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CODE SEMINARS

January 10th, 2020

Courtyard Marriott
Calgary

January 13th, 2020

ECAA Provincial Office
Edmonton

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Fire Alarm Course

February 24th - 28th, 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

Happy New Year everyone! I hope you all had a great holiday season and got some down time! With a new year and a new decade come hopeful expectations that the economy will pick up and we all get back to what we do best!



The Provincial Board held their meeting on December 6th in Calgary. It was filled with spirited dialogue from everyone in attendance. On December 7th Calgary hosted their annual Christmas social. It was a sold out event and a great time. Great job Chris Jardine and the Calgary Chapter members. I had a great time! Thanks. There were 25 members that volunteered their time at the North East Relocation Centre in Calgary on Saturday December 7th just ahead of the Calgary social. The ECAA annual open house was held on December 12th at the Provincial Office with many members and special guests attending. This well-attended event was a great time to get to know your peers!

In the New Year there is a lot of work ahead of us. As a Board, we will try to bring our Members and Associates, as well as everyone in the electrical industry up to speed with what the Government has on the agenda for 2020, as we have a couple meetings with them in the future! The next Board meeting is January 24th, 2020 at the ECAA office. Don't forget the Edmonton Chapter President's Ball on January 25th, hosted by Jason Kuziw and the Edmonton Executive!

The 2020 out of country convention is quickly approaching, with departure on February 1st, 2020. I hope everyone will enjoy this time with my wife and I, as well as the great guests and speakers that are attending.

Thanks, that's all for this message!

Stay true to yourself and be ethical for the industry.

Edmonton

[Fire Alarm Course Registration](#)

PEC COURSES

2020 Dates Added

[2019-2020 PEC Registration Form](#)

SOCIALS

[Edmonton Chapter President's Ball](#)

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Terry Barnett
ECAA Provincial President

Industry News & Events

ECAA Membership Renewals were sent out in December and due January 31st, 2020. Thank you for your continued membership and support! If you did not receive an invoice please contact caustin@ecaa.ab.ca

Edmonton Chapter President's Ball Saturday, January 25th, 2020 at the Chateau Lacombe Hotel in Edmonton. **Tickets are on sale now!** Click on the following link to book your tickets

today: <https://events.ecaa.ab.ca/events/edmonton-chapter-presidents-ball/>

Join Edmonton Chapter President Jason Kuziw & his wife Francine for an evening of fine dining and dancing! This year we will be accepting monetary donations to support the Edmonton Food Bank! [President's Ball Notice](#)

In partnership with the Mechanical Contractors Association the following course has been scheduled: **Field Productivity January 14th 8:00 am - 4:00 pm**. For more information refer to the [following attachment](#). To register for this course [click here](#)

Alberta Fire Alarm Training Course February 24th - 28th, 2020 (ECAA Provincial Office, Edmonton, AB) This is an Alberta specific fire alarm course for Electricians. 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. Alberta Electricians certified prior to 1991 as well as journeypersons with credentials from out-of-province will be eligible to receive a PIN upon successful completion of the exam. For more information click on [Fire Alarm Course Registration Form To register online: https://events.ecaa.ab.ca/events/ab-fire-alarm-training-course-february-2020/](#)

New Process for Applying for Electrical Permits (RMWB): Effective 2020, Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo will be setting up a new procedure to have an Authorization form outlining all the companies that you are a "Signing Master" for. Permitting Clerks will be contacting you if you have an application come forward with your name on it and the Authorization isn't on file. The intent of this change is to provide protection for the "signing Master" as to which companies they are ultimately responsible for when their name is used on an application and to help prevent any fraudulent use of their name on an application. To read the full release [click here](#)

Join Provincial President Terry Barnett and his wife Donna at the JW Marriott downtown Edmonton May 28th - 30th, 2020 as they host **ECAA's Annual Technical Training Day & AGM**. To view the registration package click on the following attachment: [AGM 2020 Registration Package](#) Online Registration will be available soon.

Provincial Board Update

A meeting was held on Friday, December 6th at the Marriott in Calgary. In attendance were President Terry Barnett, Tim Brundage; Jason Burke; Bob Clarke; Joe Davis; Bert DeBruin; Eric Fadden, PEC; Tim Fehr; Dave Hagen; Brian Halina; Scott Hutton; Chris Jardine; Daniel Kuderewko, PEC; Jason Kuziw; Jeff Light, PEC; Rob Little; Andrew McGuire; Terry Milot; Neil Moffatt; Susan Rockwood; Tim Tarita; Darcy Teichroeb, PEC; Brandon Thoma, PEC; Hans Tiedemann; Keith Urlacher; Darrell Warholik, Steve

Warholik, and Mrs. Sheri McLean (Recording Secretary). Agenda items included an update on the first ECAA refresher fire alarm course, approval of the AGM registration package, review of November financials, investments and the 2020 budget. Committee and Chapter reports were printed in the last issue of the Contactor. A presentation was made to the Board by Steve Beeston and Doug Baird from AON. Membership and PEC applications were approved. It was announced that Tim Tarita has been appointed to the Provincial Apprenticeship Committee (PAC). Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for January 24th, 2020 in Edmonton.

New Members

Associates: Canwest Group Benefit Consultants (*North West*); Select Electrical Enterprises Ltd. (*Edmonton*)

Contractor: Axis Electric Ltd. (*Fort McMurray*); Division 26 Inc. (*Fort McMurray*); MJ Electrical Ltd. (*Calgary*); Sun Solar & Electrical Ltd. (*Calgary*)

Professional Electrical Contractor (PEC) News

Congratulations on obtaining your PEC Designation!

Brad Biollo, PEC #373; Glen Jackson, PEC #374 and Lewis LaRiviere, PEC #375

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.

Technical Presenter: Larry Cantelo, PEC

Topic: CE Code Section 10 Overview

Chapter Meeting Presenter: Cody Stocks, Enmax

Topic: Enmax Updates & Questions Answered

Meeting Sponsor: Cindy Cameron, Gescan

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.*

Sponsor Company: EB Horsman & Sons

Associates Spotlight: EB Horsman & Sons and Leviton Canada

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. Purchase your tickets here: <https://events.ecaa.ab.ca/events/edmonton-chapter-presidents-ball/> [President's Ball Notice](#)

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:** Kevin Tuchsherer, 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:

Correlation between Sections 4 & 8 in the CE Code

Presented By: Ark Tsisserev

This presentation covers:

1. Provisions of Section 8 of the CE Code in respect to:
 1. Load calculations in accordance with 8-200 series rules;
 2. Selection of the services, feeders and branch circuits ratings (rating of the O/C devices and ampacity of conductors) based on Rule 8-104 the CE code;
 3. Demand factors applied in conjunction with electric vehicle supply equipment;
 4. Use of electric vehicle energy management system.

2. Selection of conductors ampacity based on:
 1. Conditions of installation;
 2. Voltage drop;
 3. Termination temperature;
 4. Ambient temperature;
 5. Number of conductors in a raceway.

Why this subject is presented: To assist members of the ECAA in a consistent application of the revised CE code requirements for Sections 8 and 4.

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.*

Legal Implications (Instructors: Michael Bokhaut & Matthew Kachur) February 6th & 7th, 2020 (Edmonton, AB) 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.

Business & Public Relations (Instructor: Brian McCreedy) February 20th & 21st, 2020 (Edmonton, AB) Learn proven management concepts in the areas of managing business strategy, direction for improved performance, credit and collections, time management, managing required human resources concepts, business promotion and public relations, selling and customer service focused business. This will immediately begin improving the performance and profitability of your electrical contracting business.

****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 February 7th, 2020.



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