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JUNE/2013

Welcome to ECAA's E-Newsletter, The Spark!

This e-newsletter was created to keep members informed on the Association's activities and upcoming events in a timely manner.

President's Message

HELLO, PRUWIT, BONJOUR, CIAO, HOLA, NI HOA, HALLO WELT, SRI AKAL, DOBAR DAN, NYMORSK, DORY DEN, CZESC --- All these mean hello in different languages. All of our members will be familiar with one or more of these hello's.

So many of us, our parents, grandparents, have come to Canada from all over the world and make this the best country in the world to live in. It is with the work of so many that we can enjoy all the things that make life so wonderful.



Les
Dzwonkiewicz,
PEC

And speaking of wonderful ... our convention that we just finished in beautiful WATERTON LAKES went off very well. Thank you to Kelly and Marge Wilde for hosting this year!! The wine you served at the hospitality suite was awesome-but I should not have mixed the red wine and the crown royal. Lol Thanks to Trevor Panczek & The Roughneck Band for the great music on Friday and Saturday night.

We started off wet and a little cold the first couple of days, but finished with sun and warmer temperatures. The golfers went off in the rain to cut the grass and get wet, but finished in the sun, so it was a dry finish. But best of all WE HAD NO SNOW!!!!

Thank you Kelly for your leadership this past year as our president, the time you took from your work and personal life. It was a pleasure serving

Changes Seminars

*June 21st
8:30 am - 12:30 pm
ECAA Office
Edmonton*

*September 21st
8:00 am - noon
ECAA Office
Edmonton*

*October 10th
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Hotel Blackfoot
Calgary*

*(These courses approved by
Electrical Technical Council to
meet recertification
requirements for Master
Electricians and Safety Codes
officers)*

Upcoming PEC Courses

*Basic Electrical
Estimating
September 6th & 7th
Hotel Blackfoot, Calgary*

*Project Management
September 13th & 14th
Hotel Blackfoot, Calgary*

*Safety Principles
September 19th & 20th
ECAA Office, Edmonton*

Tradeshows

Thank you to the volunteers who participated at the ECAA booth during the Skills Competitions in Edmonton.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR
Alberta Employment & Career
Fair
October 4th & 5th
Edmonton Expo Center**

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you as vice president.

I would like to welcome my executive members for 2013-2014, Mr. Darcy Teichroeb vice president, Mr. Kevin Lefebvre as treasurer and Mr. Darrell Castor as secretary.

I look forward to working with all our board and committee members as well as the chapter presidents and directors. I know how busy you all are, THANK YOU VERY MUCH! I will certainly be looking to you all for advice and support.

This has been the first year for the extra training day, which was a huge success, still don't have the numbers but many of the classes were just about full. The nice thing about having training day on Friday---our heads were still in good shape with not too much of the good beverage sipped the night before. Friday night was a different story!!!!

Special thanks to Mike Fleming. The training day was a lot of work and well planned, well done!! When you return from Africa, please come back, we enjoyed working with you.

Thanks to the committee chairs for running the meeting on Saturday:

Mr. Brian Halina: LABOUR AGM

Mr. Tom Morin PEC: PEC AGM

Mr. Terry Sawatzky: Associates AGM

Mr. Kelly Wilde: Annual General Meeting

Everyone, Thank you for all your reports. Our nomination committee for the last year: Mr. Bob Maslanko, Mr. Clem Gratton, Mr. Ron Mackenzie. THANK YOU. I will update everyone regarding all the positions and who, in the next report.

Mr. Christian Jamila was at the AGM to accept the ALBERTA APPRENTICESHIP & INDUSTRY TOP ELECTRICAL APPRENTICE AWARD, sponsored by the ECAA. I told him he will be a star in whatever he does in the future. CONGRATULATIONS, Christian.

Mr. John Farlinger with Farlie Travel made his presentation regarding our out of country 2014 convention. Please look it up on the ECAA website (www.ecaa.ab.ca). Register early, it will be an amazing trip of a life time. We always learn new things and have great fellowship. Deposit due July 31, 2013.

Thank you to Sheri Mclean CAE: our executive director, Dorothy, Brittany, Camille and Sophie for making the convention work.

Terry Sawatzky, as always you were very entertaining as our MC at the

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gala. THANK YOU.

We have upcoming meetings in June and August, so getting into the thick of things early. Thank you everyone for your support, I will do my best as your president in the coming year.

Just one last thing--- our open house at the new location office on May 6 was great, weather was awesome and we were pleased to have, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE: THE HONOURABLE GENE ZWOZDESKY AND THE LIBERAL LEADER: THE HONOURABLE DR. RAJ. SHERMAN IN ATTENDANCE.

Yours Truly

Les Dzwonkiewicz PEC

Your Humble President.

SOMEONE ASKED ME: DO YOU LIKE GETTING OLDER???

I can hit the golf ball anyway I can and laugh if it hits the lake. Them's the break's. I'm just happy I can hit the ball!!! Got this from an old AGT friend, AGT is now Telus for you young people.

Past President's Message

Waterton AGM, if you were there you had to have had a good time. From Thursday's start when we were again facing rain and possible snow flurries, to actual tee off time when the rain stopped and the clouds disappeared and we actually got to golf. Yes a little cold and windy but we had some troupers who got out there and made the best of improving conditions. Then we had our first Education Day that was very well attended and very well done. Thanks again to Mike Fleming who put it all together and a big thanks to Sheri for having the patience to deal with all of Mike's little details. The Remington Carriage museum was on the list of Friday's activities and I understand that it was well worth going to. Then there was the trip up Waterton Lake in the afternoon with fantastic scenery and good company as 60 plus people braved the trip.

Then there was the wildlife, Big Horn Sheep, the usual Deer, foxes (real foxes not the ladies, although I must say they looked pretty good too), mountain goats, and bears (black and brown for sure and a grizzly if you ask Sawatzky).

The entertainment was pretty good as well. I have to thank all those who added to the lineup, Brian & Sophie, Tim, Scott White (who proved you really can get lost in a one block radius), Rob Coleman, just to mention a few. Could have been the whisky, might have been the beer. And the

band was pretty good too. Trevor did a little warm up on Friday at the welcome reception that I'm sure will be remembered for a while. If you missed this AGM sorry for your luck.

So this is it for me, my last message in the spark. I'm sure you're gonna miss me. LOL. I really want to thank Sheri and the Ladies in the office for all their hard work at AGM. This year seemed to be a bit tougher due to logistics, plus they were still getting people showing up and registering at the last minute. 20% were added in some cases right at the end, so thank you so much for what you do, you came through in flying colors as far as I'm concerned.

Congratulations to all our award recipients, and to Mike Fleming for his Award of Merit, and Sophie for all her work for the association as our public member. Thanks to Terry Sawatzky for being my MC, and to Bob Clarke and Gerry Demers for saying grace at our luncheon and gala. Sorry for the short notice.

Finally thanks again to our Board of Directors, Chapter Presidents, committee chairs for all their dedication to our association and for their help to me this past year. They all do a great job for this association and they deserve a thank you from every member and contractor in the province. Thanks too to my wife Marge who allowed me to spend the time I did to do what I believe in.

I wish the new Board and all of you in the association a great next year, see you soon I'm sure.

That's it that's all.

Kelly Wilde

Industry News

ALBERTA MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS, EDMONTON looking for a contract Management Officer responsible for monitoring the Authorized Accredited Agencies as they carry out their obligations under the Safety Codes Act. You will help these agencies understand their role in providing safety codes permits and inspections to Albertans. Full detail at www.jobs.alberta.ca or www.ecaa.ab.ca.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION (MCA) is looking to replace the retiring Executive Director. Complete details on www.workopolis.com/jobsearch/jb/14485170?uc=E4 or www.ecaa.ab.ca.

INSTRUCTORS REQUIRED FOR PEC COURSES:

ECAA is looking for an instructor for the "**Assessing and Finalizing the Tender**" component of the PEC program. The position will be phased in over the next six months. Preference will be given to individuals who have PEC certification and who have current experience in the electrical estimating field.

ECAA is also seeking a second or back up instructor for the "**PEC Electrical Project Management**" component of the PEC program. Due to program growth and course continuity ECAA wants to have instructor "Bench Strength" for all PEC courses. The intention is to have this individual audit the September 13, 14 2013 PEC electrical project management course and then team teach as required in future courses. Preference will be given to individuals who have PEC certification and who have current experience in electrical project management and preferred but not essential formal project management training.

Any questions contact Mike Fleming PEC (retired PMP) at mike_fleming07@yahoo.ca

Applications for above positions can be sent to ECAA 17725-103 Avenue T5S 1N8 Attention: Sheri McLean (smclean@ecaa.ab.ca). Applications will be forwarded to the PEC Education committee and instructors approved by the Board of Directors.

Our condolences to the family of **Phillip Fleming** who passed away at the age of 68 on May 25th. Phil worked for IBEW for 43 years and became the District Vice President of Canada in August 2005. Phil had a prominent career where he developed great friendship and garnered respect and accolades throughout it.

Welcome to **Kyle Polychuk**, who has joined the Greelee team as Territory Manager servicing the Southern Alberta region.

CONGRATULATIONS TO WAYNE CONNOLLY, appointed new President of Federated Insurance effective June 1, 2013. ECAA offers Wayne all the best in his new position.

ALBERTA APPRENTICESHIP & INDUSTRY TRAINING SCHOLARSHIPS are designed to recognize excellence of Alberta apprentices and trainees and to encourage them to continue and complete their apprenticeship or occupation training -- scholarship application available at ECAA office. **Deadline June 30, 2013.**

RAP/CTS Scholarship deadline June 30, 2013. These scholarship are designed to recognize the accomplishment of Alberta high school students in the Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) Career and Technology studies (CTS) apprenticeship pathways.

Canadian Section of the International Association of Electrical Inspectors Presents!!!! Crusin' to Saskatoon!Sept 20-22/2013 The Prairie Chapter of the IAEI is hosting the Canadian Section Meeting for the First Time West of Ontario. We will have a **Tradeshow on Friday and Saturday & Seminars on Saturday** Plan to attend the **Tradeshow (FREE BOTH DAYS)** and the Technical Seminars for only for \$210.00 if you are not a member, lunch and coffee included. We have tradeshow booths still available and are seeking sponsorship for various parts of the event! Please visit our Web Site for Seminar Topics, Presenters, Partner programs, Sponsorship information, and Registration Options. You can reach me or Luci Bast by: E-MAIL - prairiechapteriaei@gmail.com or visit our Web site WEB SITE - <http://iaeiprairiechapter.com/> PAYPAL OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE

SAVE THE DATE. **STARS Building Magic in the Air** fundraiser sponsored by the construction industry, Saturday, October 26th, Chateau Lacombe, Edmonton. Sponsorship packages and ticket sales available end of June. Contact smclean@ecaa.ab.ca if you require further information or are willing to donate an auction/raffle item. This event raised approximately \$200,000 last year and a Spyder crane was purchased for STARS. This year a wish list for \$180,000 worth of tools submitted by STARS staff is the goal. PLEASE get involved.

Board of Directors Update

Board Meeting held Monday, May 6th, 2013. Agenda items included March financial statements; Safety Codes Council Consultation; Chapter updates. Committee updates: ACSA - Mr. Dave Hagen elected vice-president of ACSA board; discussion on WCB new strategy on modified work. Apprenticeship - NAIT has very good course for new apprentices called Electrical Trade Basic Skills; Cathodic Protection now an occupation; Mr. Darcy Tangedal new PAC Presiding Officer. Mr. Ward Mewhort replaces Mr. Roland Carigan who managed the electrical trade for several years. Associate Liaison -Mr. Terry Sawatzky resigning as director on board; CECA dues discussed; Electrical and Fire Technical Council updates; home inspector "sting" by Service Alberta; Convention 2013 and 2014.

Board orientation/succession planning day scheduled for August 16/17. As stated in Grant Hammond's Executive summary from April 2003 Strategic audit, *"one of the criticisms often leveled at professional organizations is that change is difficult to effect on a timely basis. That view brings with it skepticism from time to time about the relevance of the structure and operations in the Association. It is impossible for any organization to meet its future objectives unless a game plan is in place to drive it there."* The strategic audit was conducted into all phases of the activities of the Association and its members to develop goals and strategies to ensure the Association and its members have the skills

necessary for survival and positioning in the next three to five years. Your President and Board of Directors feel it is now time to revisit this.

COMMUNICATIONS/MARKETING COMMITTEE CHAIR REQUIRED. ECAA devoting staff person to assist but we need committee members and a chair. Contact smclean@ecaa.ab.ca if interested in promoting association and the PEC designation.

CONVENTION 2014. Thank you to John Farlinger for his presentation on South America in Waterton. Registration forms will be on the ECAA website Monday, June 10th. Deposit due July 31st. At this time limited to 70 people - register early to avoid disappointment.

Call for Speakers. If you are planning to join us in South America and are interested in making a presentation to the group, please email your proposed topic to smclean@ecaa.ab.ca. We need a minimum of three presenters. On behalf of President Dzwonkiewicz, thank you.

Labour Update

The Labour Relations Committee Annual Meeting was held on May 25th in Waterton. The meeting was well attended. Reports on the Electrical Industry Pension Plan, Electrical Industry Health Plan, Electrical Industry Education Fund and Rapid Site Access Program were well received.

Our new Labour Relations Committee is:

Brian Halina, Chemco (Chair); Trent Valentine, Aecon (Vice Chair); Pat Barnes, EQ Services; Gene Bartel, TIC Canada; Jim Bendfeld, Cam Blair, Aecon; Jim Clarke, HVC Canada; Cameron Cassels, NorCan; Brent Connell, Edmonton Electric; Gerry Demers, Demelco; Tony Fanelli, Bantrel; Gord Graham, Bantrel; Brent Holdner, PCL Intracon; Bruce Hurtubise, Laird Electric; Rob Kinsey, CDN Power Pac; Tommy Linic, Pentair Thermal Management; Cory McKenzie, JH McKenzie Electrical Contractors; Terry Milot, Chemco; Kelly Morris, Morris Electric; Chris Pullen, PCL Intracon; Warren Stein, Laird Electric; Hugh Tackaberry, Fluor; Art Thormann, Peco; Shawn Woon, Fisher Powerline.

Local Chapter Activity

CALGARY - Congratulations to the Incoming Chapter Executive: Doug Miller, President; Brian Reed, Vice-President; Andrew McGuire, Treasurer; Chris Jardine, Secretary. On behalf of ECAA, thank you to Scott White for all his hard work and guidance the past two years as Chapter President.

EDMONTON - Next Chapter meeting is Monday, September 16th. President Eric Fadden and your Chapter executive (Brent Connell, Vice-President; John Knoll, Treasurer; Shani Ahmad, Secretary); look forward to seeing you there! Reminder: Bob Carson golf registrations and hole sponsorship welcome.

FORT McMURRAY - Next meeting September 10th. President Joe MacNeil looking for volunteers to fill rest of Executive positions. Contact Joe directly at joemacneil@shaw.ca.

LETHBRIDGE - Chapter meeting will be scheduled in the fall.

NORTH WEST - Happy Summer. I would like to take this opportunity to thank last year's executive, and praise them for a job well done.

The executive positions within the E.C.A.A. are demanding positions with little re-imburement, these people are doing these jobs because they care about the future of the trade and the people involved.

This past year was one of hope, given the global economic uncertainty, we, as Albertans are extremely fortunate to have work beyond our means. That being said, we are to be always mindful of our business practices, always be professional, ethical and humble. We are to remember where we came from and the people, places and circumstances that got us to where we are today.

I would like to again express my gratitude to last year's executive and congratulate the incoming E.C.A.A. executive. I wish you all the best in the year to come.

Thank-you again to the organizers and volunteers of this year's AGM in Waterton, it was an amazing time. Great job. (Tim Tarita, Chapter President)

New Members

Welcome DC Wiring (Fort McMurray); Ergo Electric (Edmonton); Graybar Canada (Edmonton); KBR Industrial Canada (Edmonton); L&D Electrical Enterprise (Edmonton); Seletech Electrical Enterprise (Calgary); Terminator Electric (Leduc).

Professional Electrical Contractor (PEC) News

Training Day May 24 2013 Recap

Neither rain, nor wind, nor cold kept 157 PEC's and PEC Students from taking seminars to upgrade their skills in Waterton on May 24th. The distribution of participants by track included: Residential, approximately 62 (Facilitator Perry Schmaltz), Commercial One, 53 (Facilitator Rob Coleman), Commercial Two, 14 (Facilitator Brent Connell), Industrial One, 18 (Facilitator Keith Hayduk), Industrial Two, 10 (Facilitator Grant Sinclair). Special thanks to the facilitators as the seminars were held in 3 separate venues each with their own unique circumstances.

Thanks to the May 24 Speakers: Dave Kelly from SkyFire Energy, Rob Fearon from Occupational Health & Safety, and May 25 Breakfast speaker Matt Grace from Mission Green Projects.

Great appreciation to the seminar presenters: Bill Winkler from Canadian Copper Brass Development Corporation, Derrik MacAskill from SAIT, Shawn Rose and Todd Funk from Tradesmans Tools, Pat Whitten and Thomas Supinski from Leviton, Tracy Grills from Green Building Initiatives, Randy Oltman from Mckenna Agencies, Larry Cantelo the incoming ECAA PEC Education Chairman, Rene Leduc from Marex Canada, Darell Oulette from Eaton, and Anuj Jain from Siemens.

PEC's are required to complete the following steps to obtain up to 8 APD points for the May 24:

1. Complete the written APD form given out May 24 and send it to the ECAA office now or at the time of PEC renewal.
2. Complete an APD form on the ECAA website.

Note by attending the May 24 and May 25 AGM's PEC's were able to complete more than the required 20 APD points for the year.

Lessons we think we learned:

1. Have only 3 tracks: Residential, Commercial and Industrial
2. Have seminars specifically for spouses who are involved in the business.
3. No speaker at noon, so there is more time for table discussion

The next ECAA training day is May 23, 2014 at Fantasyland Hotel in Edmonton. Any suggestions for the 2014 training day can be sent to the new PEC Education Chair at lcantelo55@gmail.com.

Thank you ,Mike Fleming
Past PEC Education Chair

PROFILE FOR INCOMING PEC EDUCATION CHAIR, MR. LARRY CANTELO, PEC

My name is Larry Cantelo and it is my pleasure to take over from Mr. Mike Fleming as chair of the PEC education committee. Mike leaves very big shoes to fill. I have spent 39 years in the electrical business including 27 in industry and the last 12 as an educator. I am a PEC, Safety Codes Officer (SCO) and hold a degree in adult education. I am also a CSA certified photovoltaic (PV) installer and sit on the CEC Section 50 sub-committee. I am co-chair of the Electrical Inspectors Association of Alberta (EIAA) annual conference.

My wife Carolyn and I have three adult sons. We are fond of travelling and have visited many countries around the world. We usually spend part of the summer in Prince Edward Island, my birthplace.

I am a sports fan and cheer for the Chicago Black Hawks and Los Angeles Dodgers. In years gone by I coached softball and baseball and officiated 5 different sports. I also facilitated coaching clinics in the National Coaching Certification Program.

I am looking forward to working with the other committee members in my new role as education chair. We will do our best to provide training

opportunities for the membership. I hope to meet many of you in the near future at a chapter meeting or training event. Feel free to contact me at any time at lcantelo55@gmail.com

Larry

ECAA LOOKING FOR TWO COURSE INSTRUCTORS (see *Industry News*)

PEC Committee members still required -- especially for Marketing & Communication and Practice Review. Contact smclean@ecaa.ab.ab if you would like to participate on a committee or would like more information on one of the committees.

CONGRATULATIONS NEW PROFESSIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS (PEC'S)

Larry Cantelo, PEC #245
Bruce Dean, PEC #246
Lynden MacDonald, PEC #247

Continuing Education

Registrations are being accepted for all courses scheduled in 2013 form on ECAA website under PEC section and in Calendar of Events:

Basic Electrical Estimating, September 1st & 2nd (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 or materials using the NECA Manual of Labour Units, labour costs, special overheads, general overheads and profit (contingencies). This course is taught by Mr. Pat Barnes.

Project Management, September 13th & 14th (Calgary). Increased competition is eroding profit margins across the board. To be successful in today's marketplace, electrical contractors need to work smarter - not harder. The Project Management course will teach you practical, hands-on skills to:

1. identify and recover all costs to which you are entitled
2. avoid paying for others' errors or omissions
3. reduce project costs through effective purchasing and administration
4. identify cost overruns - and take corrective action
5. use effective record keeping systems to enhance project profitability

Safety Principles, September 19th & 20th (Edmonton). A well developed safety program can reduce costs resulting from injury and property damage, and is the hallmark of a quality electrical contracting firm. The first day of the course shows

you each step to develop and implement an effective safety program for your small to medium sized electrical contracting firm. The next day is designed to help managers ensure construction supervisors fine-tune their safety skills by: clearly understanding what their safety roles and responsibilities are; presenting and delivering effective training to workers and maintaining high worksite safety standards; conducting effective site inspections and developing appropriate recommendations; investigating (steps to follow and processes involved).

Also Available through ECAA.

ELECTRICAL SAFETY TRAINING SYSTEM (ESTS) is a computer based, distance delivered program that recognizes Provincial & Federal Occupational Health & Safety Regulations. The program promotes a "Plan, Do, Check, Act" philosophy applying CSA Z462, based on CSA Z1000 Occupational Health & Safety Management System Standard. **Course is complimentary to all unionized electrical contractors and their employees that have a bargaining relationship with the IBEW Local 424.** Contact Brittany (bsmith@ecaa.ab.ca) to sign up.

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.ecaa.ab.ca (Ethics course).

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 it is important to us. Please submit any comments to ecaa@ecaa.ab.ca

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