



**ECAA**

Electrical Contractors  
Association of Alberta

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## Calendar of Events

### CODE SEMINARS

#### [Edmonton Code](#)

November 18th, 2019

ECAA Provincial Office

December 16th, 2019

ECAA Provincial Office

#### [Calgary Code](#)

November 15th, 2019

Marriott Courtyard Airport

## 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 think winter is coming early as the cold air is here! All Chapters have had their first meeting of the year. The turnouts have been great and the dialogue and speakers well received. I was in Medicine Hat on October 8 with a great turnout. We are very happy to report we have an Executive for the Chapter; thank you to all that helped in this. Congratulations and thanks to Everett Pulido, Brock Galecki and Kevin Donst for stepping forward. Then it was off to Lethbridge for their Chapter meeting the next day. The meeting was well attended, as always, for Tim and the members. I also stopped in at the Calgary Chapter meeting on October 10. Great speakers and a packed house! Thanks Tim and Chris for the invites.



The North East was another stop for me in October. It was a good meeting and the speaker, Tim Hydzik with Phoenix Lighting was amazing. Thanks to all who attended. I am still trying to get out to all Chapters before my term as President is up. I hope to see a good turn out in the North West, Edmonton, and Red Deer when I come out.

Reminder: North West Christmas Social is on November 22 in Grande Prairie. I hope to see all our North West chapter members there. The next Board meeting is in Calgary on December 6, followed by the Calgary Christmas Social on December 7. This will be a blast, so please come join President Chris Jardine and your Calgary and Provincial Board. The ECAA Christmas Open House is December 12 at the Edmonton office. Come network and join us for some Christmas Cheer! That's all from me for now!!

Thanks and enjoy the cold air,

Terry Barnett

ECAA President

[Code Seminar Registration Form](#)

### **BREAKFAST CLUB**

November 21st

[Consultative Sales](#)

8:30 - 10:30 am

ECAA Provincial Office

Edmonton

### **LUNCH & LEARNS**

November 12th

[EV Charging Stations](#)

ECAA Provincial Office,

Edmonton

November 13th

[EV Charging Stations](#)

Holiday Inn South

Red Deer, AB

November 13th

[Investing & Retirement Strategies](#)

ECAA Provincial Office,

Edmonton

November 14th

[EV Charging Stations](#)

Hotel Blackfoot,

Calgary

### **MEETINGS**

November 14th, 2019

CALGARY CHAPTER

Best Western Port O'Call

Calgary, AB

November 18th, 2019

EDMONTON CHAPTER

Chateau Louis Hotel &  
Conference Center

Edmonton, AB

November 28th, 2019

FORT McMURRAY CHAPTER

Best Western Sawridge Suites,

Fort McMurray, AB

### **PEC COURSES**

2020 Dates Added

[2019-2020 PEC Registration Form](#)

### **SOCIALS**

## **ECAA Benefit Update**

**Did you know anyone signing up with American Express receives a \$100 training credit from ECAA?** This can be used for lunch & learns, seminars, PEC Courses or Training Day! Using American Express can help you generate Cash Flow and turn Business Expenses into Rewards. [ECAA Amex Partnership](#) Contact [Curtis Austin](#) for more information

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**ECAA ENHANCED GROUP BENEFITS.** ECAA is please to announce a new enhanced group benefits plan available to our members. There are 5 levels of the plan to choose from, with no medical questions asked, even for a one person group. With most group plans if you are taking dividends you are not eligible for disability insurance, however our benefits broker, Canwest, has done an excellent job in getting the insurer to accept contractors who do not take T4 income.

**How to save money on your Group Benefits Plan?** In this economy (of any for that matter), it is important for companies to keep their expenses down. We will give you some practical advice on how to keep costs down on your group benefits plan. Cathy Whyte will speak at the Calgary chapter meeting on November 14th and Edmonton on November 18th. Jordan Salvador will speak at the Fort McMurray meeting on November 28th.

## **ECAA Member Shoutout!**

***Congratulations Power Works Electrical*** on celebrating 15 years in business! Wishing continued success and good luck on phase 2.

***Congratulations to David DeBruin; Bert DeBruin and Jeanette DeBruin of AltaPro Electric*** on being named a finalist in the Real Estate & Construction group for the *Entrepreneur of the Year 2019 Prairies*. Congratulations to the entire Alta Pro team on receiving this nomination.

Another milestone achievement to ***Gordon Haynes with Alberta Breaker Supply celebrating 50 years in the industry!*** Congratulations Gord!

After many years in business **Lyle McConnell** has announced his retirement from EECOL. ***Good luck and best wishes on your retirement Lyle!***

Tell us about your achievements and milestones. We take pride in ECAA member success and love to share the good news!

## **Industry News & Events**

**SAVE The DATE. ECAA 2020 Technical Training Day & AGM May 28th - 30th, 2020 JW Marriott Hotel downtown Edmonton.** Room Reservation link now available. Click on the following link to reserve your room for ECAA's AGM with a special room rate starting at \$199 <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1565122700731&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

**Lunch & Learns: Investing & Retirement Strategies** November 13th (ECAA Provincial Office, Edmonton) [Investing Retirement Strategies](#)  
**Electric Vehicle Charging Stations** November 12th [EV Charging Station \(EDMONTON\)](#) November 13th [EV Charging Station \(RED DEER\)](#) November 14th [EV Charging Station \(CALGARY\)](#). Lunch served at 11:30 am with presentation to follow at noon. More information and

### NW Chapter Christmas Social

Friday, November 22nd  
Pomeroy Hotel  
Grande Prairie, AB

[NW Christmas Social](#)

### Calgary Chapter

Christmas Gala  
Saturday, December 7th  
Marriott Hotel Downtown  
Calgary, AB

[Calgary Christmas Gala](#)

### ECAA Christmas Open House

Thursday, December 12th  
ECAA Provincial Office  
Edmonton

[ECAA Christmas Open House](#)

### ECAA Tradeshows

[13th Annual Career Trade Show Report](#)

*Special thank you to Ryan Peterson and all of the volunteers that help make this event a success!*

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

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

### Join Our List

[Join Our Mailing List!](#)

### ECAA is Social

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registration information available on each link above. Space is limited.  
**ECAA Breakfast Club: [Consultative Sales](#)** November 21st 8:30 am - 10:30 am ECAA Provincial Office, Edmonton

### Red Seal Prep & Master Electrician Training Course Discount Promo.

As the year is coming to an end, we know there is plenty of trades people who would like to get their red seal. ACE Trades & Technical Institute has some good news. ACE is offering a discount of \$225.00 off selected courses being offered. **This promo ends November 12, 2019. Do not miss out on this amazing deal for 2019!!** Contact ATTI directly for more information [programs@atticanada.com](mailto:programs@atticanada.com)

**Fire Alarm Training Course** (December 2nd - 6th, 2019 **(FULL)** February 24th - 28th, 2020 (space available) ECAA Provincial Office, Edmonton. [Fire Alarm Course Form](#) [February 24th - 28th Registration Link](#)

**STANDATA Update - 2018 Electrical Code - Rule 2-024 Use of approved equipment.** A variance of the 2018 Canadian Electrical Code, Rule 2-024 has been issued. For further information [follow this link](#).

**SAFETY RECALL** Edwards 280 Series Mechanical Heat Detector recalled due to potential failure to operate. For full details on this recall click on the following link: <http://healthycanadians.gc.ca/recall-alert-rappel-avis/hc-sc/2019/70945r-eng.php>

**The Canadian Construction Association (CCA) is looking for volunteers!** Make a difference. Make connections: Apply today for CCA volunteer positions. CCA's modernized governance structure has created significant opportunity for members from across Canada and all sectors to participate in shaping the association's priorities that advance the interests of the construction industry. We are looking for up to 75 members with diverse skills, experiences and qualities to participate in one of our five sector national advisory councils: general contractor, trade contractor, civil, manufacturers and suppliers, and local construction associations. We are also looking for an additional 20 members to join CCA's Board of Directors and another 15 to join CCA's two new board committees: Finance/Audit and Nominations/Governance. CCA's new board structure invites two chief operating officers (COO) to actively participate as a board director. [Read more](#)

**ECAO Announces NEW PRESIDENT Mr. Brad Walker.** ECAO Board of Directors are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Brad Walker as President of the Electrical Contractors Association of Ontario (ECAO), effective October 24, 2019. Brad works with Laframboise Mechanical-Electrical Limited. Since 1964, the Laframboise Group has achieved the results their customers expect by applying a set of core values to their work that ensures safety, quality and ethical practices throughout each and every job. Brad is also very active with the Electrical Contractors Association of Quinte St Lawrence. **ECAA congratulates Mr. Brad Walker on his appointment to ECAO's Board of Directors and wishes him the best in this new position.**

**Alberta Chamber of Resources 2020 Awards Banquet** February 20, 2020 | Edmonton Convention Centre | 11:00am AGM | 6:00pm Banquet. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 11:00am -3:30pm

The AGM agenda for 2020 promises to be an inspiring and exclusive opportunity and will present an ACR activity update, overview and outlook. An afternoon panel session will follow, featuring deputy ministers from key government departments, including:

- Agriculture and Forestry
- Economic Development, Trade and Tourism
- Energy

- Environment and Parks

The intent of the panel is to discuss how Alberta can reform their regulatory system to be effective and still achieve societal expectations. A more detailed agenda will be posted online in the coming weeks.

AWARDS BANQUET 6:00pm - 10:00pm. Our evening awards banquet draws 400+ industry leaders and representatives each year. It is an opportunity to recognize and celebrate ACR and resource development in our province as we present awards for Resource Leadership to the 'unsung heroes' as well as:

- Welcome Mr. Rex Murphy as our Keynote Speaker to discuss the Canadian Resource Sector
- Recognize the 10 recipients of the ACR University of Alberta Mining Scholarships
- & more!

PRICING for both functions are available on our website. If you are a member of the ACR, be sure to select member pricing. Please note that you must register for EACH event separately (AGM & Banquet). Registration for each event can be found here: <https://www.acr-alberta.com/2020-acr-agm-awards-banquet/>

ACR Member Pricing: AGM & Afternoon Panel Session - \$100 per person; Banquet - \$205 per person | \$1480 for a table of 8 | \$1825 for a table of 10. ACR Non-Member Pricing: AGM & Afternoon Panel Session - \$125 per person; Banquet - \$225 per person | \$1550 for a table of 8 | \$1925 for a table of 10. \*Please note that the above prices do not include GST. Registration available until February 13th, 2020 <https://www.acr-alberta.com/2020-acr-agm-awards-banquet/>. If you have any questions, please contact Leanne Wegener at (780) 420-1030 ext. 222 or by email at [leanne@acr-alberta.com](mailto:leanne@acr-alberta.com).

### ECAA Social Events

**Dance Workshop - 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/>

**ECAA's North West Chapter is hosting their first Christmas Social on Friday, November 22nd at the Pomeroy Hotel in Grande Prairie.** Traditional Christmas Dinner; Raffles & Draws, DJ Absolute Entertainment Sponsored by Wesco. Tickets \$75 each or Table of 8 \$575 + gst. [NW Chapter Christmas Social](#)

**We are looking for more players to host 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!**

**2nd Annual Calgary Chapter Christmas Gala Saturday, December 7th at the Marriott Hotel Downtown Calgary.** Last year this event sold out so don't wait to get your tickets! **Special Room Rate available and guaranteed until November 11th.** Book your room using the following link: <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1567204560571&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

**Celebrate the holiday season with us at ECAA's Annual Christmas Open House** on Thursday, December 12th from 3:00 - 6:30 pm ECAA Provincial Office (17725 103 Avenue, Edmonton). Food bank donations welcome! RSVP [ecaa@ecaa.ab.ca](mailto:ecaa@ecaa.ab.ca) [ECAA Christmas Open House](#)

## ECAA Low Voltage Sub Committee Report

The ECAA Low Voltage Sub Committee requires your help.

We have been trying to reach low voltage contractors throughout Alberta to get a message out. We feel that we have missed the mark and have not reached the intended audience. The reality is that this is a vast field and we don't feel that anyone has the true list of all companies operating in this sector.

This request is to ask you to please send this message to all of your low voltage contractors that you sell product to.

### PLEASE ALSO POST THIS AT YOUR COUNTERS

For Clarity a low voltage contractor may be anyone installing any low voltage systems in Alberta....these are individuals working on many low voltage systems including voice/data/controls/security/audio visual and other, if in doubt just forward anyway...effectively anyone working in Div. 27/28 of the master format.

### LETS GET THIS MESSAGE OUT TO ALL.

[ECAA Low Voltage Distribution Mailer](#)

## Provincial Board Update

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

## Local Chapter Activity

**CALGARY:** Next meeting **Thursday, November 14th** Best Western Port O'Call Hotel. Pre-Meeting Presentation: 5:00 pm; Chapter Meeting/Dinner: 6:00 pm.

**Pre-Meeting Presenter:** Dave Yeremy, ElectriXwest Agencies

**Topic:** Power & Money come from One's & Zero's

**Chapter Meeting Presenter:** Cody Stocks, Enmax

**Topic:** Answers to Questions Posed

**Chapter Meeting Presenter:** Cathy Whyte, Sunlife Financial

**Topic:** Employee Benefits; How can we keep our costs down?

**Meeting Sponsor:** Dennis O'Neal, Guillevin International

**2nd Annual Calgary Chapter Christmas Gala** have you bought your tickets yet? **Reminder that special room rate guaranteed until November 11th** <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1567204560571&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

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

**EDMONTON:** Next Meeting **Monday, November 18th**, Chateau Louis Hotel & Conference Center. Pre-Meeting Presentation: 5:00 pm; Chapter Meeting/Dinner: 6:00 pm.

**Pre-Meeting Presenter:** Steve Beeston, AON Risk Solutions

**Topic:** Project Risk & How it Affects You

**Chapter Meeting Presenter:** Cathy Whyte, Sunlife Financial

**Topic of Presentation:** Employee Benefits; How can we keep our costs down?

**Meeting Sponsor:** Cathy Whyte, Sunlife Financial

**NORTH WEST: *North West Chapter Christmas Social Friday, November 22nd, 2019*** Pomeroy Hotel, Grande Prairie. Join us for a traditional Christmas Dinner, Raffles & Draws; late lunch and DJ Absolute Entertainment Sponsored by Wesco.

Tickets \$75/person + GST Table of 8 \$575 + GST.  
Contact [caustin@ecaa.ab.ca](mailto:caustin@ecaa.ab.ca) for more information

**Next Meeting February 20th** at Bullets & Broadheads in Grande Prairie. Test your aim with Guns & Axes from 3:30 - 5:30 pm; Chapter Meeting to Follow. [GUNS & AXES](#)

**FORT McMURRAY:** Next Meeting Thursday, November 28th, Best Western Sawridge Suites 6:00 pm Dinner & Chapter Meeting to follow.

**Presenter:** Eric Wiebe, EECOL

**Topic of Presentation:** Solar Power in Alberta

**Presenter:** Jordan Salvador, Sunlife Financial

**Topic of Presentation:** Employee Benefits; How can we keep our costs down?

## Professional Electrical Contractor (PEC) Courses

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

*\*Price increase listed on above registration form on 2 day courses effective January 1st, 2020. Current fees remain \$350 non-member; \$325 ECAA Member and \$300 PEC Student.*

**Accounting Principles, November 14th & Friday, November 15th, 2019  
Instructor: Clayton McCrae (CALGARY)**

This course will introduce you to the common terms and concepts used in accounting, along with showing you how to use accounting tools to attain goals, analyze your business, and create strategies for future growth. The goal is to develop awareness of how to read financial reports to understand your companies financial position. You will learn practical skills to help you develop, interpret and use financial information, identify problems and opportunities, and focus your resources toward a successful electrical contracting business.

**Electrical Project Management Thursday, November 21st & Friday, November 22nd, 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.

**Safety Principles Thursday, November 28th & Friday, November 29th, 2019  
Instructor: Barry Lawrence (EDMONTON)** Legislation recognizes a PEC as an "Employer". This course lays the groundwork to develop a

successful safety program, and mitigate additional employer risk. We'll learn to identify common gaps found in safety systems, simple ways to interpret legislation, and many other valuable tools including: OH&S Obligations (Employer & Worker); Employee Competency; WCB Expectations; Claims Management Strategies; CSA Z463 & Z462.

**\*\*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](http://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](mailto: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](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 December 6th, 2019.**



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