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CODE SEMINARS

December 16th, 2019
ECAA Provincial Office
Edmonton

January 10th, 2020
Courtyard Marriott
Calgary

January 13th, 2020
ECAA Provincial Office

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

Season's Greetings;

I can't believe my term as President is half over! It has been an amazing time, meeting with people from all across the Province.

Tis the season to enjoy what you have accomplished this year. I have made the rounds to most of the Chapters and all the ECAA events this year. The Province will come out of this downturn stronger and more resilient! We have great people in place leading our Association and have had amazing mentors in the past to get through this! The slowdown in construction brings out the worst in companies that choose to buy their work through the games they play, leaving the true and ethical contractors out in the cold.

I made a stop in Edmonton for their Chapter Meeting, Grande Prairie for the first ever North West Christmas social. Wow, what a great turnout!

The ECAA is working hard to get meetings with the new Provincial Government to discuss the economy and what we can do to help the government move forward on jobs and safety for our industry. We can make this Province and our industry great again!

There is a Board meeting in Calgary on December 6th and a sold out 2nd Annual Calgary Chapter Christmas Gala on Saturday, December 7th. This is a great time for all of Alberta and Calgary to show we are still the voice of the Electrical Industry.

Reminder the 2020 out of Country Convention is fast approaching and there is still room. If you would like to attend a 12 day Norwegian Cruise from Miami through the Panama Canal and back to Miami, please contact the ECAA office for more details.



Edmonton

[Code Seminar Registration Form](#)

PEC COURSES

2020 Dates Added

[2019-2020 PEC Registration Form](#)

SOCIALS

[ECAA Christmas Open House](#)

ECAA Tradeshow

[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

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Also, start thinking AGM 2020 at the JW Marriot in Edmonton May 28th - 30th, 2020. This will be a great Training Day and AGM.

May you and your loved ones enjoy this time of year.

From my family to yours, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Terry Barnett

ECAA Provincial President

ECAA Member Benefit Update

SUNLIFE FINANCIAL

HR Support Solutions: Included in your ECAA Group Benefits Plan

This is a unique, free service for businesses that may not have in house human resource (HR) or related legal expertise. You have access to the specialized knowledge of HR professionals who can help you manage everyday business situations, complex HR processes and legal decisions. HR Support Solutions is automatically included in your Employed Assistance Program (EAP) at no additional cost!

FEDERATED INSURANCE

With the weather changing, now's the time to make sure your roof is winter-ready. That's because any damage to the roof covering or structure can lead to bigger problems - like water infiltration or even collapse - once the snow and ice arrive. And even if you haven't experienced past issues, excess weight from snow and ice last winter may have compromised your structure and set you up for potential problems this year.

As a preventative measure, our Risk Services consultants recommend checking roofs at least twice a year - preferably in the fall and late winter when the structure is fully visible and accessible. To help you assess your potential risk, we've developed a short five-question

[online assessment tool](#) and this [roof maintenance checklist](#).

Now's also a great time to review your snow removal protocol, so you're prepared once winter arrives. As a general rule, accumulation of snow and ice should be removed when it reaches more than 20 centimeters (8 inches) in depth.

To learn more about how you can manage your winter roof risk, contact our Risk Services team at 1.833.692.4112 or at riskassist@federated.ca.

[Winter Ready Roofs](#)

ECAA Shoutout!

We have a very special shout out and recognition. Happy work anniversary to our very own Executive Director Sheri McLean!

November 30th marked 30 years that Sheri has been employed with the Electrical Contractors Association of Alberta. Initially being hired on a 6 month contract it was very quickly noted then what a valuable asset Sheri would prove to become. For anyone that has had the pleasure working with Sheri you would know that her integrity, incredible work ethic, knowledge and passion for this Association

continues to shine through. Sheri's commitment to our members, Board and staff remains a priority today as it did 30 years ago.

Congratulations Sheri and thank you for 30 years!

ECAA Member Shoutout!

Congratulations on being featured 2019 Integrator of the Year Convergent Technologies Calgary! <https://www.sptnews.ca/2019-integrator-of-the-year-convergent-technologies/> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Rr7j8jhdcE&feature=emb_title

Congratulations Bartle & Gibson on celebrating 75 years in industry! Bartle & Gibson celebrated with various customer appreciation events. Click on the following link for more information <https://www.bartlegibson.com/about-us/news/post/2019-customer-appreciation-day-events>. Here's 75 more! Congratulations on achieving this milestone.

Congratulations to Jason Ponto on his promotion to Regional General Manager with Eecol Electric. Congratulations to Dustin Busch who was also promoted to Branch Manager with Eecol. Congratulations on these new positions!

EWEL is pleased to announce the appointment of Mike Gravel to the position of Sales Manager. Mike fills a position left vacant by retired EWEL principal and sales manager Al Graham. Congratulations and best of luck on this position! <https://ewel.ca/2019/11/18/ewel-announces-new-sales-manager-mike-gravel/>

Congratulations to Kenton Dueck as recently voted by Federated Insurance as their Western Canada Recipient Sales Representative who best supports their Association partners. Kenton is actively involved with ECAA's North West Chapter.

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

Tis the Season to Share

The ECAA office will have donation boxes set up for the following at our Open House on Thursday, December 12th:

Edmonton Food Bank. Most needed items include: Canned beans, fish, meat, fruit or vegetables; baby formula; peanut butter; healthy school snacks (100% juice boxes, granola bars, fruit cups); fruit; pasta and pasta sauce.

Our friends Jessica and Maria at Brand Bloom are collecting items for the Youth at YESS (Youth Empowerment and Support Services) for the holiday season. Some of the items requested are: Socks, Leggings, Men and Women's deodorant, Lip Balm, Make up, Flashlights, Hand and Body Lotion, Movie Tickets, Journals, Sleeping Bags.

The Electrical Industry Training Centers are collecting warm clothing donations for the Mustard Seed. Gently used, clean winter clothing items requested are winter jackets, mittens, toques, long johns, socks, scarves.

On behalf of the ECAA President Terry Barnett and the Board of Directors we thank you for sharing.

Industry News & Events

ECAA's Christmas Open House! Have you rsvp'd yet? Thursday, December 12th from 3:00 pm - 6:30 pm. Drop in for an appetizer and celebrate the season with us All is welcome! Food bank donations appreciated. RSVP to ecaa@ecaa.ab.ca [2019 Christmas Open House Invite](#)

Electrical STANDATA Update. The following Electrical STANDATA are now available on the Alberta.ca website.

[18-CECV-64-218](#) Rule 64-218 Photovoltaic Rapid Shutdown

[18-CEC-2](#) Section 2 - general Rules: Administration

[18-CECI-64](#) Section 64 - Renewable Energy Systems

[18-CECI-86](#) Section 86 - Electric Vehicle Charging Systems

Health Canada has issued a recall on Mastercraft Construction

Heater: <https://healthycanadians.gc.ca/recall-alert-rappel-avis/hc-sc/2019/71577r-eng.php>

Click on the following link to view the [Q3 Safety Codes Bulletin - Electrical](#).

Vendor Performance Management Program will take effect on new procurements January 6, 2020, in which the resulting contract is at or above \$100,000. Vendor Performance Management (VPM) is a contract management best practice used to track, analyze, and manage the performance of a vendor. This helps to control costs, mitigate risks, and drive continuous improvement throughout the contract life cycle.

The VPM Program will help ensure infrastructure projects are delivered on time, on budget and within scope. For more information on this program visit: <https://www.alberta.ca/vendor-performance-management-program.aspx>

\$30 million gift sets new course for SAIT's future. David Bissett, a distinguished Calgary businessman and philanthropist, has donated \$30 million to SAIT. It's the largest gift in the institution's history and it will support the development of a new school and programs focused on advanced digital technology. This gift is going to accelerate industry and our economy, and set the pace for digital transformation in post-secondary education. SAIT is very proud that David Bissett has chosen to partner with SAIT to future-proof our workforce. Here's what SAIT's President & CEO Dr. David Ross had to say: <https://www.sait.ca/futureproof>

Robert Whitty has announced his plans to step down as President and CEO of Bartle & Gibson Co. Ltd. effective February 3rd, 2020. Robert will remain with the company in an advisory role until his official retirement in June of 2020. Robert has worked for Bartle & Gibson for over 41 years serving as President and CEO for the last 18. Robert will be succeeded in his role by Martin Lower effective February 3, 2020.

To view this announcement click on the following link <https://www.bartlegibson.com/about-us/news/post/robert-whitty-announces-retirement> *ECAA congratulates Martin Lower and wishes Robert Whitty all the best as he prepares for retirement.*

EECOL Canada has announced the appointment of Sean Grasby as its new President. Sean comes to the role from Xperigo, where he served as president and CEO. Sean succeeds Darren Buium, who has announced his retirement from EECOL Canada effective Feb. 1, 2020. Darren has been with EECOL Canada for his entire, four-decade career, and according to Nelson Squires, SVP and chief operating officer of WESCO International Inc., has held almost every position at the company in that time. "He embodied and strengthened the EECOL culture and prided himself in meeting the needs of EECOL's customers the 'EECOL Way,'" said Squires. "All of us are heavily indebted to his vision and commitment for propelling EECOL to its present position in the industry. his work has ensured EECOL's success well into their next 100 years." To view the complete article click here: <https://www.ebmag.com/sean-grasby-appointed-ee-col-canada-president/> This article was written by Kavita Sabharwal-Chomiuk and featured in

Electrical Business Magazine. ***ECAA congratulates Sean Grasby on his new position and wish Darren Buium the best of luck on his retirement.***

Our condolences to the family of Harvey William Shultz who passed away on November 25th, 2019 peacefully surrounded by family at the Norwood Care Centre. Harvey started working in the electrical trade at the age of 17 and became a very respected part of the industry for many years. A Memorial Service was held on Thursday, December 5, 2019.

NETCO will be hosting their 2020 National Training in Calgary May 23 & 24, 2020. Theme of the conference is Innovation. If you have a speaker/presenter that may be interested in presenting, please contact Melissa Young directly (Melissa.Young@netco.org)

The 2020 National Apprenticeship Conference is taking place May 24 -26, 2020 in Calgary. This biennial event brings together members from every corner of Canada's apprenticeship community to highlight promising practices and innovative solutions in apprenticeship training. Partnership opportunities are available to anyone looking to feature their organization, reach key decision-makers and expand their networks. For more information on these opportunities contact Shawn: shawn@caf-fca.org.

Join the list of our already confirmed 2020 Partners and demonstrate your organization's commitment to apprenticeship training!

Mark your calendar and join Dr. Aminah Robinson Fayek, Director of the Construction Innovation Centre (CIC), as the **CIC hosts its first Innovation in Construction FORUM on May 26-27, 2020.** Announced at the 2019 ICF, the Construction Innovation Centre at the University of Alberta's Faculty of Engineering is the home of construction research expertise, creating high-impact solutions and educating the next generation of innovative construction engineers.

The CIC is home to:

- The Hole School of Construction Engineering
- The Nasser School of Building Science and Engineering
- Masonry Engineering Research Group
- Steel Structures Research Group

For over 20 consecutive years, the ICF has been an important venue for circulating ideas, practices, and solutions among researchers and students, our partners, and members of the construction industry. Under the leadership of the CIC, the FORUM will continue to provide a platform to forge vital connections with the needs of construction professionals and deliver proven tools and techniques for improving and advancing construction. **WATCH FOR PROGRAM & REGISTRATION UPDATES AT**

www.innovationinconstruction.ca

Provincial Board Update

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

Local Chapter Activity

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

Pre-Meeting Presenter: Larry Cantelo, PEC

Topic: CE Code Section 10 Overview

Chapter Meeting Presenter: Enmax

Topic: Updates & Questions Answered

EDMONTON: Next Meeting **Monday, January 20th**, Chateau Louis Hotel & Conference Center. **Networking & Associate Spotlight 5:00 pm - 5:30 pm.** Dinner and Chapter meeting to follow. *More details to follow.*

Chapter Meeting Presenter: Epcor, City of Edmonton & The Inspections Group

Topic of Presentation: Updates & Questions Answered

Edmonton Chapter President's Ball Hosted by Jason & Francine Kuziw on Saturday, January 25th, 2020 at the Chateau Lacombe Hotel, Edmonton.

FORT McMURRAY: Next Meeting Thursday, January 23rd, Best Western Sawridge Suites 6:00 pm Dinner & Chapter Meeting to follow.

LETHBRIDGE: Next Meeting Wednesday, January 29th, Lethbridge Lodge 5:30 pm. **Meeting Sponsor:** Bartle & Gibson

2020 ECAA Technical Training Day

ECAA's Training Day & AGM will be held May 29th & 30th, 2020 at the JW Marriott downtown Edmonton. Here is a highlight of one of our presentations:

"Leadership Transitions - minimize risk, maximize impact" by: Jane Halford, FCA, ICD.D. Participants will experience a combination of information about how to approach changing a leadership or key role from one individual to another during retirement, promotion, and/or unexpected departures and short exercises which will apply the concepts to their organizations. After the session, the participants will have the knowledge and tools to encourage their leaders and teams to identify how to prepare for emergency departures (e.g., illness) and how to expand that preparation for orderly changes in people.

More to come!

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.*

****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

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