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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

Greeting to everyone,

A year goes by so very fast. I can't believe that our Annual General Meetings and Convention are only a little more than 3 weeks away. This year we are gathering at the beautiful Jasper Park Lodge. It promises to be a great time with golfing at one of the nicest courses in Canada, fantastic presenters at Training Day, all of our Annual General Meetings, Awards Luncheon, the Gala Saturday night with Trevor Panczak, all wrapped up with a farewell Breakfast on Sunday morning. The opportunities to network with the best and brightest in the industry are plentiful. I hope to see you there.



There are two upcoming "Town Hall Meetings": May 8th at the Best Western Port of Call (Calgary), and May 15th at the Chateau Louis (Edmonton). The purpose of the meetings are to discuss path forward for CME's & RME's, as well as possible By-law change. The present requirement for a solar provider to be a member of a solar society to participate in the Alberta Government Residential and Commercial Solar Program has been added to the agenda. These meetings will begin at 5:30 with a light supper followed by presentation and discussion. Please forward any items you would like added to the agenda to [ecaa@ecaa.ab.ca](mailto:ecaa@ecaa.ab.ca). RSVP for meal confirmation. This is a very important step forward and I would encourage everyone to attend.

May 9th, 2019  
CALGARY CHAPTER  
Best Western Port O'Call  
Calgary, AB

**Calgary Code**

May 10th, 2019  
Marriott Courtyard Airport

**ELECTIONS**

May 13th, 2019  
EDMONTON CHAPTER  
Chateau Louis Hotel &  
Conference Center  
Edmonton, AB

**Edmonton Code**

June 8th, 2019  
ECAA Provincial Office

May 16th, 2019  
FORT McMURRAY CHAPTER  
Best Western Sawridge

**[ECAA 2019 Board of Directors](#)**

Click on the above link to meet our Provincial Board of Directors

**Trade shows**

**Provincial Skills Competition**

May 8th & 9th  
Edmonton, AB

**If you are able to volunteer contact [Christine Hryniw](#)**

*Thank you to our members and volunteers that helped us at the Bi-Provincial Try - A - Trade in Lloydminster and the Central Career Expo. Both trade shows were very well attended!*

**Join Our List**

As this is my last Presidents Message, I would sincerely like to thank everyone for your support over the last twelve months. I've traveled the province to attend Chapter meetings and felt extremely welcome everywhere I've went. A very special thank you goes to the ladies at the ECAA office, Sheri, Christine, Camille, Dorothy and Shannon. These ladies work constantly to ensure that the functionality of the ECAA remains to be the best ever.

I look forward to my next year as Past-President and continued discussions with friends and acquaintances throughout this amazing Province.

I wish nothing but the greatest things for our incoming Provincial President, Mr. Terry Barnett, I know the ECAA will be in good hands with Terry at the helm.

"Legacy is not leaving something for people, It's leaving something in people" - Peter Strople

Until next time,  
God bless and be Safe.

Tim Tarita  
ECAA Provincial President

**TOWN HALL MEETINGS**

**ATTENTION: ECAA CONTRACTOR & REGULATORY MEMBERS;**

Two Town Hall meetings have been scheduled for Calgary and Edmonton of interest to all ECAA members. The purpose of the meetings is to discuss: scope of practice for an industry-required Subject Matter Expert (SME); Business License Exemption (Section 40, POARA Legislation); proposed By-law change and Regulation amendment; and the present requirement for a solar provider to be a member of a solar society to participate in Alberta Government Residential and Commercial Solar Program has been added to the agenda.

All ECAA Members are encouraged to attend these meetings.

**TOWN HALL MEETING DATES**

**Wednesday, May 8th**

**5:30 pm**

**Best Western Port O'Call Hotel  
Calgary, AB**

**Wednesday, May 15th**

**5:30 pm**

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## ECAA is Social

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Chateau Louis Hotel & Conference Center  
Edmonton, AB

Please **RSVP** ([ecaa@ecaa.ab.ca](mailto:ecaa@ecaa.ab.ca)) as a light supper will be served.  
There is no cost to attend these meetings.

If you have any agenda items you would like addressed  
please email them directly to: [Sheri McLean](mailto:Sheri McLean)

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## Industry News

A little more than 3 weeks until **ECAA 2019 Convention kicks off in Jasper and there is still time to register!** Join Provincial President Tim & Karen Tarita for our annual Technical Training Day & Convention May 30th - June 2nd, 2019 at the Jasper Park Lodge in Jasper, AB.

Registration can be completed [online](#) or directly by contacting the office. There are a few rooms left at JPL; be sure to reserve your room [online](#) or by calling the hotel directly 780-852-3301 and referencing ECAA.

### [2019 ECAA Convention Registration Package](#)

Thank you again, to the following **Convention Sponsors:**

**DIAMOND:** Federated Insurance

**PLATINUM:** ABB; Schneider Electric

**GOLD:** Aon Risk; Eaton; K&L Electric, PCL

**SILVER:** Canadian Electrical Contractors Association (CECA); Canem Systems; E.B. Horsman & Son

### [SPONSORS](#)

**Hole Sponsorship opportunities available for the ECAA Convention Golf Tournament at the Jasper Park Lodge.** If you are interested in sponsoring a hole contact [chryniw@ecaa.ab.ca](mailto:chryniw@ecaa.ab.ca) or [smclean@ecaa.ab.ca](mailto:smclean@ecaa.ab.ca)

**ECAA is a proud sponsor and supporter of the Provincial Skills Competition.** We are currently looking for volunteers to help with the ECAA booth during the **Provincial Skills competition at Skill City May 8th & 9th from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.** If you or someone from your company is able to volunteer an hour or so of time please email [chryniw@ecaa.ab.ca](mailto:chryniw@ecaa.ab.ca) . *Volunteering at career fairs qualifies for APD points for PEC's.*

Friendly reminder that there is only one week left to register for **COAA's 2019 Best Practices Conference on May 7th & 8th.** All of the details you'll need, including the agenda, registration, workshop selections, etc., can be accessed easily on their [website](#).

Alberta's construction is changing. That means supply networks need to adapt too. One serious shift is the push by progressive industrial project

Owners into Collaboration models for project design, deployment and delivery. GO Productivity, in conjunction with the **COAA Best Practices Conference, presents a Seminar/Workshop May 7th in Edmonton on the "Practical Realities on Collaboration in Construction."** Participants will hear from speakers in the "thick of it" on the realities of overcoming challenges and grasping opportunities by being part of better project results and better bottom lines. You will learn what your leadership and management teams must do to be project-ready suppliers/contributors to meet Owners' expectations in a collaboration contracting project. For more information and registration, please visit: <https://goproductivity.ca/events/practical-realities-of-collaboration-in-construction/>

**Alberta Energy Efficiency Alliance is hosting a lunch & learn on Existing Buildings** at the Stantec Center in Calgary on **May 16th, 2019** 11:30 am - 1:00 pm. Member price \$25 + GST Non Member Price \$35 + GST. **Existing Buildings:** An Energy Resource in a Changing Alberta

In 2030, 75% of our building stock will consist of buildings in existence today. Accordingly, deep energy retrofits of our existing buildings are an untapped trove of energy potential. However, are the retrofits we're recommending today really best practice for the Alberta of tomorrow? Changes to our policies, electrical grid, available fuel sources, economy, transportation, and work culture represent unique challenges to today's building industry. The presenter will also touch on the new STEP Codes and their impact on industry. With the UCP recently elected in Alberta, we will also hear what impact the new Government may have on energy efficiency and industries going forward. Presenter for this session is Samantha Lane. To register click on the following link: <https://aeaeevents.regfox.com/lunch-learn---existing-buildings-an-energy-resource-in-a-changing-alber>

**Alberta Chamber of Resources 2019 Mid-Year Meeting is set for June 20th from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm** Conocophillips Auditorium in Calgary. Regulatory Enhancement and Modernization Releasing Innovation & Investment. For more information visit <https://www.acr-alberta.com/2019/04/16/save-the-date-mid-year-meeting/>

**SAVE THE DATE: STARS 9th Annual Building Magic in the Air Gala Saturday, October 19th, 2019** at the Chateau Lacombe Hotel in Edmonton. The Prohibition themed evening will be dedicated to raising funds to help keep STARS in the sky. For more information visit [www.buildingmagicgala.ca](http://www.buildingmagicgala.ca) . If you would like to contribute towards our [silent auction](#) or interested in sponsoring this event please feel free to reach out to Sheyanne [slevall@stars.ca](mailto:slevall@stars.ca) or by contacting Sheri [smclean@ecaa.ab.ca](mailto:smclean@ecaa.ab.ca) or Christine [chryniw@ecaa.ab.ca](mailto:chryniw@ecaa.ab.ca)

### Provincial Board Update

Next Provincial Board meeting will be held Thursday, May 9th, 2019 in Calgary.

### Local Chapter Activity

**CALGARY:** Next meeting **Thursday, May 9th** Best Western Port O'Call Hotel. Pre-Meeting Presentation: 5:00 pm; Chapter Meeting/Dinner: 6:00 pm.

**Pre-Meeting Topic:** The Future of Smart Buildings & What Owners Are Asking For.

**Presenter:** Joe Davis, Johnson Controls

**Meeting Sponsor:** Andrew McGuire, Acutech Electric & Klaus Vondran, Controls Plus

**Reminder: Chapter Call for Nominations.** Be sure to attend these meetings to vote in your new Executive and acknowledge and thank outgoing Executive.

**As quorum is needed, if you are unable to attend please email the name of a representative from a member company that is authorized to vote on your behalf to Sheri McLean [smclean@ecaa.ab.ca](mailto:smclean@ecaa.ab.ca)**

**EDMONTON:** Next Meeting **Monday, May 13th**, Chateau Louis Hotel & Conference Center. Pre-Meeting Presentation: 5:00 pm; Chapter Meeting/Dinner: 6:00 pm.

**Pre-Meeting Topic:** Connected Lighting

**Presenter:** Michael Gonzalez, Prolux Lighting

**Meeting Sponsor:** Dean Lind, LSW Lighting

**Chapter Meeting Speaker:** Barry Moore, Wirtanen Electric Training Foundation

**Topic:** What Wirtanen can do for you.

**Speaker:** Don Keenan, Prolux Lighting

**Topic:** Sports Lighting and Performance Floods

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**FORT McMURRAY:** Next Meeting **Thursday, May 16th**, Best Western Sawridge Chapter Meeting/Dinner: 6:00 pm.

**Pre-Meeting Topic:** Integrated Testing of Fire Alarm System ULC 1001

**Presenter:** Joe Davis, Johnson Controls

**Meeting Sponsor:** Johnson Controls

**Wood Buffalo Apprenticeship Classic Golf Tournament Wednesday, August 14th, 2019** taking place at the Miskinaw Golf Course in Fort McMurray. For more information and to register a team open the complete registration package [Wood Buffalo Apprenticeship Classic 2019](#) Proceeds raised at this tournament go directly to the Keyano College in the form of scholarships for 2nd & 3rd year students registered in the Electrical Apprenticeship program.

## Professional Electrical Contractor (PEC) Courses

### [2019 PEC Course Schedule and Registration](#)

**Electrical Project Management Thursday, June 13th & Friday, June 14th, 2019 (Instructor: Rob Colclough, PEC**

**) (CALGARY)** Once given a successful bid package, you will develop an awareness of how to apply ten project management knowledge areas and five processes to derive a project charter and project schedule. From here you will then learn how to manage the project to successful commissioning and close out.

**\*\*Reminder all PEC's retaking courses 12 APD points apply. Reduced course rate of \$60 per 2 day course; \$90 3 day course.**

## Online Training Member Benefit

**ECAA Members will now receive a discount through EPIC (Educational Programs Innovations Center).**

ECAA members can access EPIC courses using the [following link](#). **Members are eligible to receive 10% off using the discount code ECAA.**

Almost all of EPIC's courses qualify for APD points for PEC's; Continuing Education Units (CEU's) and Professional Development Hours (PDH's).

## Online Training

[www.ecaatraining.com](http://www.ecaatraining.com)

**ONLINE TRAINING -- ECAA MEMBER DISCOUNT AVAILABLE!**  
use Promo Code **ECAA2018!** to receive our preferred rates.

### E-Learning Courses Available:

- ESTS Electrical Worker Canada 2018
- ESTS Electrical Worker USA
- ESTS Non-Electrical Worker Canada and USA
- Bear Awareness Online Training
- Confined Space Pre-Entry Online Training
- Fire Safety Awareness

- Ground Disturbance Online Training - Supervisory 3.0
- H2S Awareness Online Training 2.0
- Hazard Awareness Online Training 2.0
- TDG Online Training 3.0
- WHMIS 2015 Online Training
- Defensive Driving - 3 Demerit Reduction Online Training (Alberta Only)
- Defensive Driving Condensed Online Training (CDN Version)
- Fatigue Management for Senior Administrators and Supervisors Online Training
- Fatigue Management: Driving Drowsy - Taking Responsibility Online Training
- Professional Drive Improvement Course Online Training - 3 Demerit Reduction (Alberta Only)

#### **FIRST LEVEL SUPERVISOR TRAINING PROGRAM \*\*5 Gold Seal**

**Credits** This course offers the critical basic skills and concepts needed to supervise a crew in the residential, institutional, commercial, industrial and civil construction sectors. For more information click on the following link [First Level Supervisor Training Program](#) . Course is complimentary to all unionized electrical contractors and their employees that have a bargaining relationship with the IBEW Local 424.

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

#### **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)

**The next issue of The Spark will be emailed on June 7th, 2019.**



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