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THE SPARK

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In This Issue **Welcome to ECAA's E-Newsletter, The Spark!**

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

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New Members

Greetings from the no snow North East!

Chapter Activity

PEC Courses

Looks like winter in the southern end of the Province, which I bet they didn't expect this early? But it's most likely to melt and turn seasonal, so the last of the ground work can be finished before winter actually comes and stays!

Member Benefit

Online Training

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The ECAA held their first Board meeting earlier in September, the hot topics on the agenda were budgets, new members, Chapter meetings and how to attract new members.



Calendar of Event

PEC COURSES

Most of the Chapters will have had a meeting by the end of October. I will try my best to get out to most of them. I will be heading to Medicine Hat, Lethbridge and Calgary next week to meet our members and take any concerns back to the Board for their attention.

2020 Dates Added

[2019-2020 PEC Registra Form](#)

The Bob Carson Classic was held back in September and it was a sellout, a great time for all!

CODE SEMINARS

Edmonton Code

November 18th, 2019
ECAA Provincial Office

Most of the Province is looking for the economy to take a turn for the better, but we might have to wait until the election is over and settled. We all hope the economy turns around by Spring, just in time for construction season 2020!

December 16th, 2019 Thanks for all the members that are joining my wife and I on the 2020 out of country
ECAA Provincial Office convention, it will be an amazing convention!

Calgary Code
November 15th, 2019 Thanks for your time,
Marriott Courtyard Airp Terry Barnett
ECAA President

[Code Seminar Registration](#)

Industry News

MEETINGS
October 8th, 2019
MEDICINE HAT CHAPT
Medicine Hat Lodge
Medicine Hat, AB

Fire Alarm Training Course (December 2nd - 6th, 2019 & February 24th - 28th, 2020)
ECAA Provincial Office, Edmonton. This course meets the requirement for those
journeypersons who wish to apply for a Personal Identification Number (PIN) for the
maintenance of Fire Alarm Systems, as well as a refresher course for those working in
the field. For more information click on the following attachment: [Fire Alarm Course
Form](#)
[December 2nd - 6th Registration Link](#) [February 24th - 28th Registration Link](#)

October 9th, 2019
LETHBRIDGE CHAPTE
Sandman Signature
Lethbridge Lodge
Lethbridge, AB

Thank you to everyone that showed up for our first dance class! Join us for our **next
workshop on the Jive November 7th, 2019** 6:30 pm. To register for this lesson click
on the following link: <http://events.ecaa.ab.ca/events/dance-workshop-november-7th-jive/>

October 10th, 2019
CALGARY CHAPTER
Best Western Port O'Ca
Calgary, AB

ECAA is hosting a **Crib Tournament** Saturday, November 30th at 1:00 pm. Sign up
fee \$25 per person and includes one beverage and snacks. Teams of 2 - single players
welcome. Guaranteed 3 rounds; 1st Prize \$300; 2nd Prize \$150 and 3rd Prize
\$100. Register online before November 6th: <http://events.ecaa.ab.ca/events/ecaa-crib-tournament-nov-30-2019/> **Space is limited!**

October 16th, 2019
NORTH EAST CHAPTE
Lloydminster Exhibition Ce
Lloydminster, AB

Installation Guide for New Residential Utility Service. To enhance customer service
and ensure safe and quality installations of utility services, the City of Edmonton has
collaborated with CHBA, ATCO, EPCOR, the Inspections Group and Edmonton-based
Underground Contractors to produce a **standardized installation guide**. The pilot was
created to address observed long-term trends across previous utility installations. **The
Effective date** of Installation of utility services for New Single Family Homes, Semi-
detached, and Row Housing is September 5th, 2017. View the guide here: [Installation
Guide for New Residential Utility Service](#)

October 21st, 2019
EDMONTON CHAPTE
Chateau Louis Hotel &
Conference Center
Edmonton, AB

Are you earning enough as an Electrical Contractor? Earlier in the year the
Electrical Business magazine conducted a survey on industry salaries and charge out
rates. The following link will direct
you: https://mydigitalpublication.com/publication/?i=611953#{%22issue_id%22:611953,%22page%22:26} **Author: Peter Saunders; Source: Electrical Business Magazine
August 2019 Digital Issue**

October 30th, 2019
CENTRAL CHAPTER
Holiday Inn South,
Gasoline Alley
Red Deer, AB

The Energy Efficiency Conference for Oil and Gas hosted by the Association of
Energy Engineer Alberta (AEE Alberta) and Engineers Without Borders Calgary is
taking place **Date:** October 15th, 2019
When: 8:30 Registration, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Event **Where:** The Bow Building (500
Centre St S, Calgary, AB). This event is an excellent opportunity for members of
industry to learn about innovative strategies that are being undertaken by leaders in the
industry, and to understand the solutions that can be introduced into their own
operations. This event will provide an excellent opportunity to network with energy
professionals throughout the O&G and Energy Efficiency Industry. [Register Here](#)

[ECAA 2019-2020 Bo
of Directors](#)

Click on the above lin
meet our Provincial B
of Directors

Did you get your tickets yet? Join us on **Saturday, October 19, 2019** at the Chateau
Lacombe Hotel in Edmonton, for the **9th annual Building Magic in the Air Gala**. We
hope you can join us for this fundraiser as we will be celebrating the construction

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industry in the great province of Alberta, while supporting the STARS mission. The gala will include a "**You Make a Difference**" sponsor reception, cocktails, followed by a buffet dinner, silent and live auction, raffles and live entertainment. This great evening will have more than 350 guests from the construction industry. To learn more about this event and to purchase tickets click on the following

link <https://foundation.stars.ca/buildingmagic>

Provincial Board Update

A Board of Directors meeting was held on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 in the ECAA Boardroom. President Terry Barnett called the meeting to order at 10:45 am. In attendance were Tim Brundage; Tim Fehr; Scott Hutton; Chris Jardine; Jason Kuziw; Jeff Light, PEC; Rob Little; Terry Milot; Neil Moffatt; Susan Rockwood; Tim Tarita; Darcy Teichroeb, PEC; Brandon Thoma, PEC; Darrell Warholik, Steve Warholik, and Mrs. Sheri McLean (Recording Secretary). Agenda and Minutes from June 19th, 2019 were approved. Agenda items included an update on the Fire Alarm Course, an update on the Compass Pre-Qualification Program, and an update on the PM Elec designation. Various correspondence items were received and acknowledged. Discussion included utilization of ECAA's expanded boardroom; Training Day 2020, July financials and Wood Gundy investments as well as Association revenue and expenses. Membership dues will remain the same for 2020. ECO Lighting Solutions was approved as an Associate member and Graham McDonald as a Journey Person Associate. Chapter Presidents and Committee chairs presented reports to the Board. Board Pictures will be held with December 6th meeting in Calgary, and Board members encouraged to attend the Calgary Christmas Gala on Saturday, December 7th. ECAA Open House is scheduled for Thursday, December 12th. Edmonton Chapter President's Gala, January 25th at Chateau Lacombe. It was reported that CSTS 2020 is live and on-line on the ACSA website, and free until December 31st, 2020, '09 is free to complete until December 31st, 2019. Meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Next Provincial Board meeting scheduled for December 6th, 2019. Marriott Hotel Downtown Calgary.

New Members

Welcome New Members!

Associate: Phoenix Lighting (Edmonton); Triton Fire Protection Inc. (Edmonton); Eco Lighting Solutions (Calgary)

Journey person Associate: Alex Sherman (Edmonton); Graham McDonald (Fort Saskatchewan)

Local Chapter Activity

CALGARY: Next meeting **Thursday, October 10th** Best Western Port O'Call Hotel. Pre-Meeting Presentation: 5:00 pm; Chapter Meeting/Dinner: 6:00 pm.

Pre-Meeting Presenter: Scott Lee, PowerCo

Topic: Practical Application & Understanding of Surge Suppression

Chapter Meeting Presenter: Adam Ghani, City of Calgary

Topic: Electrical Inspection Update

Meeting Sponsor: Scott Lee, PowerCo

2nd Annual Calgary Chapter Christmas Gala hosted by Chapter President Chris & Claire Jardine. Saturday, December 7th at the Marriott Hotel Downtown Calgary. Tickets on Sale!

[Click here to purchase your tickets](#) [Calgary Chapter Christmas Gala](#)

Special room rate guaranteed by November 11th. Click on the link below to make your reservation:

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1567204560571&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

EDMONTON: Next Meeting **Monday, October 21st**, Chateau Louis Hotel & Conference Center. Pre-Meeting Presentation: 5:00 pm; Chapter Meeting/Dinner: 6:00 pm.

Pre-Meeting Presenter: Scott Lee, PowerCo

Topic: Practical Application & Understanding of Surge Suppression

Chapter Meeting Presenter: Arlene Lauer-Krueger, Careers Next Generation

Topic of Presentation: Future of Skilled Trades - Engaging Youth

Meeting Sponsor: Scott Lee, PowerCo

MEDICINE HAT: Next Meeting **Tuesday, October 8th**, Medicine Hat Lodge. Pre-Meeting 5:00 pm; 6:30 Dinner and Chapter Meeting to Follow.

Pre-Meeting Presenter: Larry Cantelo, PEC

Topic of Presentation: CE Code Section 10 Overview

Chapter Meeting Presenter: John Knoll, PEC

Topic of Presentation: Sustainable Electrical Construction Methods & Products

Meeting Sponsor: Larry Sebastian, EECOL

LETHBRIDGE: Next Meeting **Wednesday, October 9th**, Sandman Signature Lethbridge Lodge. Pre-Meeting 5:00; 6:30 pm Dinner & Chapter Meeting to Follow.

Pre-Meeting Presenter: Larry Cantelo, PEC

Topic of Presentation: CE Code Section 10 Overview

Chapter Meeting Presenter: John Knoll, PEC

Topic of Presentation: Sustainable Electrical Construction Methods & Products

Meeting Sponsor: Dale Krall, SMP Engineering

NORTH EAST: Next Meeting **Wednesday, October 16th**, Chapter Meeting/Dinner: 5:30 pm. Lloydminster Exhibition Centre.

Chapter Meeting Presenter: Tim Hydzik, Phoenix Lighting

Topic of Presentation: Durable Lighting Made for Mining

Meeting Sponsor: Derek Pogany, Prolux Lighting

CENTRAL: Next Meeting Wednesday, October 30th, Holiday Inn South, Gasoline Alley. Pre-Meeting 5:00 pm; 6:30 pm Dinner & Chapter Meeting to follow.

Pre-Meeting Presenter: Larry Cantelo, PEC

Topic of Presentation: CE Code Section 10 Overview

Professional Electrical Contractor (PEC) Courses

[2019-2020 PEC Course Schedule and Registration](#)

**Basic Electrical Estimating Thursday, October 17th & Friday, October 18th, 2019
Instructor: Jeff Light, PEC (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.

Legal Implications Thursday, October 17th & Friday, October 18th, 2019

Instructor: Michael Bokhaut & Matthew Kachur (CALGARY) 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.

Estimating & Finalizing the Tender Thursday, October 31st, November 1st & 2nd,

2019 Instructor: Chris Reinert, PEC (CALGARY) This 3-day course will cover types of estimates, organizing the estimate, labor units, computer estimating and finalizing the tender. Goals of this course include how to do an estimate using a set of drawings and specs applying take off terms and procedures to finalize and submit tender documents and develop an estimate in a format that can be used as a Project Management tool.

*****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.**

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

Online Training

ONLINE TRAINING -- ECAA MEMBER DISCOUNT AVAILABLE!

use Promo Code ECAA2018! to receive our preferred rates. www.ecaatraining.com

ECAA is an approved distributor for **Buildforce Canada** and has the following on-line training courses available for purchase through our office:

- [CNCR - Communication, Negotiation and Conflict Resolution](#)
- [Confined Spaces Safety Awareness](#)
- [Construction Law](#)
- [Construction Project Management](#)
- [Introduction to Building Information Modeling](#)
- [Introduction to Construction Estimating](#)
- [Pipeline Construction Safety Training \(PCST\)](#)
- [Working in a Respectful and Inclusive Workplace](#)

For pricing and access to these courses contact ECAA directly 1-800-252-9375 ecaa@ecaa.ab.ca

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

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 (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

The next issue of The Spark will be emailed on November 1st, 2019.



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