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President's Message

The seasons have switched from summer to fall but the weather continues to be beautiful and the colors it is creating are wonderful. We see all of our jobs hurrying to get closed in, paved or concrete poured before the next season arrives. I am sure there are some that welcome the colder weather and the more reasonable pace to some of our projects.

The executive held their first full meeting in September, thankfully we snuck it in hours before we went into yet another partial lockdown. We covered a great deal of material and we are happy to see some of the new ideas coming to light and being implemented. Our hopes of the chapters being able to meet in person were postponed again as we go back to on-line meetings for most part. Some chapters will be making an effort to continue to have hybrid meetings and follow restriction protocols. Many of us were fortunate enough to get to socialize at the Bob Carson Classic which was held on September 8th and the weather was fantastic.

I am sure many of us have started to receive the announcements regarding a tested or vaccinated work force. I am sure we will have to tread carefully as we navigate through this new hurdle between us and trying to get our projects done in an efficient and profitable manner. I hope everyone, their family's both at home and at work manage to avoid the impact of this.

Respectfully,

Scott Hutton

ECAA Provincial President



Upcoming Events

CHAPTER MEETINGS

Lethbridge Chapter Meeting

Wednesday, October 6th
3:30 pm (Virtual)

Associate Spotlight Presentations

Phoenix Lighting (Tim Hydzik) – When Innovation Meets Durability by Design
Leviton (Bill Tischner) Fiber 101 - Network Infrastructure Platforms for Every Application

[Register Here](#)

Central Chapter Meeting

Wednesday, October 13th
5:30 pm (Virtual)

Associate Spotlight Presentations

Leviton (Cooper Zappacosta) Leviton Loadcenter - Approachable, Smart, Safer, Fastest Installation
The Invisible Iceberg – Electrical Shock Injury Awareness, John Knoll, PEC (Retired)

[Register Here](#)

Calgary Chapter Meeting

Thursday, October 14th
Courtyard Marriott Hotel (2500 48 Avenue NE)
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm (Hybrid)

Associate Spotlight Presentations

Updates from SAIT (Jason Cox & Zack Hartle)
LegalShield, Serena Pawluk – Need Legal Advice? We Can Help
The Invisible Iceberg, Electrical Shock Injury Awareness, John Knoll, PEC (Retired)

[Register Here](#) (In Person following Restriction Exemption Protocol)

[Register Here](#) (Zoom)

North East Chapter

Tuesday, October 19th, 2021
5:30 pm (Virtual)

The Invisible Iceberg – Electrical Shock Injury Awareness, John Knoll, PEC (Retired)

[Register Here](#)

Edmonton Chapter Meeting

Wednesday, October 20th

****Moved due to Municipal Election***

4:00 pm (Virtual)

Associate Spotlight Presentation

Barkman Concrete (Myron Vogt) Protecting Electrical Cable in a Precast Concrete Trench

[Register Here](#)

UPCOMING TRAINING & WEBINARS

2021 Code Update Training Schedule

PEC Courses

Basic Electrical Estimating (BEE)

October 14th & 15th, 2021

In Person following Restriction Exemption Protocol

ECAA Provincial Office, Edmonton

[Register Here](#)

Electrical Project Management

October 20th & 21st, 2021

Online

[Register Here](#)

Estimating & Finalizing the Tender

October 28th, 29th & 30th, 2021

Courtyard Marriott Hotel (2500 48 Avenue NE)
In Person following Restriction Exemption Protocol
[Register Here](#)

[Finding Opportunity in Conflict](#)

Wednesday October 20, 2021
10:00 am – 11:30 am

[Register Here](#)

Thursday October 21, 2021
8:30 am – 10:00 AM

[Register Here](#)

1 Day Arc Flash & Shock Training

Virtual Instructor led

Tuesday, October 26, 2021

[Register Here](#)

PESL Virtual Instructor Led Training

[View the attached training schedule.](#) For more information or to register: chryniw@ecaa.ab.ca

Getting to Know Your Executive

We thought our readers would like to know more about the volunteers who make up the ECAA Board of Directors so have added this feature into the Spark.

Getting to Know Your Edmonton Chapter President Shawn Bishop, PEC

Company: Seletech Electrical Enterprises Ltd.

Family Members: Wife Heather and four children: Spencer, Jessica, Jared, and Rachel



When and how did you start in the industry: Started in 1996 with Custom Electric in Calgary

Favorite hobbies: Hiking, Backpacking, Scuba diving, Photography

Favorite TV show: M*A*S*H

Favourite Sports Team: New Zealand All Blacks (rugby), and Edmonton Oilers

Most memorable vacation: 2013 Caribbean Cruise; we missed the ship's departure due to a major snowstorm and met the ship at the first port in Cozumel. What an adventure!

Any word of advice to new electrical apprentices: Ask questions and learn everything you can.

Favorite ECAA memory: Jasper Convention 2019

Best part of ECAA is: Being able to put the competitive nature of the business aside and enjoy shared experiences.

Industry News

Recruitment is underway for the new Alberta Board of Skilled Trades. The Alberta Board of Skilled Trades will be established when the provincial *Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship Education (STAE) Act* is proclaimed in early 2022. The posting and position profile can be [viewed here](#), and interested applicants can [apply here](#). Please direct any questions you may have to the contact provided on the Public Agency Secretariat website.

The Minister is seeking applications from individuals interested in serving on the Alberta Board of Skilled Trades as the Chair or as a board member. The Board will be responsible for consulting with industry on standards for trades, and advising the Minister on the needs of the Alberta labour market for skilled trades professionals. Board Chair and members will be appointments made through Ministerial Order for a term of up to three years.

Applications must be submitted by October 13, 2021.

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

[19-FCV-026](#) 2018 CE Code Part 1 Section 10 ground and bonding

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

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

[Electrical incidents in Alberta - 2020 report](#)

[18-ECB-010](#) 2018 CE Code Part 1 Section 10 ground and bonding

[18-ECB-062](#) Section 62 - fixed electric heating system

[18-ECV-012-102](#) Rule 12-102 insulated conductors

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

For more information on Alberta Safety Codes: www.alberta.ca/safety-codes



Master Electrician Prep Course - Red Deer Polytechnic

Start date: January 25, 2022

Delivery: Learners can join in Class or virtually

Length: 9 weeks

Tuition: \$1,399

Delivery: Hyflex

Overview

- This 73-hour course is intended to prepare you for the Masters Certification Exam.
- Will cover the Canadian Electrical code, Alberta STANDATA, Electrician and Apprenticeship regulations, O.H.S.A, WCB and Permit Regulations with up-to-date review material included in the course.

[Register Here](#)

[Master Electrician - Student Information Brochure 2021/2022](#)

Phone: 403.356.4900
extended.ed@rdpolytech.ca



Master Electrician Prep Course - Lakeland College, Vermilion

This certification through the Alberta Safety Codes Council allows you to take out electrical permits in the province.

In order to qualify for the certification exam you must have:

- a current resume detailing your industry experience
- journeyman electrician status
- a minimum of 3 years (in the last 5) of work experience in the electrical industry

You will be able to write the master electrician exam on the Vermilion Campus.

You will need your own copy of the 2018 *Canadian Electrical Code*.

You'll need this information for the registration form

Course #: QTRA 330
Course Name: Master Electrician
Course Start Date: January 2022
Course Location: Vermilion
Course Fee: \$1950 + GST

Contact Us

If you have questions about the course, please contact Nadine:

- call direct in Vermilion at 780 853 8493
- call toll-free at 1 800 661 6490 ext. 8493
- email nadine.farkash@lakelandcollege.ca

COAA 2021 Virtual Annual General Meeting - Wednesday, October 13th (9:30 - 11:30 am). Virtual AGM will include Financial Report & Approval of 2021/2022 Budget; Election of Directors; Highlights of the past year and Priorities of 2021/2022; Keynote Presentation.

For more information and [to register click here](#).



Call for Conference Presenters. Work is now underway to organize Canadian Apprenticeship Forum - FCA's **2022 National Apprenticeship Conference**. Save the date: May 29 - 31, 2022 at the Halifax Convention Centre in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Interested speakers to submit a presentation abstract for the conference which brings Canada's apprenticeship community together to highlight promising practices and innovative solutions in apprenticeship training. The 2022 conference will highlight apprenticeship initiatives, programs, and strategies under three themes: *Recovery, Resilience, and Readiness*. To learn more, please review the Call for Presenters submission form or visit caf-fca.org.

Join President Scott & Kimm Hutton ECAA Out of Country Conference in Africa 2022. October 15th, 2021 is our deadline for members interested in joining the African Safari in Kenya. International visitors to Kenya are welcome. Rick has recently returned from Mexico and the process for international travellers returning to Canada is very easy and without quarantine for those that are vaccinated **with Negative PCR test result**.

Please Note: We are not spending any significant amount of time in populated areas. This is not a coach tour. Only 4 guests per private Land Cruiser with a driver guide. Medical insurance is also available for all guests.

Contact Jackie Abello or Rick MacSwain at Network Travel if you would like to join the group. 780-454-4933 Ext.: 103



What's Available from Your Associates



Wanting to obtain COR certification? Bastion Safety Solutions is offering ECAA Members a 20% discount of COR certifications and more. Click on the promo offer below.

[ECAA Member Promo - Bastion](#)

For more information contact Bastion Safety Solutions Barry.Lawrence@bastionsafe.com
www.bastionsafe.com

Provincial Board Update

The ECAA Board of Directors met on September 15th at the office in Edmonton. The meeting was hybrid, but we were able (and lucky) to have the majority of board members attend in person the day before the provincial government announced the tightening of restrictions due to rising Covid-19 cases.

In addition to dealing with the routine items of oversight related to the association, the board received presentations on some new tools that management will be introducing later this year (more on that to come in future editions of *The Spark*). The majority of the day-long meeting was spent undertaking a variety of strategic planning activities, facilitated by Carmen Wyton of Ripple Enterprises. During the meeting, Carmen led the board in a range of discussions all designed to focus the board's efforts on validating the strategic direction of the ECAA that will inform management on developing its operational plan for the coming calendar year.

The next board meeting is currently scheduled for December 2nd, the same day as our annual Holiday Open House. If you have any agenda items that you would like to have added to a future meeting, please contact Robin Bobocel (rbobocel@ecaa.ab.ca).

Call For Speakers - Training Day 2022

Planning for ECAA Technical Training Day 2022 is underway. Training Day will be held at the JW Marriott in Ice District, Edmonton on Friday, May 27th. Presentations will be dedicated to technical training sessions in codes and standards, alternative energy and general interests.

If you are interest in presenting please send us a bio; brief outline of your presentation and the benefits it would provide attendees along with time required for session (50 minutes, 75 minutes or longer).

Please email your submissions to Robin Bobocel (rbobocel@ecaa.ab.ca)

***Deadline for Submissions is October 29th, 2021**

Next Issue of The Spark will go out Friday, November 5th, 2021



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Contact Us

If you are an ECAA Contractor or Associate member and would like us to help promote and industry or company event please contact us directly chryniw@ecaa.ab.ca

We value your feedback and its important to us, send us your comments and feedback.

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