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Calendar of Events

**All upcoming events have been
cancelled or postponed until
the end of June.**

Stay tuned for updates.

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

The weather is getting warmer and we all want to go outside and play, but it looks like we will be staying the course!

What has the world not hit Alberta with lately! WOW! Slow down in the economy, effects from the Covid-19 health pandemic, global price war on oil and now flooding in Northern Alberta. My heart goes out to all of our members that have been impacted by the floods, especially those in Fort McMurray and Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo communities, Peace River and McKenzie County. I hope all of our members are staying safe and healthy.



We are getting close to having some businesses allowed to reopen soon. Let's hope this will bring on some much needed work, but with a new social distancing program and new health and safety polices. We should all be incorporating new safety polices with regards to Covid-19. Lots of good information on the ECAA website for members to access for help through these unprecedented times. We have a virtual Board meeting set up for May to discuss all of the issues that have come up along with all the current cancellations of events to see what should be done.

I have stayed in contact with some members that really just wanted to talk and vent. Venting is good for the soul! I will be reaching out to some more members to see how they are making out!

Again to all of our members in the North West and the Fort McMurray

[ECAA 2020 Board of Directors](#)

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

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Chapters, we at the ECAA and the Provincial Board of Directors are thinking of all of you in this time of disaster.

Stay Safe, Stay Healthy, Stay true to the each other. I'm always around if you need an ear!

Thanks,

Terry Barnett
ECAA President

2020 ECAA Technical Training Day & AGM

REMINDER: ECAA has cancelled the JW Marriott for our Training Day, AGM's and President's Ball in May. The JW Marriott has cancelled all hotel reservations made, but please confirm with them if you have not received a cancellation notice. Any payments received will be refunded; please allow us time to review and process. We will share more details on the date and structure of Training Day and the AGM's as they become available.

Online Training Available through ECAA

Did you Know?

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

- [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 chryniw@ecaa.ab.ca

Buildforce courses are approved for Gold Seal Credits.

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).

Flood Mitigation Documents

The following guidelines are being sent to our members in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo at the request of Clark Redden, Electrical Safety Codes Officer. They have been approved by the Chief Electrical Inspector of Alberta. Should you have questions, please contact Clark directly Clark.Redden@rmwb.ca

www.rmwb.ca

[Guideline for Water Damaged Electrical Equipment](#)

[Evaluation Water Damaged Electrical Equipment](#)

Industry News & Updates

As the Province prepares to slowly re-open, the ECAA Provincial office will remain closed to walk-in traffic in May following recommendations of Alberta Health Services; however, ECAA staff is available to assist and meet needs of our members and industry.

Our thoughts are with our members in Fort McMurray and area as it goes through yet another challenge. We are all pulling for you and it's nice to see the provincial government also has your back.

<https://www.cbc.ca/.../jason-kenney-nixon-fort-mcmurray-flood...>

For those impacted by the Alberta and British Columbia floods. At Federated Insurance, they are carefully monitoring the flooding in Alberta and British Columbia and are moving quickly to help you. Any members who have been affected and who are Federated policyholders can contact Federated at 1.855.616.6262 or [submit a claim online](#). Claims team are standing by and ready to assist. For members who have a policy with a different company, we encourage you to contact your insurance provider for assistance. As this situation evolves, updates will be provided on the [Federated website](#).

The following Building and Fire STANDATA are now available on the Alberta.ca website. Follow the links below to view or print copies.

[19-BCI-018](#) Occupancy Classification for Building Used for Parking, Repairing and Servicing Tank Vehicles

[19-BCI-017](#) Fixed Fire Suppression and Exhaust Systems - Cooking, Cleaning and Maintenance

[19-FCI-001](#) Occupancy Classification for Building Used for Parking, Repairing and Servicing Tank Vehicles

[19-FCI-002](#) Fixed Fire Suppression and Exhaust Systems - Cooking, Cleaning and Maintenance

The following Fire STANDATA are now available on the Alberta.ca website. Follow the links below to view or print copies.

19-FCI-003	Storage Tank Systems Inside Buildings
19-FCI-004	Fire Safety Plans - Construction and Demolition sites
19-FCI-006	Mobile/Temporary Cooking Equipment (this one is joint with building, plumbing and gas, and electrical)
19-FCI-010	Used Lubricating Oil Indoor Storage Tanks Supplying Used Oil Fuel Burning Appliances
19-FCI-011	Fire Hose Couplings and Fittings

To view all Building STANDATA [click here](#).

To view all Fire STANDATA [click here](#).

ATTI is currently offering the following courses **Electrical IP Red Seal** prep course **May 25th - 29th, 2020** and will be offered via skype. **Master Electrician Prep** course **July 6th - 10th, 2020** in Edmonton also available via skype. For more information and to register for these courses please contact programs@atticanada.com

COVID - 19 Resource Information

Please check [ECAA website](#) which is updated with new information as we receive it.

The Canadian Construction Association has made available the COVID-19 **Standardized Protocols for Construction** site and released the 4th version of **Pandemic Planning for the Construction Industry Guide**.

[CCA Covid 19 Standard Protocols for Construction Sites](#)

[Pandemic Planning for the Construction Industry 4.0](#)

COVID 19 is having (will continue to) have major impacts Construction Projects ranging from:

- *Supply Chain (availability/delay/insolvency)
- *Site Safety (COVID measures, quarantines)
- *Contractual Claims for "Force Majeure" relief/Change in Law/Frustration
- *Employment (availability/layoffs/termination)

To find out more about Covid-19 and Force Majeure Clauses please view the attached document shared by the Calgary Construction Association

[CCA - Covid 19 and Force Majeure Clauses #2](#).

For contractors who are intending to bid new work and/or enter into new contracts for construction or service projects the following article has been shared by Stuart M. Detsky and Victor A. Bandiera (www.trisura.com)

[Navigating Business Through a Global Pandemic - More Advice for Contractors.](#)

[Surety Bonding and Covid-19 - Navigating Uncharted Waters](#)

A Novel (new) Coronavirus (COVID-19) presents a public health emergency and has been declared a pandemic with significant implications for communities and workplaces. The following are guidelines to assist employers and workers as it relates to COVID-19 in the workplace. Information within is relevant to all provinces and territories within

Canada. *The following document was shared by HUB International.* [WCB and COVID-19](#)

Provincial Board of Directors Update

A virtual Board Meeting has been scheduled for **May 5th, 2020**. If you have any issues or agenda items please contact ECAA's Executive Director Sheri McLean smclean@ecaa.ab.ca or our Provincial President Terry Barnett klect1@telus.net

Local Chapter Activity

All upcoming Chapter meetings **have been cancelled for April, May and June**. We are following recommendations of Alberta Health Services and are hoping to resume Chapter meetings and some events in September.

PEC Courses

All upcoming PEC Courses have been cancelled for April and May. We are currently looking at various online opportunities. For more information please contact chryniw@ecaa.ab.ca

Upcoming Technical Webinars with EPIC

EPIC's Webinars are short, online technical courses which are offered live by an instructor. Epic offers informative general working skills webinars, as well as many technical courses

UPCOMING EPIC WEBINARS

ECAA 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).

ECAA Opportunities

ECAA is looking to fill this Member Relations position, which promotes relationships among members, demonstrates the value of membership in the Association to both members and the Electrical Industry, while focusing on soliciting new and sustaining existing, members. For further information or to express interest in this position, please email smclean@ecaa.ab.ca

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 June 5th, 2020.



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