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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

Well, school is back in session and the farmers are in the fields, so that means summer has come to an end! I hope that everyone had some relaxing time to themselves.



September will be a busy month with the Provincial Board meeting on September 10th, then the 30th Annual Bob Carson Classic, followed by the Calgary Chapter meeting on September 12th, the Edmonton Chapter meeting on September 16th, North West on September 19th, then to round out the month with Fort McMurray on the 26th.

I am looking forward to getting out and connecting with our members and future members to see if the Province has picked up and also to hear their concerns and ideas.

I do see a little more activity in the North East, but not like it should be. Calgary is moving along, as is Edmonton, but not as well as we would like! The Province as a whole is still feeling the economic slowdown, and now more red tape with the pipeline.

I was honoured to be invited to the Wood Buffalo Apprentice Classic in Fort McMurray. There was a great turnout and a beautiful day for golf. Thank you to Tim Brundage for a great time!

CODE SEMINARS

New Dates Added!

Edmonton Code

November 18th, 2019
ECAA Provincial Office

December 16th, 2019
ECAA Provincial Office

Calgary Code

September 13th, 2019
Marriott Courtyard Airport

November 15th, 2019
Marriott Courtyard Airport

[Code Seminar Registration Form](#)

MEETINGS

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

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

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](#)

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meet our Provincial Board
of Directors

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There is still room for you on the 2020 out of Country Convention, but time is running out! Registration deadline for Convention is September 16th.

Thanks,

Terry Barnett
ECAA President

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 Calgary Chapter President Chris Jardine

Company: HighLine Electrical Constructors LTD

Family Members: Wife: Claire - Kids Ben 15 yrs and Abby 14 yrs

When and how did you start in the industry: Started in Electrical after leaving school at 16, became a journeyman in the UK at the age of 18 and started in a foreman role on projects over \$2 mil at 21. Immigrated to Canada at 23 with my wife Claire. Working in the electrical trade around Calgary and southern Alberta, until 2005 when I started with HighLine and quickly moved into the office and became an owner.

Favorite hobbies: Hunting, Fishing, Golf - working too much lol

Favorite TV show: Coronation Street obviously

Favourite Sports Team: Calgary Flames

Most memorable vacation: Florida - bringing the family from the UK together.

Affiliations with other associations: none

Any word of advice to new electrical apprentices: Don't get pigeon holed at one company, move around and get as much experience as possible, in as many areas as possible.

Favorite ECAA memory: AGM in Edmonton, golfing at The Ranch with a great bunch of guys

Best part of ECAA is: meeting others in the industry, feeling that you're not alone in some of the struggles in the industry.

[Industry News](#)

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Why be moody when you can shake your booty? ECAA has arranged a variety of dance classes in our newly expanded boardroom. **Upcoming dates are October 5th (ballroom) and November 7th (with dates confirmed from January - April 2020).** Please email ecaa@ecaa.ab.ca if interested and we will poll members on the types of dance they wish offered. **Cost is \$25 a person per session** which will include 1.5 hour class time, followed by refreshments, food and networking. Join us for an evening of fun and laughter.

NEW Code Dates Added! Reference the [Code Registration Form](#) for more information.

Electrical Inter Provincial Red Seal Journeyman Challenge Exam Prep Course September 30th - October 4th, 2019 5 day Intensive; 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. Location: ECAA Provincial Office (17725 103 Avenue, Edmonton, AB) Cost: \$1575 (incl taxes) ***Preferred Price for ECAA Members! Be sure to reference ECAA when registering for a significant discount. *Course also available via skype. To register and for more information please contact info@atticanada.com or call toll free 1-855-471-3926. This course is being offered by Ace Trades & Technical Institute. [IP Red Seal Prep Course Flyer](#)

ECAA Breakfast Club with MCA. Join Julanna Cantwell for [Customer Service Excellence](#) Thursday, September 26th, 2019; 8:30 am - 10:30 am at the ECAA Provincial Office. For more information on this session [click here](#) . To register for this session visit ECAA's events page by clicking on the following link: <http://events.ecaa.ab.ca/events/breakfast-club-sept-26-customer-service-excellence/>

STARS Building Magic in the Air Gala Saturday, October 19th, 2019 Chateau Lacombe Hotel in Edmonton. [Tickets on sale now! Click Here](#) to purchase tickets. Have fun at this years Prohibition themed event. If you would like to donate an item towards the Silent Auction or Centerpiece baskets please email smclean@ecaa.ab.ca or chryniw@ecaa.ab.ca

ECAA Group Benefits Plan News. We are pleased to announce that the ECAA is partnering with two major group benefits companies in Alberta, **Canwest Group Benefit Consultants** and **Clearpoint Benefits Solutions** to promote the ECAA group benefits plan. These two groups take care of over 1100 companies in Alberta and the Northwest Territories and have extensive experience in group plans with a staff of 10 dedicated to helping plan administrators and your employees. Through **Cathy Whyte** and **Sheryl Janke** we will continue our association with Sun Life and all the resources that a large insurer can offer; however will continue to market for the **best, most cost effective group benefits plan for our members.** From 1 person to 1000, coverage is available and they can help you. Call **Cathy at 780-930-4272** or **Sheryl at 780-778-3953** for a quote or further information.

City of Calgary lays Alberta Fire Code charges. The City of Calgary has laid 65 charges for Alberta Fire Code violations against the life safety system provider Premium Fire Protection Ltd. and 10 of the company's employees. In addition, 15 charges for Alberta Fire Code violations were laid against several large retail outlets that retained the services of Premium Fire Protection Ltd. These charges follow an intensive seven-month investigation by Calgary Fire Safety Codes Officers. The investigation is ongoing with the possibility of more charges being laid.

The Alberta Fire Code violations are related to installation of the following life safety systems by unqualified and uncertified persons:

- Fire alarm and voice communications systems
- Portable fire extinguishers
- Special fire suppression systems

Life safety systems are the front line of detection and suppression from fire and safety incidents. Companies and people providing life safety system services are responsible to comply with all requirements of the Alberta Fire Code. [To continue reading the full article CLICK HERE.](#)

ECAA Congratulates Edmonton Chapter Member CMN Electrical Ltd. on celebrating **30 years** in business. Wishing CMN continued success.

IBEW's Chris Taran earns NETCO's annual Leadership Excellence Award. The National Electrical Trade Council (NETCO), jointly sponsored by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Canada and the Canadian Electrical Contractors Association (CECA), presented its 2019 Leadership Excellence Award to Chris Taran, RSE, at its training conference in Vancouver. The annual award honours industry professionals across Canada for outstanding contributions to success in apprenticeship and continuing electrical training. Taran is director of apprenticeship and training at IBEW Local 2085 in Winnipeg. Prior to joining IBEW 2085, Taran worked in the electrical trades for more than 20 years and earned his certification of qualification as a construction electrician and his diploma as a technical vocational instructor. In his current role, he manages pre-employment classes, champions Red Seal occupational standards, promotes the skilled trades, has helped develop a virtual reality (VR) orientation program for new construction workers, volunteers for Skills Canada and speaks at high schools and career symposiums. *"Mr. Taran is a leader in innovation and leadership to electrical apprenticeship,"* says NETCO treasurer and CECA president David Mason. ***Congratulations on this achievement!***

Thank you to **Larry Gatner** for his many years of services as an Education Trustee with Employment Benefit Funds Administration (EBFA). ECAA wishes Larry all the best on his retirement as a Trustee.

During his 24 years at Federated Insurance, **Wayne Connelly** held several key positions prior to assuming the role of President in 2013. From the very beginning, Wayne had an appreciation for the value of our many outstanding relationships with trade associations affiliated with our target markets. To support the Federated management team as Wayne has decided to step down; George Halkiotis, EVP Claims, Northbridge Financial, will step into the role as interim President of Federated Insurance. George is very familiar with Federated having started his career there 34 years ago and was part of the Federated management team before he took on his current role. George assumed the role on August 15th and is now based in the Federated Mississauga office. ***We wish Wayne Connelly all the best in his new endeavors and congratulate George Halkiotis on his new position with Federated.***

Christopher Henry stepping down from the President role at the Electrical Association of Manitoba at their upcoming AGM. Christopher has decided to transition out of construction after 25 years and is looking forward to a different day to day pace. **Mike Vandam from Black and Macdonald** Manitoba has been elected to replace Christopher. Mike is very dedicated to the construction industry and will be an excellent person to

work with to advance our common goals. ***ECAA congratulates Mike Vandam and sends farewell wishes to Christopher Henry.***

Randy Burkett was a longstanding industry member who passed away on Friday August 9th, at the age of 71. Randy was a longstanding fixture and true character in the local electrical industry. His illustrious career and personality allowed Randy to experience many aspects of our industry including being an Master Electrician, Site foreman, Distributor Sales, Manufacture Sales and eventually retired as an owner at Richard McDonald and Associates / WOW Lighting in 2011. Randy had numerous personal interests including hunting and fishing, golf and collector car restoration. *Our condolences to Randy's friends and family.* Donations can be made to the Manzakowski Alberta Heart Institute. <https://edmontonjournal.remembering.ca/obituary/randall-burkett-1076531858>

September 10th is World Suicide Prevention Day. To give added attention to this important day, with Homewood Health's expertise in the area of mental health, they will be sharing suicide prevention and mental health related information on their corporate website beginning on Tuesday September 3rd through to Tuesday September 10th. If you have any questions or require any assistance for your employees, please do not hesitate to reach out. <https://homewoodhealth.com/corporate>

A new online course, Understanding our Canadian Model, is being offered based on the updated Canadian Model for Providing a Safe Workplace Version 6.0 - which provides a common approach for both the construction and oil and gas industries. People who hold Front Line Leadership and Administrative roles for the Canadian Model Alcohol and Drug Policy will find this learning of value. The objectives of the Canadian Model are to eliminate the workplace safety risks associated with appropriate use of alcohol and drugs, and to provide a pathway for re-employment for individuals not in compliance with the Alcohol and Drug Work Rule. This course provides a comprehensive understanding of how to manage all aspects of the Canadian Model and offers knowledge and tools to effectively manage alcohol and drug issues in the workplace. After completing this course, knowledge will be learned in the areas of:

- Describing the extent of alcohol and drug use in the workplace
- Explaining the Alcohol and Drug Work Rule
- Identifying behaviours related to substance use
- Investigating and documenting alcohol and drug related performance problems
- Advising workers on how they can obtain assistance
- Deciding whether to refer employees for appropriate testing
- Describing testing procedures and knowing your role in the process
- Responding to failure to comply with the Work Rule and the procedures for re-employment
- Applying the Canadian Model using a team-approach

The **Understanding Our Canadian Model course** is a collaborative effort between the Alberta Construction Safety Association (ACSA), Boilermaker Contractors Association (BCA), Canada's Building Trade Unions (CBTU), Christian Labour Association of Canada (CLAC), Construction Labour Relations-Alberta (CLR-A), Electrical Contractors Association Alberta (ECAA), and Energy Safety Canada. **For more information on the course, please contact the ECAA Provincial Office.**

Introducing NAIT's New Web Page for Professional Development:

<https://www.nait.ca/industry/training-certification/professional-development>
Visit NAIT's website for a complete list of professional development courses currently being offered.

Registration is now open to attend the Construction Owners Association of Alberta (COAA)'s Annual General Meeting

on **Wednesday, October 9th** in Calgary, Alberta. This is a great opportunity to catch up on COAA initiatives, as well as to network with colleagues from across the industry. We encourage you to bring a colleague from your company or project team - perhaps even a "rising star" who you would like to become familiar with COAA.

Date: Wednesday, October 9, 2019
Networking & Coffee: 8:30AM - 9:00AM
AGM: 9:00AM - 12:00PM (including lunch at 12pm)
Location: ConocoPhillips Canada Auditorium
COAA Member Companies may attend at no cost.
Non-COAA Members have a charge of \$75 per person.

An agenda will be available in the next couple of weeks. Registration and more details can be found at: <https://www.coaa.ab.ca/events/coaa-2019-annual-general-meeting/> Be sure to secure your spot soon - registration will close on October 4, 2018.

Provincial Board Update

Next Provincial Board meeting scheduled for September 10th, 2019. ECAA Provincial Office.

New Members

Welcome new members:

Contractor: Crew Electrical Services Ltd. (Cochrane) and Kite Electric Ltd. (Edmonton)

Associate: Gripple Canada (Calgary)

Journeyman Associate: Sandeep Nanda (Edmonton)

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.

Pre-Meeting Presenter: Chris Kennedy, Gripple Canada Inc.

Topic: Labour Saving Suspension Systems

Chapter Meeting Presenter: David Ough, James & Associates

Topic: Risk Management in Construction

Meeting Sponsor: Roger Hick, Eaton Industries

2nd Annual Calgary Chapter Christmas Gala hosted by Chapter President Chris & Claire Jardine. Saturday, December 7th at the Marriott Hotel Downtown Calgary. Tickets on Sale!

[Click here to purchase your tickets](#) [Calgary Chapter Christmas Gala](#)

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

Pre-Meeting Presenter: Dave Yeremy, Electrix West Agency/Levven

Topic: Power & Money Come from One's & Zeros

Chapter Meeting Presenter: Curtis Austin, American Express Canada

Topic of Presentation: Make your Working Capital Work Harder: Finding Hidden Value in Payments

Special Thank you to Bob Clarke for organizing the Street Car Brewery Tour. A great time was had by all that attended!

30th Annual Bob Carson Classic Golf Tournament Wednesday, September 11th, 2019 at the Highlands Golf Course. Looking forward to a sold out golf tournament! Thank you to the members and guests that have registered.

NORTH WEST: Next Meeting **Thursday, September 19th**, Pomeroy Hotel Grande Prairie. Meeting Presentation: 5:00 pm; Chapter Meeting/Dinner: 6:30 pm.

Pre-Meeting Presenter: Larry Cantelo, PEC

Topic of Presentation: Section 10 Code Overview

Time: 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Cost: ECAA Members: FREE Non-Members: \$25

[*To register for this session & the chapter meeting, click here](#)

Chapter Meeting Presenter: Kenton Dueck, Federated Insurance

Topic: Legal Assist Program

Meeting Sponsor: Eddy Brasseur, Wesco

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

Chapter Meeting Presenter: Paul Kim, Prolux Lighting

Meeting Sponsor: Tim Hydzik, Prolux Lighting

Special thank you to our sponsors and participants who supported the Wood Buffalo Apprenticeship Golf Classic held in August.

Professional Electrical Contractor (PEC) Courses

[2019 PEC Course Schedule and Registration](#)

[2020 PEC Course Dates](#)

****MORE REGISTRANTS NEEDED**

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 October 4th, 2019.



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