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Calendar of Events

Upcoming CEC Code Changes Seminars:

*April 14th, 2014
12:30 pm - 5:00 pm
Chateau Louis Conference Center
Edmonton*

**Chapter meeting to follow*

*May 8th, 2014
12:30 pm - 5:00 pm
Best Western Port O'Call
Calgary*

**Chapter meeting to follow*

To register for the Code Seminars please fill out the following form and send it to the ECAA Provincial Office.

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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

And the world is once again on the verge of a war with someone we thought to be a friend, Mr. Putin please Tear Down This Wall that you are building between us and you. The clouds seem to be gathering in many parts of the world and we as the human race just can't get it together to live in peace and harmony. All these conflicts in the world are not helping our environment or the people that still live in hunger and lack of clean water.



Les Dzwonkiewicz,
PEC

Thank you to all the board members for attending the board meeting on March 21st. The time that you invest in our association is so very much appreciated as well as at the chapter level. I would like to welcome Mr. Ray Wery as the director-at-large south and Mr. Joe Davis for volunteering to replace Mr. Keven Lefebvre on the Fire Technical Council. Mr. Bob Clarke will represent ECAA on Alberta Construction Association Research & Technology Committee. Thank you for stepping up to the plate guys. Mr. Barnes and Mr. Mackenzie did a complete internal audit of our books, thank you gentlemen. Mr. Kim Wallin, BDO attended our board meeting at 11:30 to present the 2013 draft financials with all being in order. If you are thinking of getting involved in the ECAA please give Sheri a call at our office - the rewards are huge.

AGM 2014 is coming fast, May 23 weekend and everyone should have your packages so please register early. The AGM and Training Day is being held in Edmonton this year at the Fantasyland Hotel, central for everyone.

April is a busy month for me. I will be attending the Apprenticeship & Industry Training Awards on April 11th where ECAA presents an award to the Top Electrical Apprentice. On April 17th I have the pleasure to attend Venture Publishing Contractor of the Year Awards. On April 24th the ECAA has been invited to the APEGA Presidents Reception and Summit Awards Gala, which I will be attending.

This year is looking like it's going to be a challenge with too few people for the

Confirmation notices will be sent out.

[Code Seminar Registration Form](#)

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

****Please note that all Master Electrician's and Safety Codes Officers must have their code updating completed prior to October 1st, 2014****

Upcoming PEC Courses

*Assessing & Finalizing the Tender
April 11th & 12th, 2014
(Calgary)*

*Business & Public Relations
April 25th & 26th, 2014
(Calgary)*

Tradeshows

Calgary Construction Association 2014 Construction Career Expo

Wednesday, April 16th
BMO Centre, Hall B
Stampede Park

Skills Canada Alberta
May 14 & 15, 2014
Edmonton Expo Center

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projects on the books so remember how important it is to treat all the people that work with us with respect. It is always better to compliment a person than to criticize. Look after the young people and give them direction for they are the one's tweeting their friends about how great apprenticeship is.

So I leave you with this by Charles Bukowski
"GENIUS MIGHT BE THE ABILITY TO SAY A PROFOUND THING IN A SIMPLE WAY"

Your President,
Les Dzwonkiewicz PEC

Industry News

AGM Registration Package available [here](#). **Spousal Champagne Brunch** will be held from 10:00 am - 11:30 am on Saturday, May 24th featuring Princess Florence Handbags. Join members and guests for the Awards luncheon at noon. On Friday, May 23rd spouses are encouraged to attend Training Day Sessions or enjoy West Edmonton Mall.

REVISED ELECTRICAL STANDATA. The following STANDATA have been revised and are now available on the Alberta Municipal Affairs website. To view or print copies follow the links below.

CEC-4 [REV 6]	Conductors
CEC-10 [REV 8]	Grounding and Bonding
CEC-12 [REV 6]	Wiring Methods
CEC-18 [REV 11]	Hazardous Locations
CEC-22 [REV 4]	Locations in which Corrosive Liquids or Vapours or Excessive Moisture are likely to be present
CEC-26 [REV 5]	Installation of Electrical Equipment
CEC-30 [REV 6]	Installation of Lighting Equipment

To view all STANDATA that have been issued for the Electrical Code click [here](#).

Congratulations and good luck to our members who are finalists for Alberta Venture Trade Contractor of the Year:

Under \$15 million Annual Revenue:

Alta Pro Electric
Falco Electrical Systems Ltd

Over \$15 million Annual Revenue:

Concept Electric

Heavy Civil Contractor of the Year
PCL Construction Management

Tickets for the event can be purchased by calling (780) 990-0839 (ext 244) or email events@albertaventure.com

Congratulations Dave Hagen, incoming Alberta Construction Safety Association (ACSA) chair, and to ACSA, this year's recipient of the Alberta Construction Safety Association's Partners Award. The Partners award is presented to an organization in recognition of the efforts given to the promotion of the ACSA and for invaluable input towards program development in the interest of construction health and safety.

Alberta Apprenticeship & Industry Training and RAP Scholarship

Applications available at ECAA Office. Application deadline is June 30th, 2014.

Skills Canada Alberta is in search of volunteers for role of Competition Ambassadors at the 2014 Provincial Skills Canada Competition (PSCC) May 14th & 15th. At the PSCC, there are over 10,000 students touring the competition who are eager to learn about the trades! Skills Canada Alberta has highlighted Electrical Installations as one of 5 event areas that we are including Competition Ambassadors at this year. Ambassadors will be at their respective competition area to share information about the trade, competition, related careers, and education/training opportunities. A volunteer package is attached that outlines the roles and responsibilities of a Competition Ambassador, the time commitment, and it includes an application form. Please contact Skills directly if you are interested in getting involved.

Registration now open for Alberta Export Awards. The Albert Export Awards pay tribute to the successful and innovative approaches of the province's export companies. Register now to attend and connect with leading and emerging industry decision makers at this prestigious event. To register click on the following [link](#).

Calgary Electrical Contractor - Business for Sale \$4 million annual sales, \$1.5 million order backlog. Excellent safety record, 25 employees. Profitable niche, diverse customer base. **For information contact:** Paladin Capital Advisors - 403-258-2481 [\[link to one page summary\]](#)

Congratulations to Perry and Sophie Schmaltz, this year's recipients as Parkinson Alberta Association *Volunteers of the Year*.

April 28th Day of Mourning. In 2013, 188 workers died from workplace injuries or illness in Alberta. On April 28th honour them by committing to work together to prevent workplace injuries.

From ACA Website: 2014 Scholarship Application Now Available. ACA and the Jake Thygesen family provide 32 scholarships valued at \$1000 each to students enrolled in technical training for construction trades. **The application for the 2014 scholarships is now available. The deadline to apply is June 30, 2014.**

ACA Plain Language Guide to the Alberta Builder's Lien Act

The Alberta Construction Association Plain Language Guide to the Builder's Lien Act is intended to assist participants in the construction industry in understanding and effectively dealing with builder's lien issues.

It covers:

- Frequently Asked Questions
- Lawyer Involvement
- Who is Entitled to File A Builder's Lien
- What Lands are Lienable (Mineral Leases, Public Highways, Indian Reserve Lands, Metis Settlements)
- Landlords and Tenants
- Participants (General Contractors, Subcontractors, Sub-Subcontractors, Material Suppliers, Service Providers, Workers, Equipment Suppliers)
- Unpaid Vendor Liens
- Substantial Performance
- Procedure for Filing
- The Lien Fund (Major Lien, Minor Lien)

- Holdbacks
- Progressive Release of Holdbacks
- Payment Following Completion
- Transfer of Title
- Trusts
- Enforcement
- Removal of Liens
- Invalid Liens

All of ACA's Plain Language Guides can be ordered through your local construction association.

Board of Directors Update

Meeting held March 21st. In attendance President Dzwonkiewicz, PEC; Mr. Darrell Castor; Mr. Bob Clarke; Mr. Rob Coleman, PEC; Mrs. Jeanette DeBruin; Mr. Eric Fadden, PEC; Mr. Doug Miller; Mr. Darcy Teichroeb, PEC; Mr. Ray Wery, PEC and Mr. Kelly Wilde.

Agenda items included discussion on Prompt Payment Legislation, ECAA Public member appointments, Alberta Employment Standards Code; review of ECAA's 2013 financials by auditor; 2015 ECAA Training Day & Convention; approval of PEC and membership applications; Chapter and Committee reports (detailed reports in this issue of the Contactor).

Nominations Committee (Provincial, Edmonton and Calgary) looking for members to join the board. If interested please contact a local Nominations Committee member or smclean@ecaa.ab.ca.

Next meeting is Wednesday, April 23rd.

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) 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 Les or Sheri.

Local Chapter Activity

CALGARY: Next meeting **Thursday, April 10th** at the Best Western Port O'Call. Speaker: Myron Vogt, Barkman Concrete (Underground Trench Product); refreshment sponsor, Schneider Electric.

Calgary Chapter Communications person required to assist Provincial Chair, Jeanette DeBruin. If interested please contact Chapter President Doug Miller d.miller@customelectric.com.

CENTRAL: Next meeting: **Wednesday, April 9th** at the Red Deer Lodge. Guest speaker: Danny Oltmann, McKenna Agencies "Wireless Home Automation".

EDMONTON: Next chapter meeting **Monday, April 14th**. Speaker: Jim Goodmurphy, Careers - Next Generation; Topic of Discussion: R.A.P Summer Intake 2014. Thomas & Betts; Topic of Discussion: Hazlux Lighting. Refreshment

sponsor Thomas & Betts.

NORTH WEST: Next chapter meeting has been moved to **Thursday, April 24th**. Contact President Tim Tarita with agenda items.

FORT MCMURRAY: Next meeting **Tuesday, April 8th**. Fort McMurray Chapter will be hosting a **Golf Tournament on June 26th at the Mac Island Golf Course**. More details to follow in the next few months. Mark your calendars!

NORTH EAST Next meeting **Wednesday, April 30th** Spiros Restaurant. Contact President Terry Barnett with agenda items.

New Members

Welcome new Associate & Contractor Members: **Associates: Electrical Controls & Manufacturing Inc.** (Edmonton); **Intertek Testing Services** (Edmonton); **Mission LED Lighting Company** (Leduc); **Robinson Lighting** (Edmonton). **Contractors:Chalk Electrical Ltd.** (Edmonton); **D.A. Electric Ltd.** (Lethbridge)

Professional Electrical Contractor (PEC) News

Congratulations new Professional Electrical Contractors! **Steven Barker, PEC#269; Peter Meiling, PEC #270; Wesley Steffler, PEC #271; Denny Vannus, PEC#272; Ray Wery, PEC #273; Shawn Bishop, PEC #274**

ECAA Training Day, Friday, May 23rd & Fantasyland Hotel, Edmonton

Program agenda finalized. We will feature 4 speakers in each of the next four issues of the Spark. Check ECAA website www.ecaa.ab.ca for registration form and updated information.

Residential Speaker: *Steven Rissi, Custom Electronic Design & Installation Association (CEDIA)* "**Emerging Residential Technology Trends**". With consumers increasing their expectations and their knowledge related to technology, electricians must understand current and future technology trends. This session will offer a look at the speed at which new technologies become popular and break down the most prevalent residential technology trends that are happening right now, as well as their future impact on electricians and their prospective clients. This session will also direct attendees on how to incorporate technology components into their future projects and business models.

Commercial speaker: *Ark Tsisserev, FEC; M.Sc.; P.Eng., EFS Engineering Solutions Ltd.* "**Use of Electricity & Installation of Electrical Equipment in Patient Care Areas of Healthcare Facilities**". This covers application on the CSA standard Z32 in conjunction with installation provisions of Section 24 of the CE Code; facts and misconceptions.

Industrial speaker: *Terry Becker, ESTS* "**CSA Z462, 3rd Edition 2015 Changes & Impacts**". This will include a review of industries application of the CSA Z462 Standard as due diligence to OH&S regulations.

General Interest speaker - *Grant Ainsley, Grant Ainsley Inc.* "**Making Your Business Bulletproof**". We live in a world where thousands of people and the news media can learn about something that's gone wrong with your business because of a single Facebook post, a Tweet, or a YouTube upload from one of your employees. That same world sees the vast majority of companies totally

unprepared to deal with a rush of calls from the media when something like this happens. Grant Ainsley is one of Canada's best media trainers and he'll talk about steps that every organization should take today to deal with the social-media driven world we live in. He will also let you know what you need to do if you find yourself dealing with the news media for all the wrong reasons. This session could save your company's brand. Make your business bulletproof at Training Day.

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) to register or for more information on the program.

[2014 PEC COURSE REGISTRATION FORM](#)

Assessing & Finalizing the Tender, April 11th & 12th, 2014 (Calgary) 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.

Business & Public Relations, April 25th & 26th, 2014 (Calgary) A series of six modules designed to give you essential and proven management concepts in the areas of managing: Credit & Collections, Business Promotion, Sales Management, Business Management, Human Resource Management and Time Management . Each module will teach you hands-on management strategies to immediately begin improving the performance and profitability of your electrical contracting business.

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

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) 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 smclean@ecaa.ab.ca.

The next issue of The Spark will be emailed Friday, May 2nd, 2014.



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