



# THE SPARK

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#### ***Upcoming CEC Code Changes Seminars:***

There are currently no code seminars scheduled however we are managing a waiting list for those still interested in taking the seminar. If you would like to add your name to this list please contact the ECAA office directly 1-800-252-9375.

*These courses are approved by Electrical Technical Council to meet re-certification requirements for Master Electricians and Safety Codes Officers*

**Upcoming PEC Courses**

**JUNE/2014**

### 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 everyone. The 2014 ECAA AGM has come and gone leaving all who attended with great memories and fellowship. This year's event was held in Edmonton at the Fantasyland Hotel. The facilities and venue were very good. We saw record numbers for attendance at our second annual PEC Training Day, the awards luncheon, and the Presidents Gala. The AGM success is only possible with the amazing talent and commitment of Sheri and her team.



Darcy Teichroeb,  
PEC

My term as President begins and I would like to thank Mr. Les Dzwonkiewicz for his strong leadership this past year and I look forward to continuing the work and commitments Les and our Board have made our association known for. I would like to welcome Mr. Eric Fadden to the executive board as our new Secretary.

The ECAA is in a strong state of affairs and is a strong representation of its members within the Electrical Industry today. Over the past 20 years I have been involved with the ECAA, I have watched industry passionate leaders in Past Presidents and Board Members, including the ECAA office staff, lead and build the ECAA to where it is today. The ECAA membership continues to diversify and grow. We need to acknowledge our accomplishments but stay focused on our commitments to membership and industry in order to continue our growth while sustaining our respected voice in the Industry.

I look forward to new challenges and working with our Board, our Members, and the ECAA Office Staff to support the success of the ECAA.

Darcy Teichroeb, PEC, CME  
Provincial President

#### Industry News

We hope that you find ECAA invitations, publications and regulatory updates that

*Design Build  
June 19th & 20th, 2014  
(Edmonton)*

#### Tradeshows

**2014 Alberta Employment  
&  
Career Fair**  
October 3rd & 4th, 2014  
Edmonton Expo Center

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we send you insightful and valuable. **Canada's anti-spam legislation (CASL)**, which comes into effect on July 1, 2014, requires us to obtain your consent to continue to receive electronic communication. Since our relationship is important to us, we would like to continue providing you with the information that is relevant to you and your business. If you no longer wish to receive emails, such as this e-newsletter The Spark, please unsubscribe by clicking on the link below. You may also request that we take you off all of our distribution lists by contacting us at [ecaa@ecaa.ab.ca](mailto:ecaa@ecaa.ab.ca).

#### Silica Exposure Control Best Practices - Your Participation Requested

Alberta Construction Association is developing a best practice to protect construction workers from occupational exposure to silica. As reported previously, field testing of Alberta construction jobsites indicates that exposure above acceptable limits can occur on many different types of jobsites and many of the workers onsite. ACA strongly believes industry is in the best position to develop practical and effective solutions, rather than those created through regulation. To this end, ACA needs your leadership and ideas. The ad hoc committee has identified numerous construction processes and products that could generate exposure to silica. ***They are asking for knowledgeable and committed volunteers from a number of trades to join their work.*** We would welcome representation from trade associations to ensure we have the best ideas and can raise awareness as broadly as possible. The committee terms of reference are [attached](#). Contact [ken.gibson@albertaconstruction.net](mailto:ken.gibson@albertaconstruction.net) for further information.

**REVISED FIRE CODE STANDATA** The following STANDATA has been released and is now available on the Alberta Municipal Affairs website. To view or print a copy go to the link below.

**Fire Code Interpretation [FCI-14-01R1](#)** Use of Containers, Portable Tanks and Transportation Tanks for the Ongoing Storage and Dispensing of Flammable and Combustible Liquids

To view all STANDATA that have been issued for the 2006 Alberta Fire Code [click here](#)

May 6, 2014 - **A general contractor and a licensed electrical contractor** have both been convicted and fined for illegal electrical work done in several Ontario schools in the Ottawa, Kingston and Pembroke areas. On April 3, 2014, Ontario's Electrical Safety Authority (ESA) says Mario Giroux - owner of Construction G operating in the Ottawa area pleaded guilty to 13 counts of performing electrical work without an electrical contractor's licence, eight counts of failing to apply for inspection and one count of leaving an unsafe condition. Meantime, on April 24, Nick Medewar of NM Electric was convicted in an Ottawa court of six counts of illegally taking out electrical permits on behalf of an unlicensed contractor working for Construction G.

According to ESA, Construction G hired a worker who performed electrical work on its behalf but did not ensure this worker held the required electrical contractor licence. The worker subsequently arranged to have electrical permits taken out illegally by Medewar who is a licensed electrical contractor (LEC) for work at several schools of the Conseil Des Ecoles Catholiques du Centre-Est, and at least one residential site. That worker has been charged with doing electrical work without a licence, and this case is before the courts.

*"This is an issue where multiple illegal actions put public safety-specifically children-at risk,"* said Normand Breton, ESA's General Manager, Harm Mitigation,

who oversees ESA's electrical contractor licensing system. *"Through the course of our investigation, we discovered significant electrical hazards at one school that could have seriously injured or killed someone, or caused a fire."*

The court imposed a fine of \$58,750 for Giroux's violations and Medewar was fined \$7,500. Both fines include a 25% victim fine surcharge, which is credited to a provincial government fund to assist victims of crime.

**Electrical Business Magazine is celebrating its 50th Anniversary** this year as the leading publication serving Canada's professional electrical industry. And while EBMag has seen many changes over the years, its mission is to always serve the needs of its readership first and foremost, in harmony with its client advertisers and supporters. *"Despite our years in the industry, our readers and advertisers' attention and loyalty are not a birthright,"* says **Anthony Capkun**, EBMag's editor of nearly 10 years. *"If we don't continue to deliver quality content to push new ideas and initiatives we don't deserve to serve... plain and simple."*

The electrical landscape is made up of numerous professionals including contractors, engineers and linemen, manufacturers, distributors and agents, codes and standards professionals, inspectors, associations and more-and no one tries harder than EBMag to bridge the gap between these seemingly disparate entities to create a sense a community.

*"It is not enough to merely report on the happenings in our industry from afar, but to be an integral part of our industry... to show our solidarity with electrical professionals everywhere,"* continues Capkun. *"We participate in both major and niche electrical events across Canada and the States, providing on-the-spot coverage, investigating new trends, and networking with key people that shape our industry. This enables us to provide the insights our readers have come to expect."*

Founded in May 1964 by J.W. Kerr, Jim Wilson (president of Canada Electric) and James Wilson (president of the Canadian Electrical Contractors Association), Electrical Business Magazine has stayed true to its roots in that it continues to be a family-managed affair; it is owned and operated today by Mike and Sue Fredericks of Annex Business Media-Canada's largest privately owned business media company. What started as a single print publication 50 years ago is today the most multi-faceted Canadian offering for both buyers and specifiers of electrical products and services, and those who offer them.

*"When you consider Electrical Business, L'industrie électrique, NETcomm, Energy Manager and Distribution & Supply, all our various newsletters, eBooks and Tweets, and content-rich websites with current news, features, video, etc., it's easy to see why readers and viewers turn to us time and again,"* notes EBMag's publisher, John MacPherson.

*"Electrical Business is more than a magazine: it's an institution. And like the owner of a fine watch, we are not so much EBMag's publishers as we are its caretakers,"* Capkun points out. *"It has been an honour to be part of EB's history and we look forward to many more years to come."*

Keep an eye out for the commemorative July 2014 edition of Electrical Business, which will include a special retrospective over the last 50 years. For advertising opportunities, contact Scott Hoy.

**ECAA would like to extend special thanks to Anthony Capkun, editor of Electrical Business Magazine for taking time from his busy schedule and joining us at our**

**recent Training Day and Annual General Meetings at Fantasyland Hotel in Edmonton.**

**Highlights from Weekend:** Welcome 2014-2015 Provincial Board of Directors and Provincial President Darcy Teichroeb, PEC. Full slate of directors listed in Provincial Board Update below.

**Special Award Recipients:** Congratulations to the following scholarship recipients; **Matt Christie** (Apprenticeship & Industry Training (AIT) Top Electrical Apprentice); **Nicholas Olsson** (IBEW Local 424/ECAA AIT Scholarship); **John Kelly**(ECAA North East Chapter 2nd Year Electrical Apprentice, Lakeland College);**Kelsey Green** (ECAA/North West Chapter AIT Scholarship); **Melvin Volke** (ECAA AIT Scholarship); **Jeffrey Doell** (Alberta Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP) Scholarship); **Jordan Lann** (Alberta RAP Scholarship). *ECAA wishes you all good luck at Skills Canada National Competition June 4th - 7th, 2014 in Toronto!*

**Lifetime Membership** awarded to Mr. Harm Gerrits; Mr. Bob Almond and Mr. Pat Barnes. **Honorary Membership** awarded to Mr. Dwight Hunter and Mr. Mike Gardner. *Congratulations!* **Award of Merit Recipients:** Mr. John Gullion and Mr. Gordon Badach, PEC. Very well deserved!

Special awards given to **Mr. Stan Misyk & Mr. Don Letcher** for their contribution to the success of the Electrical Code Seminars. **Mr. John Farlinger** for his contribution to the success of ECAA 2014 South America Convention. **Mr. Keven Lefebvre** for the volunteer hours donated to the Fire Technical Council; the position will be replaced by Mr. Joe Davis. **Dorothy Dean** recognition for 5 years of dedicated service to ECAA.

Special thank you again to all of our AGM Sponsors who without them our event would have not been as successful. Thank You!

Successful ladies event held at **Princess Florence Handbags**. From the limo ride to the boutique to attendance back at the Awards luncheon what a great time spent in the morning! Special thanks to **Kimm Hutton** for suggestion and assistance and **Mariana Konsolos** for the fabulous presentation!

We finished off the weekend with our President's Gala with almost 260 guests in attendance dancing the entire evening to The Boom Chucka Boys.

**Save The Date May 21st - 24th, 2015.** as Provincial President Darcy Teichroeb & his wife Barb host our ECAA Convention next year at Copper Point Resort in Invermere, BC.

It is with sadness that we share the passing of **Ivan Moore, Assistant Deputy Minister** of Public Safety with Municipal Affairs. Ivan worked closely with the ECAA for many years in preserving the Master Electrician program. Our sincerest condolences go out to Ivan's family and friends.

**Congratulations to Safety Codes Council** for a successful Convention and Annual General Meeting. ECAA represented by President Darcy Teichroeb and Executive Director Sheri McLean.

Join the **Capital Region Electric Club** for their **Spring Golf Tournament** on June 18th at the Ranch Golf & Country Club. To register contact [info@elecleague.ab.ca](mailto:info@elecleague.ab.ca) or to register online

visit <http://albertaelectricalleague.comcrec/info>

### Board of Directors Update

**Provincial slate of officers for 2014-2015:** **President:** Darcy Teichroeb, PEC; **Vice President:** Keven Lefebvre, PEC; **Treasurer:** Darrell Castor; **Secretary:** Eric Fadden, PEC. We welcome **Ray Wery** as our Director at Large South; **Terry Milot** re-elected as Director at Large North; **Brian Halina** re-elected Labour Relations; **Clem Gratton, PEC** re-elected PEC Chair. Next meeting is Friday, September 19th (with board orientation September 18th).

**Open door policy:** ECAA Board of Directors invites those interested in sitting in on a Provincial Board meeting and bring forth ideas or just to gain a little perspective. Please contact Sheri McLean ([smclean@ecaa.ab.ca](mailto:smclean@ecaa.ab.ca)) to sit in on a future meeting. Members also encouraged to attend a Chapter Executive meeting to gain more insight into what your volunteers do.

### Have something to say?

ECAA is currently looking for guest writers for the Spark. Contact Darcy or Sheri.

### Local Chapter Activity

**CALGARY:** Next meeting **Thursday, September 11th** at the Best Western Port O'Call.

**EDMONTON:** Next chapter meeting **Monday, September 15th**. New 2014-2015 Edmonton Chapter Executive: **Brent Connell, PEC** (President); **John Knoll, PEC** (Vice President); **Shani Ahmad** (Treasurer); **Murray Steingard, PEC** (Secretary). Welcome **Nick Gratton**; **Jay Kuystermans, PEC**; **Morley Harke** and **Mike Kuziw** as new Directors.

Join us for our **Summer BBQ Social** on **Wednesday, June 11th** from 4-7 pm at the ECAA Provincial Office. Tickets are \$10 for 2 drinks and hamburgers or smokies! For more information email [carnett@ecaa.ab.ca](mailto:carnett@ecaa.ab.ca)

**SAVE THE DATE:** Edmonton Chapter 25th Annual Bob Carson Classic Wednesday, September 10th, 2014 at the Highlands Golf Course. Registrations will go out in July. Need more information? Contact [chryniw@ecaa.ab.ca](mailto:chryniw@ecaa.ab.ca)

**FORT MCMURRAY:** Fort McMurray Chapter hosting a **Golf Tournament on June 26th at the Miskanaw Golf Course**. Registration forms on the ECAA website or contact Dwayne Blanchard @ [Dwayne.blanchard@sonopardis.ca](mailto:Dwayne.blanchard@sonopardis.ca) or Tim Brundage [tim.brundage@lairdelectric.com](mailto:tim.brundage@lairdelectric.com)

### New Members

Welcome new Contractor Members: **Elite Electric Company** (Edmonton); **Raceway Electrical Systems** (Edmonton); **Three 60 Electrical Services** (Calgary); **Apex Power & Automation** (Lethbridge) Associate Members: **IPLC/Vanterra Inc.** (Calgary); **David Morris Fine Cars** (Edmonton); **Western One Generator & Heat Rentals** (Fort McMurray)

### Professional Electrical Contractor (PEC) News

**CONGRATULATIONS** New PEC's: **Stacy Crook, PEC #275**; **Lucian Batcu, PEC#276**; **Jeffrey Stanford, PEC #277**; **Brett Overman, PEC #278**; **Peter Kluthe, PEC#279**; **Jay Kuystermans, PEC#280**

**SAVE THE DATE: ECAA Training Day, Friday, May 22nd, 2015 Copper Point Resort Invermere, BC.** This year's Training Day recently held in Edmonton proved to be successful and very well attended. Thank you to all the facilitators that helped facilitate each stream. We are currently looking for ideas and suggestions for themes and sessions to include in Training Day 2015. Any ideas can be emailed to [lcantelo55@gmail.com](mailto:lcantelo55@gmail.com) or [smclean@ecaa.ab.ca](mailto:smclean@ecaa.ab.ca).

*From the Desk of the PEC Education Chair Larry Cantelo, PEC*

### Continuing Education

**Registrations are being accepted for all courses scheduled in 2014 form on ECAAwebsite under PEC section and in Calendar of Events: Contact Christine Hryniw ([chryniw@ecaa.ab.ca](mailto:chryniw@ecaa.ab.ca)) to register or for more information on the program.**

#### [2014 PEC COURSE REGISTRATION FORM](#)

***Design Build, June 19th & 20th, 2014 (Edmonton)*** The design build course is an orientation to a relatively popular project delivery method that is intended for estimators, managers, engineers, executives and owners of electrical contracting firms to address opportunities in design build and expand their market share.

#### **ONLINE TRAINING AVAILABLE THROUGH ECAA.**

##### **FIRST LEVEL SUPERVISOR TRAINING PROGRAM**

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 cost is \$400 and to enroll contact Christine [chryniw@ecaa.ab.ca](mailto:chryniw@ecaa.ab.ca)**

**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 Christine ([chryniw@ecaa.ab.ca](mailto:chryniw@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](http://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 [smclean@ecaa.ab.ca](mailto:smclean@ecaa.ab.ca).

**The next issue of The Spark will be emailed Friday, July 4th, 2014.**



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