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Edmonton Chapter
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Wednesday, June 19th, 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

Wow! It happened. You voted me in as ECAA President for 2019-2020. (What were you thinking?!) I'm honored to serve all Members and Associates.



Thanks to our Past President, Mr. Tim Tarita for an outstanding year! His commitment and passion are second to none.

We just concluded our Convention & Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the amazing Jasper Park Lodge. What a venue! The AGM was very well attended, the training day was awesome, everyone I talked to was pleased with all aspects of the Convention. Thanks to all the speakers, sponsors, facilitators and members for their knowledge and input. Thanks to Sheri, Camille, Christine, Dorothy and Shannon for all they do!

Congratulations to our Award of Merit recipients, Steve Warholik and Sophie Schmaltz. Their hard work and dedication to this Association did not go unnoticed!

As the new President of the ECAA, I will do my very best to make this Association strong and united! I will be making my rounds throughout the province to hear any member concerns and issues.

ECAA Convention 2020 is now open for registration. Contact the ECAA Provincial Office to register. It will be an amazing time, 12 days on the

[ECAA BBQ](#)
[Register Here](#)

PEC COURSES

[2019 PEC Registration Form](#)

CODE COURSES

[Code Seminar Registration Form](#)

MEETINGS

September 12th, 2019
CALGARY CHAPTER
Best Western Port O'Call
Calgary, AB

Calgary Code

September 13th, 2019
Marriott Courtyard Airport

September 16th, 2019
EDMONTON CHAPTER
Chateau Louis Hotel &
Conference Center
Edmonton, AB

Edmonton Code

September 16th, 2019
ECAA Provincial Office

September 19th, 2019
NORTH WEST CHAPTER
Pomeroy Hotel
Grande Prairie

September 26th, 2019
FORT McMURRAY CHAPTER
Best Western Sawridge

[ECAA 2019-2020 Board of Directors](#)

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

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Norwegian ship called the Joy! Please come and join your fellow members on this trip, February 1st to 15th, 2020.

Thank you,

Terry Barnett
ECAA President

Respect the Past,
Embrace the Future.

2019 ECAA Convention

On behalf of Provincial Past President Tim Tarita thank you to all of our members and guests who attended a very successful Convention this past week in Jasper.

Congratulations to the newly elected 2019-2020 Provincial Board of Directors: Provincial President Terry Barnett; Vice President Tim Brundage; Treasurer Scott Hutton; Secretary Neil Moffatt; Past President: Tim Tarita; Labour Relations: Brian Halina; PEC Chair: Darcy Teichroeb, PEC Vice Chair: Eric Fadden, PEC; Director-Calgary: Chris Jardine; Director-Central: Darcy Teichroeb, PEC; Director-Edmonton: Jason Kuziw; Director-Fort McMurray: Tim Brundage; Director-Lethbridge: Tim Fehr; Director-North East: Keith Urlacher; Director-North West: Brandon Thoma, PEC; Director-at-Large (S): Andrew McGuire; Director-at-Large (N): Terry Milot; Public Members: Susan Rockwood & Hans Tiedemann.

Special thank you again, to the following Convention Sponsors:

DIAMOND: Federated Insurance

PLATINUM: ABB; Schneider Electric

GOLD: Aon Risk; Eaton; K&L Electric, PCL

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

BRONZE: Siemens; IBEW Local 424

Congratulations to this years Award Recipients:

Award of Merit: Sophie Schmaltz & Steve Warholik.

The purpose of the Electrical Contractors Association of Alberta's Award of Merit is to honour a person whose outstanding achievement is of such importance to the electrical contracting industry of Alberta that it is contributing to its human welfare and common good. The award shall be made once a year at the Electrical Contractors Association of Alberta's Annual Meeting and Convention. This year's recipients are both well deserving of this recognition.

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Lifetime Members: Brian Alexander; Randy Ancelet; Vlas Chrapavy; Morley Harke; Abe Reimer; Bill Shumard & Kelly Wilde

Lifetime Membership is an award bestowed upon an individual who has made significant contributions to the ECAA and the Electrical Industry by giving freely of his/her time and energy for the betterment of those worked with in the Industry. The Nominee must have served a minimum of 15 years continuously in good standing with the Association as either a member or a representative of a Member; served on a Board or Committee on behalf of the Association for a minimum of 10 years; contributed to the betterment of the Association; and has retired from a Member Company in the three years prior to his/her Nomination. It is understood that the nominee is encouraged to continue to contribute to the betterment of the Association.

Honorary Member: Ron Warholik

Honorary membership is granted normally only as an expression by the Association of its appreciation for distinguished services to or in the interests of the Association.

Thank you to Peter Saunders with Electrical Business Magazine for attending our event. See what he has to say here in his feature article:

<https://www.ebmag.com/blog/2019-ecaa-convention-highlights-code-rules-safety-logic-and-integrated-systems-20805>

Save the Date: ECAA Technical Training Day, AGM, Awards Luncheon & Gala May 28th - 30th, 2020 JW Marriott Hotel, Edmonton.

A Message from your 2019 Award of Merit Recipients

THANK YOU ECAA. Thank you so very much for the incredible honor and nomination for the AWARD OF MERIT. It has been quite the ride over the past 30+ years! There have been so many laughs and wonderful memories!

To the Calgary Chapter-thank you to "the boys" and the entire membership - you are in my heart forever!

I must again thank our Executive Director and my friend, Sheri McLean. Not only have we formed a great ECAA association, but an outstanding family friendship.

To our ECAA family, thank you for your friendship and support to Perry and myself over the years. It is a great source of pride that our son, Paul, has followed his dad into the electrical profession and is a proud PEC member.

It was wonderful to see the many new faces at our Convention and AGM-a fantastic testament to the strength and voice of the ECAA in the Province of Alberta. Trust me when I say you will never regret your decision to become a part of this great association.

With much appreciation and gratitude.

Sophie Schmaltz

Recently I attended the Convention and AGM in Jasper and was happy to see such good attendance. I was totally surprised at the nomination for the Award of Merit for the work I do as Provincial Membership Chair. Without the help of Sheri, Camille, Christine, Dorothy, Shannon, Tammy, all the Chapter Presidents, Provincial Presidents, Associates and Contractors this award would not be possible. So, I thank all of you; I accept this award for all of us.

Provincial Membership Chair

Steve Warholik

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 Provincial Secretary Neil Moffatt

Company: 34 years and counting with Canem Systems Ltd. Currently serving as Director - Health, Safety, Environment

Family Members: Spouse - Teraca, Children - Alexandra (28), Tyler (25)
When and how did you start in the industry: 1983 - with good friend Gene Sale (Gendar Electrical Systems - Red Deer)

Favorite hobbies: Camping, Golf, Curling, Fishing

Favorite TV show: Sports

Favourite Sports Team: Calgary Stampeders and Flames

Most memorable vacation: 1988 Rugby Tour to UK (England, Scotland, Ireland) as a guest player with the Calgary Police Rugby Club

Affiliations with other associations: Past Chair - Alberta Construction Safety Association; Presiding Officer - Provincial Apprenticeship Committee (PAC) - Electrician; Director - Alberta Midget Hockey League

Any word of advice to new electrical apprentices: Ask questions; Demonstrate a desire to learn; Be a team player; Listen

Favorite ECAA memory: 2019 AGM event held in Jasper

Best part of ECAA is: Opportunity to meet, socialize, and work with industry colleagues on issues that affect the Electrical industry

Industry News

Join us for our annual Summer BBQ! Wednesday, June 19th at the ECAA Provincial Office from 3:30 - 6:30 pm. Bring your spouse, family, co-workers and friends, all are welcome. [BBQ Invite](#)

Congratulations to Terry Milot who has been elected to sit on the Alberta Energy Efficiency Alliance Board of Directors representing the Electrical Contractors Association of Alberta. First board meeting is scheduled for June 20th. If you have any issues or concerns you would like addressed please email smclean@ecaa.ab.ca or Terry directly at tmilot@chemco-elec.com

ECAA would like to extend a huge congratulations to Moe Eissa on his Lead by Example White Hat Award and to Jenny Gulaga, Exceptional Server (North) employees of the Best Western Port of Call where our Calgary Chapter meetings are held. Both are well deserving of the recognition they received at the 57th annual Calgary White Hat Award ceremony, honouring Calgary's tourism industry. [Calgary Herald 57th Annual White Hat Award Winners](#)

Congratulations to the Provincial Skills competition winners Peter Viersen (post-secondary Electrical) and Noah Nowochin (secondary Electrical). Congratulations to all of the competitors that participated in the Provincial Skills Competitions. For a complete list of the results from the competitions [click here](#).

Still spots available in the Electrical IP Red Seal Refresher Course (Calgary) June 10-14, 2019 (5 days Intensive) also available in class/via Skype and **Master Electrician Exam Preparation Course (Edmonton)** September 16th - 20th, 2019 also available via Skype. For more information or to register visit <http://www.atticanada.com/> or via email programs@atticanada.com

Alberta Chamber of Resources Mid-Year Meeting June 20th, 2019. Regulatory Enhancement & Modernization, Releasing Innovation and Investment. *The Panelist:* **Tristan Goodman** (Explorers & Producers Association of Canada); **Martha Hall Findlay** (Canada West Foundation); **Mark Wittrup** (Clifton Associates). **Keynote Speaker Mr. Mac Van Wielingen** (Founder of Arc Resources Ltd) 8:00 am - 12:00 pm \$75 pp. The meeting will focus on the theme of "regulatory reform and enhancement", a key part to unleashing the potential of Alberta's resource sector. By improving our regulatory system, we can provide certainty, clarity, timeliness to the regulatory approval process while unleashing innovation and efficiency by focusing on societal and environmental objectives rather than a "how to" prescriptive approach. This meeting will feature a line up of speakers on the subject of regulatory reform, what needs to be done and how it can be achieved. This will be a great opportunity to find out what's going on with the future of regulations in Alberta and add your voice to the discussion.

Energy Transition Leadership Network Meeting. Friday, June 21st, 2019. Breakfast served between 8:15 am/event from 8:30 am - 10:30 am

Stantec Tower, 10220 103 Avenue NW Edmonton. **Purpose:** Edmonton's Energy Transition Leadership Network consists of representatives from community organizations and local leaders who share the City of Edmonton's concern about climate change and its passion for innovative solutions. The members meet quarterly to identify opportunities for energy transition leaders to collaborate on common goals and together make Edmonton a more energy sustainable and resilient city. To sign up and for future invitations click on the [following link](#)

IES Edmonton's Second Annual Pitch & Putt Tournament. Friday, June 14th, 2019 at Dragon's Head Par 3 Golf Course. The tournament is open to anyone in the local electrical industry who is interested in a fun networking event, regardless of IES membership. Engineers, architects, designers, electrical wholesalers, electrical contractors, lighting agents, and anyone else interested are encouraged to help support the event. Please keep in mind that Dragon's Head is an easy course for all levels of golfers, even those who have never golfed before. For more information or to register click on the [following link](#)

2019 IES Calgary Golf Tournament Monday, June 17th, 2019 (7:30 am - 4:00 pm) Blue Devil Golf Club. The golf tournament has been moved to an earlier date this year to take advantage of warmer weather & facilitate a rounder event schedule. In reflection to the change in date, IES was able to reduce the cost of the tournament by 25%! There are no sponsorship spots this year due to the IES hosting two tournaments within one year. Play will be a 4-person scramble format as in previous years. Tee off is at 8:00AM sharp and there will be a live auction after the round of golf! For more information and to register click on the following form [2019 IES Calgary Golf Tournament](#)

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

Apprenticeship Update

Technical training for the **POWER SYSTEMS ELECTRICIAN** apprenticeship program is on partial suspension at NAIT, and will alternate between offering either third or fourth period each year beginning with third period.

Since the start of the economic downturn in 2015, apprentices have been hit hard by layoffs and weakening job prospects. With fewer job opportunities, enrollment in technical training has declined in many apprenticeship programs across the province, with several programs operating below sustainable levels.

Apprenticeship and Industry Training constantly monitors demand for technical training programs at post-secondary institutions and, if possible, adjusts seat allocations to match industry demand. When demand is

consistently low, technical training may be suspended at one or more institutions or across the entire province.

Due to low enrollment, five apprenticeship programs will have technical training temporarily suspended, and nine apprenticeship programs will have technical training consolidated to one post-secondary institute or available only in specific periods. These changes will be effective in the 2019/2020 academic year. Please visit the [Training Catalogue](#) on the Tradesecrets website to see the schedule for all apprenticeship programs.

If the technical training component for an apprenticeship program is temporarily unavailable, apprentices can continue to advance in their program and receive certification by working with their employer to learn on-the-job, using the knowledge requirements and competencies outlined in their record book.

[A list of alternate pathways to certification for apprentices is available here.](#)

All technical training suspensions are considered temporary and will continue to be monitored by Advanced Education. Training could be re-instated if demand returns to a sustainable level. If so, apprentices will be notified.

Provincial Board Update

A Board meeting was held on Thursday, May 9th at the Best Western Port of Call in Calgary. President Tim Tarita called the meeting to order at 12:30. In attendance were Terry Barnett; Tim Brundage; Darrell Castor, PEC; Bob Clarke; Joe Davis; Tim Fehr; Dave Hagen; Scott Hutton; Jay Kuystermans, PEC; Jeff Light, PEC; Rob Little; Bob Maslanko, PEC; Andrew McGuire; Terry Milot; Susan Rockwood; Brandon Thoma, PEC; Darcy Teichroeb, PEC; Hans Tiedemann; Darrell Warholik; Steve Warholik; and Sheri McLean, Recording Secretary.

Agenda items included approval of minutes; an update from Joe Davis on a fire alarm course; correspondence items which included a ruling from Service Alberta directing Alberta Electrical Association to change their name or appeal by June 17, 2019, as "the Alberta Electrical Association is too similar to Electrical Contractors Association of Alberta which can be misleading and cause confusion" and a request to have ECAA at the Leduc County Fire Services Recruit graduation on May 25th and assist with the Top Recruit presentation. New business included discussion on expanding the ECAA boardroom, ways for increasing revenue and reducing costs; 60/90 overdue invoices; outstanding memberships; ECAA investments; and a review of the march financials. Fifteen new membership and seven PEC applications were approved. Chapter Presidents and Committee Chairs provided reports. President Tarita thanked Andrew McGuire and Jay Kuystermans for their terms as Chapter Presidents, as well as Darrell Castor for his participation as Director-at-Large (S) and Bob Maslanko, as PEC chair. All agreed it was a privilege to serve this industry. Terry Milot expressed thanks to Alberta Counsel for an introduction to the new government and who key players are. Alberta Counsel will assist with advocating issues on behalf of not-for-profits. ICF is making a proposal to the Cities of Edmonton and Calgary to study electric vehicle (EV) charging stations (ECAA will act in a consulting role). ECAA asked for a seat on the Alberta Energy Efficiency Alliance (AEEA). AEEA required a nominee

(would not give ECAA the seat or let us name someone later). Terry Milot was nominated and successfully elected (Congratulations Terry).

E-Pro Network. Regulation changing as to who is qualified to do solar. Question asked if an electrical permit can be taken out without person being a master electrician and response was yes (except for solar). Homeowner should not be able to do EV (load calculation required). ECAA will consult the Government advocating for safety for all Albertans.

A presentation was made to the Board by the Boom Group on custom branded membership cards with benefits available to ECAA members. As this is a benefit currently being provided by another association to our members, ECAA will not compete.

The ECAA Provincial BBQ and next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 19th at the ECAA office. Welcome new Chapter chairs, Chris Jardine (Calgary) and Jason Kuziw (Edmonton). Registration is now open for Convention 2020. Meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm.

New Members

Welcome New Members!

Contractor Members: Crew Electrical Ltd. (Edmonton); FWL Electric (Edmonton); New Horizon Power & Controls (Edmonton); Postma Group (Red Deer)

Journey person Associate Members: Neal Fitzgerald (High River); Mike Reinhart (Edmonton); Dirk Rotzal (Calgary); Benjamin Skelding (Fort McMurray); Ryan Warholik (Spruce Grove)

Associate Members: Ace Trades & Technical Institute (Surrey); Code Electric Products (Port Coquitlam); Corning Optical Communications (Calgary)

PEC News

Congratulations on achieving professional status and successfully becoming Professional Electrical Contractors!

Sharon Fieber, PEC #366

Brock Galecki, PEC #367

Sean Gray, PEC #368

Gilbert Laviolette, PEC #369

Jason Luedee, PEC #370

Jesse Mailloux, PEC #371

Christa Youngman, PEC #372

Local Chapter Activity

CALGARY: Next meeting **Thursday, September 12th** Best Western Port O'Call Hotel. Pre-Meeting Presentation: 5:00 pm; Chapter Meeting/Dinner: 6:00 pm.

SAVE THE DATE: *Calgary Chapter Christmas Gala* hosted by Chapter President Chris & Claire Jardine. Saturday, December 7th at the Marriott Hotel Downtown Calgary.

EDMONTON: Next Meeting **Monday, September 16th**, Chateau Louis Hotel & Conference Center. Pre-Meeting Presentation: 5:00 pm; Chapter Meeting/Dinner: 6:00 pm.

SAVE THE DATE: 30th Annual Bob Carson Classic Golf Tournament
Wednesday, September 11th, 2019 at the Highlands Golf Course.

FORT McMURRAY: Next Meeting **Thursday, September 26th**, Best Western Sawridge Chapter Meeting/Dinner: 6:00 pm.

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.

NORTH WEST: Next Meeting **Thursday, September 19th**, Pomeroy Hotel Grande Prairie. Meeting Presentation: 5:00 pm; Chapter Meeting/Dinner: 6:00 pm.

Professional Electrical Contractor (PEC) Courses

[2019 PEC Course Schedule and Registration](#)

Electrical Project Management Thursday, June 13th & Friday, June 14th, 2019 (Instructor: Rob Colclough, PEC

)(CALGARY) 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, September 12th, 13th & 14th, 2019 (Instructor: Chris Reinert, PEC) (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.

Safety Principles Thursday, September 19th & Friday, September 20th, 2019 Instructor: Barry Lawrence (CALGARY) 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.

Basic Electrical Estimating Thursday, September 26th & Friday, September 27th, 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.

****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 Member Benefit

ECAA Members will now receive a discount through EPIC (Educational Programs Innovations Center).

ECAA members can access EPIC courses using the [following link](#). **Members are eligible to receive 10% off using the discount code ECAA.**

Almost all of EPIC's courses qualify for APD points for PEC's; Continuing Education Units (CEU's) and Professional Development Hours (PDH's).

Online Training

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- ESTS Electrical Worker USA
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- 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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