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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

Summer is here and away we go construction season! Well in some areas it is not going to happen this year, and very quiet in the rural areas! Looks like the bigger centers have some projects to pass the time. But enough about the slow recovery and time to think positive we have pipe line approval, this should start some spin off work!



The ECAA had it's summer open house with a great turn out. There was a good mix of members and guests in attendance. I am looking forward to the All Aboard the Melbourne 930 Streetcar tour a top the High Level Bridge on August 8th 2019.

Also, I hope see a good turn at the Wood Buffalo Apprenticeship Classic Golf Tournament in Fort McMurray on August 14th. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. For more information contact [Dwayne Blanchard](#) or [Tim Brundage](#). You can also contact the ECAA office for more information on both events.

Calendar of Events

- Edmonton Chapter
- High Level Brews/Streetc
- Thursday, August 8th, 20
- [High Level Brews/Streetcar](#)
- [REGISTER HERE](#)
- 30th Annual Bob Carsor
- Classic Golf Tournamen
- Wednesday, September 1'

It's time to think about the 2020 ECAA out of country Convention taking place February 2nd to the 14th. Experience the Dutch Caribbean's understated beauty on a 12-day cruise of the Caribbean & Panama Canal on the Norwegian Joy cruise ship. If you would like to join my wife and I on this once in a life time trip please visit the [ECAA web site](#) for more information. Final payment due September 16th, 2019.

Thanks to the ladies in the office for all they do; they are the heart of this Association!

[30th Anniversary Bob Cars Classic](#)

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PEC COURSES

[2019 PEC Registration Fo](#)

CODE COURSES

New August date added

[Code Seminar Registrati
Form](#)

MEETINGS

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

Calgary Code

September 13th, 2019
Marriott Courtyard Airpor

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 CHAPTEF
Pomeroy Hotel
Grande Prairie

September 26th, 2019
FORT McMURRAY CHAPT
Best Western Sawridge

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Directors](#)

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meet our Provincial Bo
of Directors

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Thank you,

Terry Barnett
ECAA President

Respect the Past,
Embrace the Future.

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 Edmonton Chapter President Jason Kuziw

Company: Chermik Communications Ltd. / Chermik Group Inc.

Family Members: Francine (Wife), Anastasia (Daughter - 4), Bella (Daughter - 6)

When and how did you start in the industry: Chermik started as a Family Business - so basically most of my life. Dad started the business as a hobby in '93, servicing computers and getting companies and people connected to the web. I started occasionally helping my dad in about '97 - working on people's computers, teaching them how to use them, and developing websites. At the time, I was pretty interested in computers (including building and programming), so it was a natural fit. With the ubiquitous placement of personal computers in the work place, businesses had the requirement to network these computers, and as such, the business eventually morphed into structured cabling (voice & data), and then not much later - fibre optic. I remember spending part of my 16th birthday visiting a customer with my Dad. The setting was at a telecom central office, which had the coolest tech one could ever imagine at the time!!! It was pretty cool, because our customer explained - in great detail - what some of this equipment did. My first real industry experience came during spring and summer holidays in 2001, and then during the teacher's strike. At that point, we were working fibre optic deployment for Bell on the Alberta Supernet project. I started full time in the industry in 2003 as a communication tech and have grown with the business ever since.

Favorite hobbies: Snowboarding, homebrewing, fishing, cooking, golf

Favorite TV show: Old Network TV: Seinfeld, X-Files, Fringe - New Network TV: Bull - Good Eats (On Food Network) - Netflix has some pretty cool content as well.

Favourite Sports Team: Edmonton Oilers

Most memorable vacation: Wedding & Honeymoon in Mazatlan, Mexico. It was a lot of fun, and we were blessed to have a number of family members able to attend.

Affiliations with other associations: Not Yet

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Any word of advice to new electrical apprentices: Pay attention and try to learn as much as possible from the older generation in the workforce while we still have them with us. The industry is going to suffer a great loss as experienced Electricians retire.

Favorite ECAA memory: Cooking with Rod

Best part of ECAA is: The opportunity to connect with other like-minded individuals and organizations.

Industry News

Edmonton High Level Brews & Tour Thursday, August 8th, 2019. All aboard the Melbourne 930 Streetcar 4:45 pm Strathcona Bus Barns. This 90 minute tour will take you across the High Level bridge and back in time as a representative from the Edmonton Radial Railway Society will speak on the rich history of Edmonton's Streetcars. Enjoy a 'cold one' along the way supplied by Situation Brewing. Upon return, a 3 block walk to Situation Brewing who will present another craft beer, apps and more socializing. Brewery tours upon request. Cost is \$45/person *space is limited. [High Level Brews & Tour Info](#) Reserve online: <http://events.ecaa.ab.ca/events/rails-brews-thursday-august-8-2019/>

Join us as we celebrate the 30th Annual Bob Carson Classic Golf Tournament at the Highlands Golf course on **Wednesday, September 11th, 2019.** [Registration is now open!](#) **30th Anniversary Bob Carson Classic** Sponsorship opportunities available; contact chryniw@ecaa.ab.ca or smclean@ecaa.ab.ca

In recognition of 48 years of dedicated service as a trustee, the Trust Funds has dedicated their new Annex in the name of Arthur O R Thormann. **Congratulations!**

Mike Reinhart has been elected as the next Business Manager of the IBEW Local Union 424.

On behalf of Terry Milot, ECAA Provincial Legislation Chair and Chair of the Alberta Trade Contractors Coalition To ensure best options for our members, your assistance is required. If you have contracts you are willing to share, please email directly to russ@mca-ab.com as soon as possible (black out pertinent information). An ATCC lawyer will review, identify the risky clauses, re-write them and make available exclusive to our ECAA members so that you can negotiate with confidence. We believe that this support from ATCC and ECAA will save members time and money. While you may still ask your lawyer to review some contracts, most clauses will have been reviewed by our industry expert. Thanking you in advance. [Request for Contractors](#)

At the **2019 Provincial Skills Canada Competition**, 60 competitors were invited to join Team Alberta for the 2019 Skills Canada National Competition in Halifax, Nova Scotia. After two intense days of competition, Team Alberta received medals in 31 competition areas - 8 gold, 8 silver, and 15 bronze. [Check out Team Alberta Results here](#)

Call for Nominations deadline extended! We know that people are especially busy at this time of year, and we want to make sure that everyone had an opportunity to submit a nomination. **The call will be open until July 31, 2019.** There are now six additional weeks for interested nominators to assemble a nomination for consideration for a Canada's Volunteer Award. Please take this time to consider the people and

organisations around you doing amazing volunteer work that lifts up their communities. Thank you for helping us support and recognize the significant contributions of individual volunteers, non-profit organizations, businesses and social enterprises across the country! Follow CVA on social media Twitter [@SocDevSoc](#), Facebook [@SocialDevelopmentCanada](#) and Instagram [@esdc.edsc](#) for all the latest news.

The National Electrical Trade Council (NETCO) provides a national forum for inter-provincial/territorial collaboration in developing a certified, highly skilled and mobile workforce to meet the needs of the electrical industry. Jointly sponsored by IBEW Canada and the Canadian Electrical Contractors Association, NETCO is funded by industry partners across Canada. **NETCO 2019 Training Conference "Promoting Apprenticeship Success from Coast to Coast" (August 10 & 11, 2019, Vancouver, BC)** Registration is 90% sold! This year's conference will be in conjunction with the IBEW All Canadian Progress Meeting, which will commence on August 12th. NETCO still has sponsorship opportunities available. Please contact NETCO Executive Director Melissa Young at Melissa.Young@netco.org to lock in your sponsorship now or visit the website to view sponsorship opportunities at <http://www.cvent.com/events/netco-2019-training-conference/custom-19-192d791220134936b7f7519cebd9df6a.aspx>

SAIT's 2019 School of Construction 24th Annual Golf Classic in support of Education. Springbank Links Golf Club: Thursday, August 15th, 2019. Registration @ 7:30 am; Shot gun @ 8:30 am. For more information contact Jorge Torres @ (403) 284-8858 or soc.golf@sait.ca
Sponsorship along with any golfers you might like to add here: <https://secureca.imodules.com/s/1615/gid2/18/interior.aspx?sid=1615&gid=2&pgid=4856&cid=12777>

ACE Trades and Technical Institute (ATTI) is offering a Master Electrician Course in Edmonton September 16th - 21st, 2019; 14926 118 Ave NW, Edmonton, AB T5V 1B8. Instructor: Supneet Chawla P.Eng., PMP Course Fee: \$1575. 00 + GST. This course is also available via skype. For more information or to register contact info@atticanada.com or by calling 1-855-471-3926. [Master Electrician Prep Course Flyer Sept 16 2019](#)

Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA), Alberta Division at Alberta's leading workplace mental health conference. Working Stronger * Work/Life Balance: Fact or Fiction? is two days of networking, information exchange and dialogue that will advance our efforts to support healthier workplaces across the province. It brings together the most creative and inspiring mental health thinkers and leaders in the field.

The conference - October 28 & 29, 2019 at the Chateau Lacombe in Edmonton - will feature [keynote speakers](#), [workshops](#), [panels](#), [presentations](#), [training opportunities](#) and [exhibits](#). With a focus on workplace and personal wellness, occupational health and safety and law, and lived experiences, mental health leaders, researchers, people with lived experience, employers, managers, human resources professionals and occupational health and safety (OHS) workers will come together to advance thinking and practice in mental health in the workplace. This conference is for employers and employees who wish to make a difference in workplace health. All organizational sizes and sectors will benefit from the tools and resources shared during the conference. [Register today](#) as space is limited.

Electrical Business Industry Survey. When you work in the electrical trades, you may wonder if you are being paid enough or charging enough for your services. This short survey (estimated time to complete: 4 minutes) is intended to help address

these questions in a cross-Canada context. Your responses will be valuable in clarifying the state of the industry, with the results to be reported in our August 2019 Buyers' Guide. **You also have the option to enter a draw to win a \$500 VISA gift card for completing the survey!** Please note, all your information will be kept confidential. (We will not even tell anyone else if you win the gift card, unless you would like them to know.) On behalf of Electrical Business, thank you for participating. Click on the link to get started. **Deadline to participate is July 8th. To participate in the survey [CLICK HERE](#)**

Provincial Board Update

A Board meeting was held on Thursday, June 19th at the ECAA office. President Terry Barnett called the meeting to order at 10:30 am. In attendance were Shani Ahmad (guest), Tim Brundage; Bob Clarke; Eric Fadden, PEC; Tim Fehr; Dave Hagen, Scott Hutton; Chris Jardine; Jason Kuziw; Terry Milot; Neil Moffatt; Chris Rauschning, PEC; Tim Tarita; Darcy Teichroeb, PEC; Brandon Thoma, PEC; Hans Tiedemann, Darrell Warholik, Steve Warholik, Keith Urlacher and Mrs. Sheri McLean (Recording Secretary). Agenda items included approval of Minutes from May 19th meeting. Update on Fire Alarm course; Compass Pre-Qualification Program; Chapter Presidents meetings; review of Convention 2019, Chapter and Committee reports.

Correspondence items included notification from Alberta Apprenticeship & Industry Programs and Standards that the Power Systems Electrician program at NAIT in on partial suspension due to low enrollment. Five apprenticeship programs will have technical training temporarily suspended; nine will have technical training consolidated to one post-secondary institute or only available in specific periods. These changes will be effective in the 2019/2020 academic year. Visit Training Catalogue on the tradesecrets website to see the schedule for all apprenticeship programs. Inquiry whether ECAA will push for a review of the process allowed to remove a meter to facilitate main breaker/fuse or panel replacement. This issue will go to the Electrical Sub-Council where utility people can provide feedback. Thank you received from Honorable Nate Glubish on his appointment as Minister to Service Alberta. Thank you received for ECAA sponsorship of Construction Owners Association (COAA) of Alberta 27th Best Practices Conference. Request for participation on ACA to develop Physical Demand Analysis (PDA's) for their group.

New Business included Board approval of the PEC Committees nominated at the PEC Annual General Meeting and upcoming Board meeting dates. Treasurer reviewed 60/90 overdue invoices; Wood Gundy investment portfolio for May; May financials without Labour revenue for the month. Membership applications were approved (see back cover of Contactor welcoming them). Chapter and Committee reports were presented (see Issue 2 of Contactor for detailed reports). Presentation to Board by Catherine Whyte on ECAA's insurance plan. Lot of positive feedback on ECAA's 2019 Convention and Training Day. Thanks to all that attended the BBQ that afternoon. Wood Buffalo Apprenticeship Golf Classic is confirmed for August 17th. Funds are going to 2nd and 3rd year electrical apprentices at Keyano College. Board encouraged to participate. Meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm.

New Members

Welcome New Members!

Contractor Members: Arc Electrical (Calgary)

Associate Members: AES Engineering (Edmonton); Keyano College (Fort McMurray)

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.

Chapter Meeting Presenter: Curtis Austin, American Express Canada

Topic of Presentation: Make your Working Capital Work Harder

REGISTRATION OPEN: 30th Annual Bob Carson Classic Golf Tournament Wednesday, September 11th, 2019 at the Highlands Golf Course.

Register online: <http://events.ecaa.ab.ca/events/30th-annual-bob-carson-classic-golf-tournament/>

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](#)

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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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 August 2nd, 2019.



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