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Association of Alberta

# THE SPARK

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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

I hope all have had a great holiday season and made it through without any frostbite as most of us across the province saw colder than normal temperatures in the week that ended 2017.

In the weeks before we went into the Christmas break we had a couple great events to cap off our year. It was great to see so many out for our open house in Edmonton on December 7th and Calgary for the Annual Christmas Social on December 14th.



While in Calgary, I had the pleasure to attend 2 meetings with Sheri & Terry Milot, our Legislation Chair. The 3 of us spent the day in Calgary before the social, first meeting with Comunica regarding the upcoming Solar rebate program and then with DM Stoneman at ICF to review the progress of the Business and Non-profit Energy Efficiency rebate program. Both meetings were productive and strengthen our relationships with various government agencies. Our focus in both meetings came back to helping clarify the need for qualified electricians performing the work as prescribed by the Canadian Electrical Code.

Coming upon January 17th at the Lethbridge Chapter meeting we are pleased to welcome some new editions to a newly formed chapter executive. Thank you to Tim Fehr from Electrical Solutions, Brandon Smith from D.A. Electric, Lee Clarkson from Done Rite Electric, Edgar Garcia from Deltec Power, Joe Rougeau Associate Liaison and Past President Rob Coleman for their commitment and service to this association.

Lastly we are deeply saddened to hear of the passing of John Gullion from the Wirtanen Training Foundation on December 28th. John was an ECAA and electrical industry stalwart who introduced so many among us to the electrical trade. His commitment to the students of the Wirtanen Electric Training Foundation and to the ECAA was always evident as he could

January 17th, 2018  
Lethbridge

LUNCH & LEARNS  
**TAX TIPS FOR  
NEW BUSINESSES**  
11:30 am - 1:00 pm

January 16th, 2018  
FBC Office, Calgary

January 24th, 2018  
FBC Office, Calgary

January 17th, 2018  
ECAA Office, Edmonton

January 24th, 2018  
ECAA Office, Edmonton

#### SOCIALS

*Edmonton Chapter  
President's Ball*

Saturday, January 20th, 2018  
Chateau Lacombe Hotel  
Edmonton, AB

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always be seen at Edmonton Chapter meetings making the effort to get the students and contractors introduced. John's influence and inspiration has influenced many who have gone on to successful careers in the electrical industry, he will be missed by all.

Our next provincial board meeting is on January 19th followed by the Edmonton Chapter Presidents Ball on January 20th. I look forward to connecting with you soon.

Yours in Service

Eric Fadden, PEC  
ECAA Provincial President

#### Did you know?

ECAA has an online training site? Visit our website [www.ecaatraining.com](http://www.ecaatraining.com) to view all courses available.

ECAA is also an approved distributor for BuildForce Canada; for more information and courses available contact ECAA.

#### Electrical Safety Program "Product in a Box"

CSA Z462 2018 has arrived!!!! When will you be updating your Electrical Safety Program and updating the arc flash & shock training you provided to your workers? When industry accepted best practice Standards change your company needs to define a reasonable schedule to update your policies and practices and training for your workers. Then transition and implement the updated policies and practices in the field. The CSA Z462 2018 Edition includes significant updates, learn more about these changes by loading the attached "Differences" document. If you have any questions about the changes and their implications please email or call Terry Becker, P.Eng., [tbecker@danatec.com](mailto:tbecker@danatec.com) or 1-403-465-3777.

For more information on how you can license the Electrical Safety Program "Product in the Box" please contact the ECAA.

#### Industry News

It is with sadness that we share the passing of **George Froese**. George was a dear friend to many ECAA members as our association liaison with Federated Insurance. His passion for life and sense of humour will be missed by all who knew him. Deepest condolences to Verna and the Froese family. [Obituary](#)

Join Chapter President Brent Connell and his wife Monique at the **Edmonton Chapter President's Ball** on Saturday, January 20th at the Chateau Lacombe Hotel. [President's Ball Invitation](#) [Purchase Tickets Here](#)

**2018 Canadian Electrical Code Seminars** first session will be held in Calgary on February 9th. Click on the following link to register for this session and more scheduled around the province [2018 Code Seminar Registration Form](#) Book early as space is limited! Discounted Rates for ECAA Members. **2018 CE Code Books** will be available January 2018; code and handbook bundles available February 2018. [Code Book Pre-Order Form](#)

**ECAA Membership renewals were sent out in December.** If you did not receive your invoice please contact [caustin@ecaa.ab.ca](mailto:caustin@ecaa.ab.ca). We thank you for your continued support and membership.

***ECAA would like to welcome Susan Rockwood to the ECAA Board of Directors as our new Public Member.*** Susan joins Mr. Hans Tiedemann for a two-year term that commenced November 21, 2017. The Board of Directors thanks Mr. Dennis Horrigan for his dedication and contribution to the Association during his term as Public Member.

**Tax Tips For New Businesses Lunch & Learns.** When starting a new business, people often worry about workload, income, expenses, etc. Something a lot of business owners neglect to plan for, is taxes. In this presentation we will provide tips for new business owners on how to set their businesses up (whether sole proprietorship or corporation) with a tax plan in mind. **\*\*space is limited.** Register today \$20 + GST January 16th & 24th, 2018 (Calgary); January 17th & 24th, 2018 (Edmonton). 11:30 am - 1:00 pm. Visit [http://www.ecaa.ab.ca/industry\\_events.aspx](http://www.ecaa.ab.ca/industry_events.aspx) for more information and to register.

**Alberta Energy Efficiency Alliance (AEEA) Lunch and Learn: Energy Efficiency & the Utility Systems (January 25th, 2018).** To realize the full potential of energy efficiency in Alberta, it is essential to recognize energy efficiency as a resource and to integrate it into the utility system. For this, a mandate for the regulator, system operator, and consumer advocate to pursue energy efficiency is needed. Additionally, allowing energy efficiency to compete to provide capacity into the deregulated electricity market is another way to integrate energy efficiency into the utility system. **Julia-Maria Becker, Priority Director, Clean Economy**, with the Pembina Institute works on corporate, government and community-based sustainability projects in Alberta relating to clean economy with a focus on energy efficiency and carbon pricing. Julia has previously worked at Alberta Ecotrust and with the German and Mexican governments. She also attended the Paris climate negotiations as an observer in 2016. Check-in & **Lunch & Learn:** 11:30 am - 12:00 pm; Presentation 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm. **Tickets:** AEEA Member \$30 (lunch included); Non-Member \$45 (lunch included); AEEA Member Free for Online Attendance Non-Member \$10 for Online Attendance. [Click Here to Register Online](#)

**Inland Audio Visual** Edmonton is having its annual open house featuring the latest technologies from major AV manufacturers on **Thursday, February 1st, 2018 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.** At **Collaboration 2018**, come and see how we can help your organization's ability to work, present, and communicate. Register now to attend seminars, explore interactive displays, enjoy lunch and snacks, and enter to win one of many door prizes. Educational seminars include: 4K Video Wall Content Strategy; Meet the Acendo Family; LED Videowalls; AV Over IP; Teleconference & Videoconference Audio; Da-Lite - The Fine Art of Surfacing. [Register Here](#) or by calling 780-423-4833 ext. 228.

**The Electrical Inspectors Association of Alberta Annual Technical Conference** will be held February 2nd & 3rd, 2018, at the Chateau Louis Hotel & Conference in Edmonton. The EIAA Annual General Meeting will be held on February 2nd following lunch. Detailed agenda and registration:

[EIAA Conference Agenda](#) [EIAA Conference Registration](#)

For further information contact conference facilitators: **Larry Cantelo:** [lcantelo@shaw.ca](mailto:lcantelo@shaw.ca); **Ken Hood** [ken.hood@telus.net](mailto:ken.hood@telus.net); **Ken Forbes,** registration [ken.forbes@lethbridge.ca](mailto:ken.forbes@lethbridge.ca) 403-320-3839.

**Alberta Chamber Resources's 2018 Annual Awards Banquet** promises to be an exciting night, filled with networking, fun, entertainment, a delicious meal and of course, the 2017 Resource Leadership Award Presentation

to Pat Carlson, founding chief executive officer and original director of Seven Generations Energy Ltd. ( more information is available at <https://www.acr-alberta.com/2017/12/14/alberta-chamber-of-resources-names-pat-carlson-2017-resource-leadership-award-winner/>).

**Date:** February 2, 2018

**Venue:** Shaw Conference Centre, Edmonton AB

**Time:** Reception begins at 5:30pm with the program & dinner at 6:30pm

**Cost:** Individuals (\$195 + tax) | Table of 8 (\$1400 + tax) | Table of 10 (\$1750 + tax)

For your convenience, you can register online at [www.acr-alberta.com](http://www.acr-alberta.com) using VISA or MasterCard. Please note the deadline to register is January 26th, 2018. If you have any questions regarding registration, please contact Thea Hawryluk at (780) 420-1030 ext. 222 or by email at [thea@acr-alberta.com](mailto:thea@acr-alberta.com). **Sponsorship Opportunities.** Each year, sponsorship opportunities are provided to companies to showcase their business and support of the Alberta Chamber Resources. We anticipate and look forward to the Shaw Conference Centre, once again, being full of colleagues from the resource development industries and guests from our communities and government. Please note that the deadline to purchase a sponsorship is January 5th, 2018. A PDF is attached that outlines the available levels. If you are interested in purchasing a sponsorship, feel free to contact Amanda Rose directly at [amanda@acr-alberta.com](mailto:amanda@acr-alberta.com) or by phone at 780.420.1030 x 226. **Student Sponsorships.** This opportunity is for ACR members to provide young individuals, who have an interest in resource development, an evening of networking, connecting and interacting with industry leaders. Our goal each year is to provide 20 students with this invaluable opportunity. If you are interested in sponsoring a student from an Alberta-based educational institute and having them sit with you at your table for the evening, please let Amanda know and they can make it happen!

**BuildForce Canada has launched a newly updated version of the Construction Project Management course** on the week of December 11th, 2017. ECAA is an approved distributor of BuildForce and all online courses available through ECAA. Contact [chryniw@ecaa.ab.ca](mailto:chryniw@ecaa.ab.ca) for more information or to gain access to [available courses](#).

## Board of Directors Update

Provincial Board Update. A Board meeting was held on Friday, December 7th, in the ECAA Boardroom. President Eric Fadden, PEC called the meeting to order at 10:30 and welcomed Mr. Rick Moyses, Alberta Culture & Tourism. In attendance were Mr. Terry Barnett; Mr. Tim Brundage; Mr. Jason Burke; Mr. Darrell Castor, PEC; Mr. Bob Clarke; Mr. Brent Connell, PEC; Mr. Joe Davis; Jeanette DeBruin; Mr. Dave Hagen; Mr. Brian Halina; Mr. Scott Hutton; Mr. Bob Maslanko, PEC; Mr. Andrew McGuire; Mr. Terry Milot; Mr. Chris Rauschnig, PEC; Mr. Tim Tarita; Mr. Darcy Teichroeb, PEC; Mr. Brandon Thoma, PEC; Mr. Hans Tiedemann; Mr. Steve Warholik and Sheri McLean, Recording Secretary. The morning was spent reviewing goals to see if they need to be modified. Suggestion made to send an outlook calendar invite to members for every ECAA event, course, and Chapter meeting; get social events going; survey people not coming to a meeting to see why they did not attend (as opposed to those who do attend meetings on a regular basis); spend 10 minutes at beginning of each Board meeting reviewing goals to see how we are doing. Purpose of goals is to increase the value of ECAA to our membership.

Following lunch, agenda and Minutes from October 13th meeting approved. Code course registration form as well as Training Day & AGM registration forms reviewed for information (both mailed with Contactor and available for on-line registrations). Correspondence items included

notification on Master Electrician 10,000; request from non-member insurance company to advertise to our members; information on Chatter High, an on-line tool that allows organizations to directly engage with middle and high school students as they are exploring their career paths ([www.ChatterHigh.com](http://www.ChatterHigh.com)); thank you for ECAA's support of CAREERS: The Next Generation and the Top 10 Trades - Electrical program; concern with uncertified workers doing electrical work; Hanover Messe tradeshow; request from Alberta Construction Association for ECAA representatives on ACA sub-committees (Mr. Terry Milot will continue on Government Action; Mr. DJ Coppens on Contracts; and Mr. Dave Hagen on Safety/WCB); standard for Solar PV installers; notification from Alberta Apprenticeship & Industry Training on ECAA scholarship recipients. 2018 budget was approved. Members will be surveyed on what on-line training they are using or making available to their employees. Membership and PEC applications were reviewed and approved (see Welcome New Members). Committee and Chapter reports were printed in Issue IV of the Contactor (and mailed in December).

Mr. Milot reported that the Canadian Electrical Contractors Association held a strategic planning session on November 15th. Request has been made by CECA asking for comments on 10 code rulings from our Board. A temporary Executive Director has been hired to assist CECA President. Meeting adjourned at 3:15 and was followed by annual Open House attended by over 100 members and guests. Next meeting is Friday, January 19th in Edmonton.

## New Members

### **Welcome New Members**

**Contractor:** Comet Electrical (Grande Prairie); Elementium Energy Corporation (Leduc); Fan & Lighting Installation (Calgary); Greentech Electric Corporation (Wetaskiwin); H.C. Electrical Quality Inc. (Fort Saskatchewan)

**Associate:** Appleton Group (Emerson) (Edmonton); Element Industrial Solutions (Edmonton); Rotaflo Controls Inc. (Edmonton); Shermco Industries (Calgary & Edmonton).

**Retired: Brian Phelps, PEC**

## Local Chapter Activity

**Pre-Meeting Presentations** have been scheduled for Calgary and Edmonton and will occur 1 hour prior to each Chapter meeting. There is no cost to attend however you do need to RSVP. These meetings and presentations are open to everyone in the electrical industry. Refer to Chapter notices for more information and details. These presentations will also occur in Rural Chapters in conjunction with Chapter meeting.

**CALGARY:** Next meeting **Thursday, January 11th** Best Western Port O'Call Hotel.

**Pre-Meeting Presentation 5:00 pm:** Dan Klufas, Federal Metals

**Topic:** Metal Theft Task Force

**Meeting Sponsor:** Federal Metals

***On behalf of Chapter President Andrew McGuire and the Calgary Executive, thank you to everyone that attended the Christmas Social.***

Thank you for your support and generosity. Donations and final amount raised for the local Food Bank being finalized.

**EDMONTON:** Next meeting is **Monday, January 15th**, Chateau Louis Hotel & Conference Center.

**Pre-Meeting Presentation 5:00 pm:** Dan Klufas, Federal Metals

**Topic:** Metal Theft Task Force

**Chapter Meeting & Dinner 6:00 pm. Guest Speakers: Pat Barnes**

**Topic:** Edmonton People in Need Shelter Society

**Meeting Sponsor:** Federal Metals

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[President's Ball Invite](#)

[CLICK HERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS](#)

**FORT McMURRAY:** Next Meeting **January 10th, 2018**, Best Western Sawridge Suites. **Guest Speaker:** TBA

**LETHBRIDGE:** Next Meeting **January 17th, 2018**, Lethbridge Lodge.

**Guest Speaker:** FBC Canada

**Topic:** Tax Changes for Small Business

**Meeting Sponsor:** FBC Canada

**\*Electrical Project Management Course**

Thursday, January 11th & 12th, 2018

Lethbridge Lodge

**NORTH WEST:** Upcoming PEC Course.

**\*Assessing & Finalizing the Tender**

Thursday, January 25th & 26th, 2018

Pomeroy Hotel, Grande Prairie

[PEC Course Registration Form](#)

## **Professional Electrical Contractor (PEC) News**

### ***Congratulations & Welcome New PEC's***

Kevin Shandro, PEC #339

Jesse Turuk, PEC #340

Marc Luciw, PEC #341

Ryan Shumard, PEC #342

Kelsey Demer, PEC #343

Everett Allan Marryatt, PEC #344

Patrick Wilde, PEC #345

## **ECAA Courses**

**Communication & Email Etiquette** on **Wednesday, February 7th, 2018** at the ECAA Provincial Office (17725 103 Avenue, Edmonton, AB)

8:00 am - 10:00 am.

**\$65 ECAA Member/\$80 Non Member**

**2 APD Points**

**[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)**

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### **JSA (Job Site Apps) 2018 Training**

**Edmonton: February 6th, 2018**

**Red Deer: February 7th, 2018**

**Calgary: February 8th, 2018**

**Training Day May 25th, 2018.**

**Instructors for this session will be Shawn Rose and Todd Funk** who did 2013 iPad on the job hands on training for ECAA.

[Job Site Applications Registration Form](#)

## **Professional Electrical Contractor (PEC) Courses**

### **[2018 PEC Course Schedule and Registration](#)**

#### **ELECTRICAL PROJECT MANAGEMENT (Rob Colclough, PEC) Thursday, January 11th & Friday, January 12th (Lethbridge)**

Practical hands-on skills to learn and apply project management processes and knowledge areas, to reduce project cost through effective purchasing and administration; to avoid paying for others errors or omissions; to recover all costs which you are entitled; effective record keeping to enhance project profitability.

Objectives PEC Electrical PM:

1. List and apply Project Management processes (5) and knowledge areas (10).
2. Identify and recover all costs to which you are entitled.
3. Avoid paying for others' errors or omissions.
4. Reduce project costs through effective purchasing and administration.
5. Identify cost overruns - and take corrective action.
6. Use effective record keeping systems to enhance project profitability.

#### **ASSESSING & FINALIZING THE TENDER (Chris Reinert, PEC) Thursday, January 25th & Friday, January 26th (Grande Prairie)**

This course for the Professional Electrical Contractor courses covers organizing the estimate, finalizing the tender, and computer aid in estimating and finalizing the tender. Since the course is aimed at Professional Electrical Contractors, very little time is spent on basic take-offs. The course addresses calculations of various overheads, mark-up theories, labor factors, evaluating risk factors, and the like, all concerns that the active business manager meets up with every day. These three parts of this course are designed to create an awareness in the Professional Electrical Contractor of the various business principles involved in preparing his or her tenders.

#### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS (Dentons) Thursday, February 8th & 9th, 2018 (Edmonton)**

This course will increase your awareness and understanding of legal issues and pitfalls common to electrical contractors. The course will also address incorporation, income tax and GST, construction contracts, subcontracts and liability thereunder as well as how to ensure payment for your work - including remedies available under The Builders' Lien Act.

**BUSINESS & PUBLIC RELATIONS (Brian McCready) Thursday, February 15th & 16th, 2018 (Grande Prairie)**

A series of five modules designed to give you essential and proven management concepts in the areas of managing: Credit & Collections, Business Promotion, Sales Management, Business Management and Human Resource Management. Each module will teach you hands-on management strategies to immediately begin improving the performance and profitability of your electrical contracting business.

**BASIC ELECTRICAL ESTIMATING (BEE) (Pat Barnes) Thursday, February 22nd & 23rd, 2018 (Edmonton)**

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 course.***

### Online Training

ECAA has launched the following new courses to our training website.

Along with the Ethics and ESTS Electrical Worker Training on CSA Z462 we have added:

- ESTS Electrical Worker USA 2015
- ESTS Non-Electrical Worker Canada and USA 2015
- 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)

Start your training today on [www.ecaatraining.com](http://www.ecaatraining.com)

### ONLINE TRAINING

**Arc Flash & Shock Electrical Safety Training** based on CSA Z462-2015 Developed for workers that perform energized electrical work. The course curriculum is based on the 3rd edition of CSA Z462, published in 2015. The overall course content was developed using industry accepted best practice standards as the under pinning in support of meeting Provincial or Federal regulatory due diligence for arc flash and shock.



ESTS Electrical Worker training is focused on the practical application of CSA Z462 within the workplace and providing documentation tools in support of the Employer's overall Occupational Health & Safety Management System and an Electrical Safety Program. Employers are required to have an updated Electrical Safety Program that incorporates the new requirements from CSA Z462-2015 for workers to receive the most benefit from this course.

The ESTS Electrical Worker course is broken down into five sections for ease of use. Workers should self-pace themselves based on their understanding of the subject matter. All workers are encouraged to stop and start their course by saving their progress before exiting. At any time during the course workers can ask questions to an Instructor and follow along using a comprehensive Student Workbook as a training aid.

Students who score 80% or greater earn their training certificate and can apply for 0.6 Continuing Education Units (CEU's). Final assessment questions are fully randomized so Workers never have the same exact questions.

Electrical Worker Training Modules:

1. Introduction
2. Regulations, Consensus-based Standards and Best Practices
3. Understanding Electricity in the Workplace
4. Electrical Hazards: Understanding the Potential for Harm
5. Risk Assessment Procedure
6. Establishing an Electrically Safe Work Condition
7. Engineering and Administrative Controls
8. Electrical Specific PPE, Tools and Equipment
9. Emergency Response, Incident Reporting and Program Maintenance
10. Final Assessment & Work Task Scenarios

Learning Objectives for Qualified Electrical Workers:

1. Explain the Regulations and Standards applicable to their role and responsibilities.
2. Identify and understand electrical hazards and risk assessment.
3. Effectively manage electrical hazards by following the Work Flow Process to safely execute energized electrical work.
4. Learn how to complete an Arc Flash Risk Assessment and Shock Risk Assessment as part of an overall Risk Assessment Procedure (RAP).
5. Apply preventive and protective control measures to reduce risk.
6. Understand electrical incident emergency response and incident reporting requirements

The ESTS Electrical Worker training course was developed by Terry Becker, P.Eng., ESPS Electrical Safety Program Solutions INC. and ESPS is partnering with the ECAA to bring this training to Members.

To purchase this training course visit [www.ecaatraining.com](http://www.ecaatraining.com)

**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](mailto: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](http://www.ecaatraining.com) (Ethics course).

## ACA Update

### ACA 2017 Year in Review

2017 was a very busy year for ACA. Changes to major pieces of legislation including [OHS](#), [WCB](#), and [Employment Standards](#) were constant discussion points in meetings with [cabinet](#), [government administration](#), [industry](#), and with [various review committees](#). The government went ahead with changes which were far reaching and will have consequences going forward for our industry and we will continue to monitor them.

In January the government announced [silica guidelines](#) in concert with ACA.

ACA's Board and the Chief Operating Officers of Alberta's Local Construction Associations came together April 7th to fine-tune [ACA's strategic plan](#) for the next 2 years.

ACA's Management Committee, Chair Paul Heyens, Senior Vice Chair Chris Ambrozic, Vice Chair Ian Reid, and Past Chair Paul Verhesen led the group to refocus ACA on 2 key mandates - helping members seize market opportunities, and acting to reduce risks for members.

The group outlined strategies to:

- Promote infrastructure investment
- Advance the use of standardized contracts
- Promote preferred clients
- Minimize the risk of onerous regulations

Jonathan Williams, ACA's Policy Analyst, successfully piloted Construction & Community Together. ACA has become increasingly concerned that the public has a limited understanding of the potentially detrimental actions of government changes to the WCB, employment standards and other legislation. The Board approved [Construction & Community Together](#) to cultivate empathy for employers by connecting with people on an emotional and personal level in communities throughout Alberta.

Jon developed video interviews and met with local newspapers in Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, and Red Deer to bridge the gap between perception and reality of construction employers. The Board agreed this work should continue in 2018.

During the year ACA led [group discussions](#) around prompt payment and how best to govern the industry on this issue. Meetings were held in Edmonton and Calgary which were seen as very successful by all who attended.

ACA introduced a well-received quarterly Leaders Brief to provide a one-page summary of ACA key activities distributed to over 150 leaders across Alberta's construction industry.

ACA was very pleased to welcome the Provincial Glaziers Association of Alberta as a new Associate member in 2017. ACA thanks Paul Heyens for his leadership to bring this about.

### **Congratulations to 2017 ACA - Thygesen Apprentice Scholarship**

**Recipients** Thirty-two high performing individuals were the 2017 recipients of ACA - Thygesen Scholarships. The \$1000 scholarships are named in memory of Jake Thygesen, a former Apprenticeship Chair and ACA Chair, a champion and generous personal donor to the scholarships program.

Lindsey Walburger	Millwright
Christine Rogers	Electrician
Zongze Hu	Electrician
Korbinian Schauss	Electrician
Philip Klein	Millwright
Kyle Kluthe	Millwright
Tytus Friesen	Plumber
Abram Wolf	Heavy Equipment Technician - Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic (Off Road)
James Kohlen	Millwright
Jeffrey Reichel	Plumber
Gabor Kovacs	Electrician
Mark Hanly	Plumber
Michael Williams	Cabinetmaker
Emmanuel De Jesus	Welder
Eryn Keen	Plumber
Spencer Chiu	Crane and Hoisting Equipment Operator - Mobile Crane
Christian Macgregor	Heavy Equipment Technician - Truck and Transport Mechanic
Mark Makarewicz	Automotive Service Technician
Nino Odermatt	Electrician
Lance Goossen	Auto Body Technician
Albert Sorensen	Heavy Equipment Technician
Connor Hanrahan	Electrician
Ajaypal Dhillon	Electrician
Jordan VanDerKooi	Plumber
David Deveau	Sprinkler Systems Installer
Joseph Miller	Heavy Equipment Technician - Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic (Off Road)
Dustin Burak	Electrician
Austin Porter	Steamfitter-Pipefitter
Lowell Scott	Carpenter
Matthew Hwong	Welder

Philip Ireland Carpenter

Allan Nixon Carpenter

*For more news and events visit [www.albertaconstruction.net](http://www.albertaconstruction.net)*

### 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](mailto:smclean@ecaa.ab.ca)

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