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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Calgary Chapter Meeting

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North West Chapter Meeting

Monday, February 22nd, 2021

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Monday, February 22nd, 2021

[Register Here](#)

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5 Question to Ask Your Accountant

Tuesday, February 9th, 2021

12:00 pm

[Register Here](#)

1 Day Arc Flash & Shock Training

President's Message

Hello again everyone and welcome to the February edition of *The Spark*. Though I want to try to avoid speaking about Covid 19, the truth is, it is still quite front and center in everyone's mind as we continue to 'Social Distance' and avoid gatherings including family. The challenges and efforts of distributing the vaccine here in Canada continue to be worked out, but in the meantime the good news is the number of active cases at this time continue to drop. Thank you to everyone for your efforts and in following these restrictions as put forward by Alberta Health Services. The sacrifices we have made appear to be paying off and we are all hopeful that more and more of the strategic restrictions will be lifted during the month of February.



Virtual Instructor led
Tuesday, February 23rd, 2021
8:00 - 4:30 pm
*Price Reduced
[Register Here](#)

Communities of Practice
Wednesday, February 24th, 2021
7:30 AM
Virtual Discussion
[Register Here](#)

Business & Public Relations
February 24th & 25th, 2021
[Register Here](#)

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[ECAA 2020-2021
Board of Directors](#)

As for the economy, we as Albertans are all too familiar with a 'conservative' first quarter. With the recent announcement by the Biden Administration of shelving the 'Pipeline Project', there have been some negative reactive effects on the overall optimism of the economy, resulting in some further tightening on spend. Let's be hopeful that someone will be successful in their efforts to influence Joe and his team to overturn that decision in the months to come.

As for February updates, we do have Valentines Day coming up on the 14th. Let's be sure to express our gratitude to those we love around us! We held our Way's & Means meeting on February 4th. Our discussions included the ECAA's success on keeping costs to a minimum through 2020 and adhering to a conservative budget. Great job by everyone on the team. We also achieved a significant milestone by getting through the second draft review of the By-Laws as your Association continues to revise and upgrade them to stay in tune with current times.

We are certainly looking forward to the upcoming AGM at the end of May down in Kananaskis. All of the information regarding registration can be found on our website. Registration will begin in March. Please note that the convention is being set up as a 'Hybrid' format. Training day for example will be held through virtual classroom. You may book your hotel rooms without risk as you will be able to cancel without penalty in the event that Covid cases restrict us from gathering in a safe manner come May 27th, 2021. We are certainly hopeful that the numbers will be low and that we will be able to come together for some golf, food and social networking as in years past. We miss you all and we look forward to getting together in person. Being united as people is truly one of our greatest strengths as an Association, though everyone has done a fantastic job of adapting and modifying how we have had to carry out our business objectives. Let's continue to support our Chapter meetings and to share our knowledge experiences with

one another through networking and the various committees, remembering that there is strength in numbers and through membership.

Thank you again to everyone for your ongoing support and involvement. Here is to brighter days ahead in 2021!

Respectfully,

Tim Brundage
ECAA Provincial President

Getting to Know Your Board

Edmonton Chapter President

Name: Jason Kuziw

Company Affiliated with: Chermik Technical Services Ltd.

Family: Francine; Bella (8); Anastasia (6); Captain (Puppy)

Most Memorable ECAA moment: There's been a few good ones. Probably the best was in Jasper at the 2019 AGM. Lots of networking opportunities and plain old fashioned good fun.

A Fun Fact:

In the electric eel, some 5,000 to 6,000 stacked electroplaques can generate a shock of up to 860V and up to 1A of current. – Source Wikipedia



North West Chapter President

Name: Jason Bradshaw, PEC

Company: Alpha Omega Electric Ltd. - CEO

Family: Married to my beautiful wife Sasha for 21 years, 2 daughters Maya(20) and Saren(19).

Most Memorable ECAA moment: Jasper Park Lodge 2019 - first year at a convention. Lots of fun overall and enjoyed getting to meet new people.

Fun Facts

2020 and prior: I took advantage of the slow down in 2020 to start and complete my Safety Codes Officer courses for electrical (Group A installations). On a personal note, I have really cherished being able to travel with my family every year to different places.



2021: Instead of international travel, I plan on doing a lot of outdoor ice and rock climbing this year - no COVID flu in the mountains, lol.

Upcoming Training

2021 Canadian Electrical Code Update Training Registration Open. Click on the following registration form for a list of upcoming course dates.

New Code Books have arrived! Contact us next week to get your copy. Pick up and delivery options available. Code Books & Handbooks can be purchased online; for bulk orders contact the office directly. Visa/Mastercard only <https://events.ecaa.ab.ca/events/2021-ce-code-book-hand-book/>

2021 CE Code Update Seminar Dates

Registration also available online. For more information on code please email ecaa@ecaa.ab.ca

AHS guidelines will be followed for in person sessions. APD Points apply for PEC's.

The battery-based energy storage (BESS) seminar is now scheduled to be delivered online on Friday February 19th.

For more information and registration: [2021 Battery Based Energy Storage Registration](#)

Looking for instructor led training? Join Terry Becker as he delivers a 1 day low voltage Arc Flash & Shock training course.

Did you know Z462 requires retraining every 3 years when Z462 publishes?

Take this opportunity to ask questions and address concerns in real time.

These courses are open to anyone interested and will be delivered virtually.

1 Day Arc Flash & Shock Training

Tuesday, February 23rd, 2021

8:00 - 4:30 pm

[Register Here](#)

APD Points Apply. This session will be delivered virtually and instructor led using zoom.



TW BECKER
ELECTRICAL SAFETY CONSULTING

1 DAY LOW VOLTAGE ARC FLASH & SHOCK TRAINING COURSE

VIRTUAL INSTRUCTOR LED



ECAA has partnered with TW Becker, Electrical Safety Consulting to offer a 1 day low voltage Arc Flash & Shock training course.

The course is based on the requirements of the CSA Z462 Workplace Electrical Safety Standard. Attendees will receive appropriate knowledge to identify when they may be exposed to the electrical hazards of arc flash and/or shock and the actions they can take to eliminate exposure or reduce risk to as low as reasonably practicable. This training course is compliant and defensible as due diligence to OH&S regulations.

*APD Points Apply.
This session will be delivered virtually and instructor led using zoom.*

FEBRUARY 23RD, 2021
MARCH 18TH, 2021

8:00 am - 4:30 pm

\$187.50 ECAA MEMBER
\$199 NON MEMBER
*plus GST

*Course fee includes printed manual that will be couriered to registered participant.



REGISTER ONLINE: [HTTPS://EVENTS.ECAA.AB.CA/](https://events.ecaa.ab.ca/)
FEBRUARY 23RD
MARCH 18TH



Fire Alarm Training Course March 22nd - 26th, 2021
Register Here: <https://events.ecaa.ab.ca/events/edmonton-fire-alarm-training-course-march-2021-2/>

For more information: [Alberta Fire Alarm Course](#)

This session will be held in Edmonton following AHS guidelines and restrictions.

Additional date added: October 25th - 29th in Calgary.

Lunch & Learn

Tuesday, February 9th, 2021 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm [Register Here](#)

5 Essential Questions To Ask Your Accountant or Tax Specialist: Instead of asking you what you do know about your taxes, a better question would be...

What don't you know about your taxes? Whether you're doing your own taxes, or unsure you are benefitting from all of the tax-saving opportunities for your business, there are several things to consider for choosing the right provider for your business:

What services are critical to a full-service relationship with your accounting or tax firm?

Maximize your deductions and stay CRA compliant. How are you billed for tax services? Some services are billable by the hour but is that what is best suited for your needs? How are you represented and protection in case of an audit? Learn what to ask about recent government activity and COVID-19 support programs and how they may expose your business to an audit.) Join FBC -Canada's Small Business Tax Specialist to talk about these and other critical questions when we talk about these and other critical questions. Bring your questions, there will be a Q&A at the end of the presentation.

APD points apply for PEC's

Communities of Practice

Please join the ECAA Communities of Practice for a series of CoP zoom meetings scheduled for the 4th Wednesday of every month from **7:30 am -9:00 am**. Next session set for **February 23rd**

CoPs' offer a powerful professional learning strategy for the 21st century. A CoP is a group of people who "share a common concern(s) or passion for something they do and learn how to do it better as they interact regularly". The Promise of CoPs' are to create new knowledge that will lead to improvement of all aspects of the Electrical Contracting Industry. When done right, continuous improvement through CoPs', results include 30% reduction of onsite time, up to 99% accuracy among engineering disciplines, 5-20% productivity above trade baselines, 15-

80% rework below trade baselines, and the possible creation of company culture that beats every strategy ever devised. Consider participating to discover advanced possibilities for your companies.

Wednesday, February 23rd, 2021

7:30 AM

[Register Here](#)

APD points apply for PEC's

PEC Courses ([2021 Course Schedule](#))

Business & Public Relations - February 24th & 25th, 2021

Course participants will acquire a basic understanding of running an Electrical Contracting business through business development, planning, operations, human resources, marketing, and customer relations.

PEC Business Development Core Competencies

- Business Development and Planning: Environmental scanning – current state. Mission, Goals, Strategies, Prioritization, Differentiation, Monitoring performance
- Operations (Products/Services): Align operational investments to strategy: Revenue/expense opportunities. Product Differentiation.
- Human Resources: Aligning HR needs with strategy. HR Administration: Recruitment, selection, onboarding and performance management
- Marketing: Aligning marketing initiatives with strategy. Market segmentation. Owned, paid, earned and social media. Technology – cost benefit analysis.
- Customer Relations: Align customer programs to strategy. Target markets. Customer value proposition. Communications. Using technology and social media. Complaints, loyalty and referrals

[REGISTER HERE](#)

[2021 Manual PEC Course Registration](#) - use this form to register using your complimentary course certificate or to pre register for all the courses but pay for each individually as they come up.

[2021 Online PEC Course Registration](#)

For more information about the program and courses please contact chryniw@ecaa.ab.ca

Portage College is pleased to offer Period 4 Apprenticeship Electrician March 1, 2021 to May 21, 2021 at the Cold Lake Campus. Instruction is a combination of online and in-class.

To register call toll-free 1-866-623-5551 or to download the application form, click [here](#) .

[ATTI Upcoming Course Dates](#)

Discount for ECAA Members! Click on this link for February - March dates.

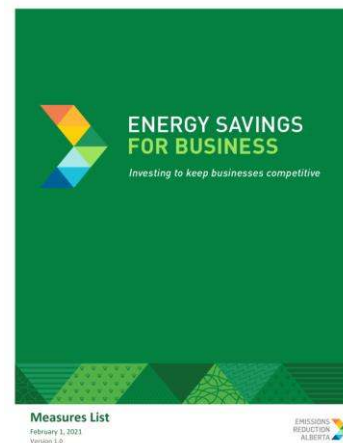
Contact ATTI to enroll 604-304-4009 or info@atticanada.com. Classes delivered virtually.

Online Training available on www.eaatraining.com
Courses available through [Buildforce Canada](#).

Industry News

Emissions Reduction Alberta's (ERA) new Energy Savings for Business (ESB) Program is a funding opportunity to support small- and medium-scale industrial and commercial businesses with a budget of up to \$55 million to support cost-saving and emissions reducing projects. The Program will help Alberta businesses reduce emissions, decrease operating costs, grow their operations and become more competitive, while creating skilled jobs and boosting economic recovery.

A wide range of incentives are available to help Alberta businesses reduce the initial cost of installing high efficiency equipment and emissions reduction technologies. Within this document a detailed list of equipment and/or emission reduction technologies, or "Measures", that qualify for participant incentives are provided. (see attachment)



Energy Savings for Business - Investing to Keep Businesses Competitive

Home Energy Retrofit Initiative

Buildings, including our homes, account for 17 percent of Canada's greenhouse gas emissions, so helping Canadians make where they live more energy efficient supports our environmental objectives while making homes more comfortable and more affordable to maintain. This will also create good, middle-class jobs in our communities as the energy efficiency sector accounted for more than 436,000 direct jobs in 2018.

Announced in the November 30th [Supporting Canadians and Fighting COVID-19: Fall Economic Statement 2020](#), the Our Action Starts at Home – Home Energy Retrofit initiative will be available to homeowners retroactive to December 1, 2020. We recognize that when it comes to energy in Canada, where you live matters. This initiative will complement energy efficiency programs [available today in each region](#).

Our Action Starts at Home – Home Energy Retrofit Initiative (nrcan.gc.ca)

This information was obtained from Government of Canada website source link above.

Volunteer Required. ECAA is looking for a volunteer to represent ECAA on the Alberta Construction Safety Association (ACSA) Board for the 2021 term. Appointment begins in March, following ACSA AGM. It is expected the successful applicant attend ACSA Board meetings, ACA Safety/WCB meetings, and provide reports to the ECAA Board of Directors (6 meetings per year). Resumes and expression of interest can be emailed to smclean@ecaa.ab.ca no later than Friday, February 12th.

Our sincere thanks to Dave Hagen who filled this position for the past 20+ years.

Electrical Permit Requirements for Power over Ethernet Installations by Larry Cantelo, ESCO Groups A & B. Power over ethernet (PoE) installations continue to be a topic of confusion when it comes to electrical permit requirements. The safety concern with such installations is based on the significant increase in power ratings of PoE circuits. Click on the following link for the complete article. [Permit Requirements \(PoE\)](#)

Alberta Municipal Affairs have released the **updated Barrier Free Relaxation form**. To view the current documents, please visit <https://mahextranet.gov.ab.ca/apprelax/index.cfm>

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

[19-BCV-018R1](#) Adhered masonry veneer-generic engineered details

[19-BCB-007](#) Permits under the building discipline
To view all Building STANDATA [click here](#).

Fire STANDATA Update

[19-FCI-013](#) Use of Containers, Portable Tanks and Transportation Tanks For The Ongoing Storage And Dispensing Of Flammable Liquids And Combustible Liquids
To view all Fire STANDATA [click here](#).

Government of Alberta Employers can now quickly and easily verify the credentials of a skilled tradesperson or apprentice through a new online system. The Tradesperson Credential Verification Service gives employers access to this important information at their convenience, rather than having to request it over the phone. This tool reduces red tape, saving employers time and helping them more easily find qualified workers. For more information, visit [Tradesecrets - Check Your Tradesperson's Credentials \(alberta.ca\)](#)

Source: [Government of Alberta | LinkedIn](#)

Relaunch Grant Expanded in the Province

Jobs, Economy and Innovation Minister Doug Schweitzer has made changes to the eligibility requirements for Alberta's small businesses to receive some financial support. The Small and Medium Enterprise Relaunch Grant is designed to support businesses impacted by public health orders issued by the province.

Businesses that launched between March 1 and October 31, 2020 that can demonstrate a 30 per cent reduction in revenue in either November or December will now be eligible to apply for the grant. The reduction must be compared to any month in the March 1 to October 31 timeframe. Businesses can receive 15 per cent of their monthly revenue to a maximum of \$15,000. Applications for the grant open on February 4.

[This information was sent on behalf of the Alberta Counsel](#)

This information is being forwarded on behalf of Operations and Client Service Delivery Division Alberta Advanced Education | www.alberta.ca Apprenticeship & Industry Training | www.tradesecrets.alberta.ca

We're happy to share that the final report of the [Skills for Jobs Task Force](#) is now publicly available! It provides excellent analysis, recognizing the value of the existing apprenticeship system and providing advice to further strengthen and expand it.

As you probably know, the task force was appointed in September 2019 to find ways to expand and strengthen apprenticeship education and skilled trades opportunities to meet labour demands. It submitted its [final report](#) to the Minister of Advanced Education (AE) in September 2020.

The Minister has reviewed the recommendations and AE staff are building a plan that will put student learning first. The recommendations propose ways to:

- evaluate the current skills and apprenticeship system, and strengthen the system, based on best practices from around the world;
- increase awareness of the value of skilled trades careers and strengthen enrolment in apprenticeship programs;
- change student and public perception so apprenticeship education is seen to be as valuable as a university degree; and
- expand the apprenticeship model to other careers and occupations.

The [report is located here](#) if you would like to read the recommendations in more detail. In the upcoming weeks, watch your email for an information session on the recommendations and the department's implementation plans.

Interested in participating in a free virtual presentation on Selling to the Federal Government with the Office of Small & Medium Sized Enterprises (OSME) on Tuesday, February 11th from 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm MST. [Click here to register.](#)

[For more information view the attached invite.](#)

2021 Guide To North American Product Testing & Certification. Learn how you can demonstrate compliance with North American product certification requirements and speed up your time to market. Our white paper, “2021 Guide To North American Product Testing & Certification”, will give you critical information on:

- OSHA and NRTL program in the US
- Product Marking
- Field Labeling and Limited Production Certifications
- Certification for Canada and Mexico
- Process for ETL Certification
- Counterfeit Marks
- And more

Complimentary Download – [“Guide to North American Product Testing & Certification”](#)

Webinar: Techniques & Methods of Li-Ion Battery Failure Analysis. Identifying the root cause of a problem. Li-Ion batteries play a critical role in so many aspects of our lives, but occasionally they can fail and it can be challenging for a manufacturer to identify the reason why. The challenge of battery failure analysis is to clearly identify the problem’s root cause. Often, this can be traced to battery/cell failure, device failure (external to the battery), or failure of the battery management control system which is either integrated into the battery itself or is a separate circuitry designed into the device. A battery or cell failure may be related to its performance (e.g. the battery is not up to the specification), safety (e.g. a cell/battery overheating), or leakage related (e.g. the electrolyte starts to leak from the cell container).

Join Intertek on Wednesday, February 10 at 2pm (Eastern) / 11am (Pacific) for this [free webinar](#) examining several common aspects of a Li-Ion battery failure analysis program. Among the topics to be covered, include:

- Situational Analysis
- Examination of Batteries and Cells
- Simulation of Suspected Faults and Misuse by Testing
- And more...

Spaces are limited, [REGISTER HERE](#)

About the Presenter. Tom O’Hara is a senior battery specialist at Intertek. With a background in cell manufacturing, he has worked with batteries for over 30 years. He has extensive experience of structuring failure analyses and assessing risks associated with design, manufacturing and environment.

NECA Launches Innovation Overload Podcast hosted by: Josh Bone, Tauhira Ali and Amanda Harbison. Click on the following link to [Listen Now](#)

Check out the new NECA Innovation Overload Podcast. NECA has started a new podcast called Innovation Overload. One podcast has already dropped. You can find the Innovation Overload Podcast on all the major podcast apps including Apple, Google, Spotify.

Once subscribed to the podcast members will be notified when a new podcast is available.

Thank you to Gregg Whitty from CECA for sharing.



*This is being shared on behalf of France Daviault,
Executive Director of the Canadian Apprenticeship
Forum*



CAF-FCA is seeking input from apprenticeship stakeholders about labour market information and how COVID-19 has impacted apprentice hiring trends in your trade and region. Results of a survey will be summarized in a report for Employment and Social Development Canada and will influence future research projects and outreach efforts by the government.

This survey should take approximately 10 minutes to complete. As a thank you for participating, you will be entered into a prize draw for \$50.

COMPLETE THE SURVEY

The following information is being shared on behalf of Emily Arrowsmith, CAF

The Canadian Apprenticeship Forum (CAF-FCA) has been asked by Employment and Social Development Canada to gather information about programs and supports for apprentices with disabilities. Learning, mental health-related, seeing, hearing, mobility, flexibility, dexterity, pain-related, developmental and memory disabilities are included.

CAF-FCA is interested in learning about specific programs or resources offered at your organization to help apprentices with disabilities succeed in their apprenticeships. The information will be included in an inventory of programs for apprentices with disabilities.

If you have information you would like to share with us, please email Emily Arrowsmith, Project Manager/Researcher at emily@caf-fca.org by February 19, 2021.

Any insights are greatly appreciated.

Eyesafe is a free program for employers where they can register to provide safety eyeglasses to employees at reduced rates, receive monthly safety information and access free tools to promote eye safety on the work site. The goal of the program is to reduce eye injury in the work place. By accessing optometrists and their clinics, the employee can update a prescription, select the glasses from an employer approved section, and have them properly fitted to the wearers face. This process also ensures the glasses meet CSA standards. It's important that any bearers to wearing safety glasses are eliminated as this increases the likelihood the employee will wear the glasses. For informational articles visit [Blog - Eyesafe](#)

[How to Select Safety Eyewear](#)

This information is being shared by the Alberta Association of Optometrists

All of us from ECAA wish to congratulate **Adrian Pritchard** on his 65th birthday and retirement. Adrian has been a fixture at many, many ECAA events and will be missed by all who worked closely with him. Adrian, congratulations on your well-deserved retirement.

My dear friends and colleagues,


After more than 30 years with the Alberta government, it is with mixed emotions that I write to advise you that today is my last as a staff member of Alberta Labour and Immigration. Tomorrow, I shall be celebrating both my 65th birthday and my first day of retirement.

As most of you know, I have been directly linked with your individual professions for over 20 years. Throughout that time, we have not only worked closely together – but also developed very strong personal relationships – in handling a variety of professional matters, including establishing new legislation, much of which has been ground breaking, both in Alberta and Canada.

It is no understatement when I say that working with you has been an absolute privilege. Your insights, shared experiences, good humour and candour have benefitted me greatly, to both better understand and provide advice on various issues, most especially when attending your Annual General Meetings and other professional association activities!

I wish you, your families – and your professions - all the best in the upcoming year!

*Cheers for now!
Adrian*





Youth Internship Incentive Program is designed to increase the number of employers supporting work-integrated learning internships in trades and technologies. By providing a financial incentive for employers, this program will expand an employer's ability to achieve their goals as well as to enhance opportunities for youth that align with Alberta's skilled worker needs. Supporting employers who are new to offering CAREERS internships, supporting existing employers to expand their ability to provide more internships, and supporting employers across the province are the key targets.

[YiiP Program Information](#)

Industry Events

CAREERS is going **VIRTUAL** for our exploration events

CAREERS is excited to announce that they are hosting a series of Skilled Trade showcases online this year. These virtual events are a great way for students and parents to learn about a variety of career paths in the skilled trades and technologies. During this online experience, attendees are connected directly with industry experts who share a day in the life of their profession. Other areas highlighted will include: live tours of work environments, information about the technical training and an overview of the apprenticeship system. They are excited for this next event featuring the Electrician Trade on **Tuesday, February 9 at 6pm**. The entire schedule along with more information and registration can be found [HERE](#)

ECAA is a proud partner and supporter of CAREERS: The Next Generation

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***This information is being shared on behalf of
Anthony Capkun, Editor-Publisher, Electrical Business Magazine***

About EBPowerCon

The team at Electrical Business Magazine launched the EBPowerCon Cyber-Show & Expo for Canada's professional electrical community—contractors, engineers, maintenance, and related stakeholders, and you're invited to attend (for free).

<http://www.ebpowercon.ca/>

EBPowerCon has you in mind. While the event launched January 25, it is open 24/7 for 3 months, giving you and your employees plenty of time to login whenever you want, and from wherever you are.

Our Sessions from Launch Day include:

“Jobsite data: how we get it, and how we make it useful” with David Burczyk of Trimble Buildings

“Robotics and augmented humans... they're here, right now!” with Eric Hollister of Hilti North America

“Closing the deal with leasing” with Jo-Anne Bailey of Catalyst Finance Partners

“The future of service calls: augmented video/reality” with Luke Krueger of ICwhatUC

“Upgrade your service offering to prepare clients for safety and security” with Gavin Daly of Axis Communications

All of these are available as recordings, right now.

Our next round of new Sessions launches February 22, with topics that include:

- Opportunities in electrified transport
- Opportunities in lighting and controls
- The intelligent buildings landscape

Registration is free. Please visit EBPowerCon.ca .



Canadian Occupational Safety is seeking nominations for the **Top Women in Safety 2021** showcase, spotlighting female trailblazers who are making significant contributions in the industry. Self-nominations are also accepted via this [online form](#). The successful candidates will be profiled in the May/June issue of *Canadian Occupational Safety*. **Entries close Friday, February 26, 2021.**

Live Online Event

Women in Safety is part of Canadian Occupational Safety's ongoing mission to recognize, celebrate and boost the careers of women in the profession, as well as to inspire the next generation of leaders.

Recent events have created new challenges for women in the safety sector, potentially inhibiting years of progress – yet crossing these hurdles also opens the way for positive change and new opportunities.

From career and leadership strategies to tips for managing the workloads of your career and personal life, to ideas for retaining female talent and developing the next generation of leaders, Women in Safety promises a day of inspiration and empowerment.

Join Occupational Safety on March 9 as they discuss solutions to the unique challenges faced by women in Canada's safety community. Offering an agenda packed with industry presentations and panel discussions featuring expert speakers, this event will provide inspiration and ideas to advance equality for all women in the safety profession.

Click here to register and see the line up of speakers: [Women In Safety 2021](#)

Source: Canadian Occupational Safety Editor [Occupational Health & Safety News for Professionals | Canadian Occupational Safety \(thesafetymag.com\)](#)

Registration OPENING February 8, 2021 for the NETCO 2021 Training Conference.

NETCO is looking forward to welcoming you for their Virtual 2021 National Training Conference May 5 & 6. Approximate conference times are 11:00 AM- 5:00 PM EST.

Registration will go live February 8, 2021. The conference fee is \$225.00, a decrease in costs from 2020; If you have any questions or require assistance please reach out to NETCO's conference team, Sue Summers at sue@evoque.ca
This information is being shared on behalf of NETCO



This information is being shared on behalf of Executive Director Nadine Barber



ALBERTA
CHAMBER OF
RESOURCES

Alberta Chamber of Resources Annual General Meeting, February 23, 2021

Time: 10:00 – 11:30 AM MST Where: Zoom Cost: FREE [REGISTER HERE](#).

85th Annual Awards Celebration - Date: February 25, 2021

Time: 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM MST; Where: Zoom Cost: FREE [REGISTER NOW](#)

Traditionally, ACR holds its AGM in Edmonton during the day, followed by an evening dinner and awards celebration. This year, we have gone virtual and split the two events. The AGM will be held February 23rd and the Awards Celebration on February 25th. Please note, a separate registration is required for each event. (*see above*)

Hosted by ACR President Kim Sturgess, the AGM will include a financial review, director's slate, an overview of 2020 activities, and an outlook for 2021.

We are also pleased to announce Colin Robertson, Vice President of the Canadian Global Affairs Institute will be joining us for a conversation about Canada's relationship with the United States. Colin's long career as a diplomat and commentator on foreign policy and trade will provide members will valuable insights on what we might expect in the months to come as a new US administration takes office. You can read Colin's complete biography [here](#).

The ACR's 2021 AGM is a free event. [Click here to register](#). Don't forget, registration is also open for the Award Celebration on February 25th.

I look forward to virtually seeing you there!

Shop Talks Workshop Series presented by Canadian Manufacturer's & Exporters.

Shop Talk Series. CME is pleased to announce the return of the popular Shop Talks training program. CME's virtual Shop Talks series connects front line leaders and supervisors, providing a forum to exchange information, ideas and insights. Participants gather for topical learning and a facilitated discussion. The peer-driven discussion ensures a high level of commitment and accountability which in turn offers invaluable key takeaways and innovative solutions.

The first session of the well-reviewed training program rolled out in early January. Space is still available for the other sessions scheduled for the first half of 2021.

The remaining sessions for this year are as follows:

- February 11, 2021: Operations - Sustaining Continuous Improvement
- March 11, 2021: Leadership – Building Accountability
- April 8, 2021: Leadership - Team Building
- May 6, 2021: Operations - Time Management
- June 10, 2021: Leadership - Team Communications

[This link](#) includes the details including course prospectus, instructor bios, dates, and registration pages.

This information is being shared on behalf of CME newsletter, for more information visit: [Home - Departments — CME \(cme-mec.ca\)](http://Home - Departments — CME (cme-mec.ca))

What's Available from your Associate Members

Take advantage of Allstate's Good Hands Group Insurance® program with preferred group rates* on home and auto insurance for members of ECAA.

[ECAA Group Information - Allstate](#)

Barkman Trench is the smart choice for protecting power and control cables, fibre optic systems and mechanical piping. Contact us on how we can create concrete solutions for your business.
Contact Person: Myron Vogt
Email: Trenching@BarkmanConcrete.com
Phone: 1-800-461-2278

[Barkman Feature](#)

BarkmanConcrete.com'"/>

E.B. Horsman & Son Press Release: Copper Lighting Adds E.B. Horsman & Son As New Distribution Partner in Alberta & Saskatchewan!

[February 1st, 2021 Cooper Press Release](#)

Provincial Board Update

Next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 18th.

New Members

Welcome New Members!

Associate: Arthur J. Gallagher Canada Limited (Calgary)

Journeyperson Associate: Andrew Coad (Fort Saskatchewan); Guy Galipeau (Sherwood Park); David McMullen (Fort McMurray); Anthony Restoule (Sylvan Lake)

PEC (Retired):

Chris Reinert; Shahnawaz (Shani) Ahmad

Local Chapter Activity

CALGARY CHAPTER Next Chapter meeting scheduled for **Thursday, February 11th. Networking 4:30 pm, presentations and meeting 5:00 pm.**

Associate Spotlight: Eecol/Flir, Braeden Peterson - Efficient Predictive Maintenance using Infrared Thermography

Associate Spotlight: TW Becker Safety, Terry Becker: CSA Z462, AFS training need, Electrical Safety Program for Contractors Online ESP Deployment & Phone Application Updates on Energy Savings/Government Rebates

Register: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcvduuurTkvgtHLNkoVTHINuu-Jlk-JxW2>

EDMONTON CHAPTER Next Chapter meeting will be held on **Monday, February 22nd at 4:00 pm.**

Featuring: Texcan – Cable Pulling Tips

Featuring: TW Becker Safety, Terry Becker: Electrical Safety Update, Electrical Safety Tip

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Executive Vacancies

The Edmonton Chapter urgently needs volunteers for the positions of Treasurer and Secretary. Unfortunately, the two Board members had to step away from their positions and are unable to move up the chairs. It is intended that the Treasurer move into the position of Vice President and the Secretary into the position of Treasurer June 1, 2021 (following the Provincial AGM) and serve an additional two-year term. A Call for Nominations will be sent in March for an incoming Secretary. If you, or someone from your company, is interested in joining the Board (or you wish further information) please contact Sheri (smclean@ecaa.ab.ca) or any of the Chapter Executive. Thank you.

The Chapter also expresses best wishes to **Past President, Jay Kuystermans**, PEC who recently relocated to Vancouver. Good luck in your future endeavors, Jay! You will be missed.

NORTH WEST CHAPTER Next meeting will be held on **Thursday, February 18th**. Due to AHS Restrictions, this meeting will be by zoom video only. **Meeting at 5:30 pm.**

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