been produced by this working group. One of the documents is about Rapid Shutdown equipment, the other is about PV racking approval. These follow up discussions at the February 2019 EIAA conference on these topics.

These agreements have no legal binding status. Look at this similar to agenda items at the EIAA annual technical conference where there is discussion on code interpretation, we come to a consensus and publish an outcome. These documents are designed to guide consistency of interpretation throughout the Province, however ultimately the final decision of interpretation lies with the SCO.

The wishes of this solar industry group is to take these forward to the Safety Codes Council for a Standata. We will present these (and others once developed) to the SCC's Electrical working group April 16th, then to the main body of the Electrical Sub Council. These documents will be for interim use until when/if a Standata is published.

On racking certification - to understand how the certification works for racking systems, we can use a parallel example we are all used to seeing as inspectors and electricians. When a control cabinet is built, it is assembled with components into an end-use product that is certified by a Certification Organization in the factory or inspected with a special inspection in the field. Solar racking is the same - all the parts - racks, modules and bonding parts are all considered components put together to create an end-product (a system) that is an approved assembly.

[Agreement Action item 5 Rapid Shutdown Equipment](#)

[Agreement Action item 7 Racking Equipment Approval](#)

Don Bradshaw
City of Airdrie

Day of Mourning

April 28 has been designated the **Day of Mourning**, a time when workers, families, and employers across Canada come together to remember those

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who were injured, disabled, or have lost their lives to work-related incidents or occupational diseases. In 1984, the Canadian Labour Congress first declared April 28th Canada's Day of Mourning. 2019 marks its 35th anniversary. Every year, the ACSA and its eight [Regional Safety Committees](#) co-host public ceremonies to honour the occasion. At each of the ceremonies and in workplaces across the nation, people observe a moment of silence at 11 o'clock.

It is as much a day to commemorate those workers whose lives have been lost or injured as it is a reminder to strengthen our resolve and establish safer work practices and conditions. Together we can work toward a safer workplace for all Albertans.

Information on events taking place across the province in 2019 will be made available [on this page](#) in due course.

Day of Mourning Activities in Your Region

Calgary

For more information contact CRSC@youracsa.ca

Edmonton

For more information contact ERSC@youracsa.ca

Grande Prairie

For more information contact GPRSC@youracsa.ca

Lethbridge

For more information contact LRSC@youracsa.ca

Lloydminster

For more information contact LakelandRSC@gmail.com

Parkland (Red Deer)

For more information contact PRSC@youracsa.ca

Wood Buffalo (Ft. McMurray)

For more information contact WBRSC@youracsa.ca

Industry News

Have you registered for Convention yet? Did you know that you can register for Training Day only? 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. If calling the hotel be sure to reference ECAA when

booking. **EARLY BIRD DEADLINE EXTENDED to April 30th, 2019.** [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, PCL

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

[SPONSORS](#)

Sponsorship Opportunities still available, click on the following link for more information [ECAA Convention Sponsor Opportunities](#)

Provincial, PEC and Chapter Call for Nominations mailed out with the Contactor. Be sure to attend these meetings to vote in your new Executive and acknowledge and thank out-going Executive. Contractor Members be sure to check your Contactor package for information on a proposed by-law change.

ECAA CONTRACTOR MEMBERS; PEC's, PEC Students; CME's/RME's. Two Town Hall meetings have been scheduled for **Wednesday, May 8th in Calgary** at the Best Western Port O'Call and **Wednesday, May 15th in Edmonton** at the Chateau Louis Hotel & Conference Center. Meetings will start at 5:30 pm and will include a light meal. All regulatory members (PEC's, PEC Students, CME's/RME's) are invited and encouraged to attend to discuss the future of our program. Agenda items will include scope of practice for an industry-required Subject Matter Expert (SME) and Business License Exemption (Section 40, POARA Legislation). All ECAA Contractor Members are encouraged to attend these meetings to review the proposed by-law change that pertains to this designation and certification. [TOWN HALL MEETING NOTICES](#)

Congratulations to Megan Turner, ES Stan Sunley Scholarship Recipient for 2018. The scholarship was donated by Stan Sunley, the first President of the Electrical Contractors Association of Alberta (1967-1969). This is an Edmonton Chapter scholarship awarded annually on the basis of high academic achievement to a student entering fourth year of the Human Resource Management program in the Alberta School of Business at the University of Alberta, and restricted to residents of Alberta.

Are you involved in upstream oil and gas production in Alberta? If so, you'll want to register for this free webinar! ACR (Alberta Chamber of Resources) is hosting an online Environmental Forum to discuss the topic of Reduction of Methane Leaks with Cassandra Schostek from the Alberta Energy Regulator. The methane regulatory requirements are found in Directive 060: Upstream Petroleum industry wells and facilities, as well as pipeline installations that convey gas and are licensed by the AER. Directive 060 does not apply to oil sands mining schemes and operations, or processing plants approved under section 11 of the Oil Sands Conservation Act. **April 17th, 2019 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm (MST)** [REGISTER HERE](#)

ECAA Breakfast Club partnered with MCA (Mechanical Contractors Association) will be hosting a session on **Conflict Management on May 1st (8:30 - 10:30 am) in our Provincial office in Edmonton.** [Conflict Management](#) To register for this seminar [CLICK HERE](#) This session qualifies for APD points.

Voting for 2019 Occupational Safety 4th Annual Readers Choice Awards is now open. Who are your favorite safety vendors and suppliers? Your name will be entered in a draw to win a \$100 Amazon Gift Card. This year suppliers in 16 different categories have been nominated. Winners will be announced in a special section of the August/September issue of Canadian Occupational Safety. **Voting is open until April 23rd.** [To cast your ballot click here.](#) **Does your organization have superpowers that improve employees' overall wellness and mental health?** Heed the call for the prestigious [Wellness](#) and [Psychological Safety](#) awards as part of the Canada's Safest Employers awards program
Nominations close May 24th.

10th Anniversary Eric Newell 'Kidz in Careers' Golf Classic is on July 4th, 2019 at the Heritage Pointe Golf Club in Calgary. Eric Newell, former Syncrude Canada CEO and CAREERS founding chair as a leader in the community Eric's steadfast commitment and continual advocacy for youth in Alberta has been nothing short of inspirational. To date this event has raised over \$900,000 thanks to the support of the Golf Classic. Help them crack the million dollar mark by participating in this event. Golf Registration includes 18 hole round of golf with cart; hot breakfast buffet; BBQ dinner and prizes following the tournament; "Kidz in Careers" golfer gift and chance to win prizes. To register or sponsor the event click on the following link <https://www.careersnextgen.ca/kicgolf/> **Early bird deadline May 1st.**

COAA (Construction Owners Association of Alberta) 27th Annual Best Practices Conference 2019 is taking place **May 7th & 8th** at the Edmonton Convention Centre (formerly Shaw Conference Centre). **ECAA is a proud sponsor of this event.** Registration and conference agenda information can be found at <https://www.coaa.ab.ca/conferences/best-practices-conference-2019/>

Registration open for the 2019 Supporting Women in Trades (SWiT) Conference June 17th & 18th, 2019 Westin Bayshore Vancouver, BC. Over two days CAF-FCA will highlight current initiatives for women in the trades and facilitate sharing of promising practices among change-makers from across Canada's skilled trades communities. Insights gathered at SWiT 2019 will inform CAF-FCA's National Strategy for Supporting Women in the Trades. Join and help identify practical action items for making tangible change. This strategy will help outline how the apprenticeship community will achieve the aspirational goals identified by female apprentices and tradeswoman in the Road Map to Supporting Women in the Trades. To register click on the following [link](#)

SAVE THE DATE: STARS 9th Annual Building Magic in the Air Gala Saturday, October 19th, 2019 at the Chateau Lacombe Hotel in Edmonton. The Prohibition themed evening will be dedicated to raising funds to help keep STARS in the sky. For more information visit www.buildingmagicgala.ca . If you would like to contribute towards our [silent auction](#) or interested in sponsoring this event please feel free to

reach out to Sheyanne slevall@stars.ca or by contacting Sheri smclean@ecaa.ab.ca or Christine chryniw@ecaa.ab.ca

ECAA is a proud sponsor and supporter of the Provincial Skills Competition. Click on the following link to read Skills Canada Spring 2019 newsletter **English version** - <https://conta.cc/2K2QyfN>

Provincial Board Update

A meeting was held on Friday, March 1st in the ECAA Provincial Office. President Tim Tarita called the meeting to order at 10:30. In attendance were Terry Barnett; Tim Brundage; Larry Cantelo (guest); Bob Clarke; Tim Fehr; Dave Hagen; Scott Hutton; Jay Kuystermans, PEC; Rob Little; Bob Maslanko, PEC; Andrew McGuire; Terry Milot; Susan Rockwood; Brandon Thoma, PEC; Darcy Teichroeb, PEC; Hans Tiedemann; and Sheri McLean, Recording Secretary. Agenda and Minutes were approved. Agenda items included correspondence from Honorable Brian Malkinson, Minister of Service of Alberta on prompt payment; update from John Knoll, PEC on EIAA conference; and an update from Gregg Whitty on the CECA website. New business included discussion on a National Solar PV Installer. CanSIA once again trying to establish a national subset of the electrical trade with introduction of solar PV installer certification program. Letter will be sent to CSA, CECA and Netco offering ECAA support against this redundant certification. Letter will be sent to Monica Curtis (CEO Energy Efficiency) and the Honourable Shannon Phillips (Minister of Environment & Parks) asking them to enforce the trade regulations regarding solar installations. It was stated that the City of Grande Prairie is against installation of solar by non-electricians. Ontario and Quebec are taking a national approach; Alberta needs to support electrical trade regulation. BDO in attendance to present year-end financials. January draft income statement was reviewed, as well as Wood Gundy investments. Membership and PEC applications were approved. Chapter and Committee reports submitted (see Issue 1, 2019 of the Contactor). Convention 2020 was discussed. Keven Lefebvre, PEC joined the Board in making a presentation on an ECAA sponsored Smoke Alarm program in Leduc County. ECAA will sponsor the On-call Firefighter Recruit graduation.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 pm. Next Provincial Board meeting will be held Thursday, May 9th, 2019 in Calgary.

Local Chapter Activity

CALGARY: Next meeting **Thursday, April 11th** Best Western Port O'Call Hotel. Pre-Meeting Presentation: 5:00 pm; Chapter Meeting/Dinner: 6:00 pm.

Pre-Meeting Topic: Dimming LED Fixtures

Presenter: Daniel Silverstein, Liteline/A.M. Agencies

Chapter Meeting Presentation Topic: 'Make Your Working Capital Work Harder: Finding hidden value in payments.'

Presenter: Curtis Austin, AMEX Canada

Meeting Sponsor: Scott White, PEC, Western Electrical Management

EDMONTON: Next Meeting **Monday, April 15th**, Chateau Louis Hotel & Conference Center. Pre-Meeting Presentation: 5:00 pm; Chapter Meeting/Dinner: 6:00 pm.

Pre-Meeting Topic: Subcontractor Default Insurance: Introduction for Sub Trades

Presenter: Peter Dempster, AON Risk Solutions

Chapter Meeting Presentation Topic: Off Grid Solar Basic Applications

Presenter: Eric Wiebe, Eecol

Meeting Sponsor: Steve Beeston, AON Risk Solutions

Thank you to our presenters at the Edmonton Chapter Industry night; here is a testimonial by incoming Chapter President, Jason Kuziw with Chermik Communications. [Testimonial ECAA Benefits - Jason Kuziw](#)

LETHBRIDGE: Next meeting is **Wednesday, April 10th Signature Sandman Lethbridge Lodge** 5:30 pm

Meeting Topic: Killing Me Softly: An Introduction to Occupational Hygiene

Presenter: Barry Lawrence, Bastion Safety Solutions

Meeting Sponsor: Trevor MacKay, Gescan

MEDICINE HAT: Next meeting is **Tuesday, April 9th Medicine Hat Lodge** 5:30 pm

Meeting Topic: Killing Me Softly: An Introduction to Occupational Hygiene

Presenter: Barry Lawrence, Bastion Safety Solutions

Meeting Sponsor: Larry Sebastian, Eecol

NORTH WEST: Meeting Date: Next meeting is **Thursday, April 25th**, Pomeroy Hotel, Grande Prairie 5:30 pm.

Meeting Topic: The Future of Smart Building and What Owners Are Asking For.

Presenter: Joe Davis, Johnson Controls

Meeting Sponsor: Joe Davis, Johnson Controls

FORT McMURRAY: REGISTRATION is now open for the Wood Buffalo Apprenticeship Classic Golf Tournament Wednesday, August 14th, 2019 taking place at the Miskinaw Golf Course in Fort McMurray. For more information and to register a team open the complete registration package [Wood Buffalo Apprenticeship Classic 2019](#) Proceeds raised at this tournament go directly to the Keyano College in the form of scholarships for 2nd & 3rd year students registered in the Electrical Apprenticeship program.

Professional Electrical Contractor (PEC) Courses

[2019 PEC Course Schedule and Registration](#)

Electrical Project Management Thursday, April 11th & Friday, April 12th, 2019 (Instructor: Rob Colclough, PEC)

(EDMONTON) 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.

Estimating & Finalizing the Tender Thursday, April 25th, 26th & Saturday, April 27th, 2019 (Instructor: Chris Reinert, PEC)

(CALGARY) 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.

Safety Principles May 2nd & Friday, May 3rd, 2019 (Instructor: Barry Lawrence) (EDMONTON)

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.***

Alberta Construction Association Update

ACA Calls for Hospital Project Payments to be Issued

In a letter dated April 5, 2019, ACA and our eight local member associations, have called on the Infrastructure Minister to resolve the issue of non payment to contractors over the Grande Prairie hospital project. This delay, up to 300 days late for some contractors, is putting the financial survival and livelihoods at risk.

Our member firms and associations appreciate the opportunity to work with the Province of Alberta to build the schools, hospitals, and other public

structures that serve their fellow Albertans. They often do so under challenging circumstances yet they rarely complain or seek the limelight. However, our associations have grown increasingly concerned about the financial impacts of the unresolved payments from the Grande Prairie hospital project.

We feel compelled to speak out on behalf of our members, their employees and their families.

Please [click here](#) for the full letter to the minister.

For more news and information visit <http://albertaconstruction.net/>

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

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