



# THE SPARK

## ECAA E-Newsletter

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### Calendar of Events

**May 12th**  
Calgary Chapter Meeting  
ELECTIONS  
(The Blackfoot Inn)

**May 16th**  
Edmonton Chapter  
Meeting  
ELECTIONS  
(Derrick Golf & Winter Club)

**May 27th - May 29th**  
49th Annual Convention  
& AGM  
(Kananaskis, Alberta)

### Tradeshows

**May 11th & 12th**

**MAY/2011**

### Welcome to ECAA's E-Newsletter, The Spark!

This e-newsletter was created to keep members informed on the Association's activities and upcoming events in a timely manner.

### President's Message

At the April Edmonton and Calgary Chapter meetings presentations were made from the Workers Compensation Board of Alberta (WCB) on their proposed "INDUSTRY CUSTOM PRICING". ECAA would like to have contractor feedback on this proposal. Your feedback is most important for a path forward. Email [dhagen@chemco-elec.com](mailto:dhagen@chemco-elec.com) or [smclean@ecaa.ab.ca](mailto:smclean@ecaa.ab.ca)



Bob  
Maslanko,  
PEC

May 1<sup>st</sup> the transition of the administration of the Master Electrician Program over to Safety Codes Council (SCC) was completed. However disappointed the association is in this move by Alberta Municipal Affairs (MA), we have been more than accommodating with this transition. Your association has requested representation on SCC considering that they now administer 6,500 Master Electricians in the Province along with some 2,500 Safety Codes Officers.

I was copied on a reply letter from SCC President Brian Alford to Ivan Moore of MA where SCC looks forward to working with the Electrical Contractors Association and Alberta Municipal Affairs to administer the Master Electrician Program.

The ECAA currently has representation on the Electrical Technical Council which is one of ten sub-councils of SCC, but it has no representation on its Board of Directors (Coordinating Committee) which we feel it should have as a direct results of the numbers of Master Electricians they now administer.

The ECAA has also requested that SCC look at re-starting the Masters Advisory Committee which to the best of our knowledge has not met since the program was taken back by Alberta Municipal Affairs over a year ago. This committee used to meet on a regular basis to review Masters Examinations and to discuss concerns and provided advice on the governance of Master Electrician Program. SCC said they are going to look at developing a matrix regarding this committee's composition and it's structure this coming fall where the ECAA hopes to have

## 2011 Provincial Skills Competition

(Edmonton Expo Centre)

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majority representation on this committee. Brian Alford of SCC has been invited to address the ECAA at its AGM in Kananskis; we hope he can make it.

Speaking of the ECAA Annual General Meetings & Convention do you know it is only 3 weeks away and we are happy to see that we are expecting over a 125 conventioners, which should make for a really great time in the Rocky Mountains at Kananaskis. **NOTE:** We are still short Contractor, Associate and PEC Members for its quorum at the AGM, so if you can make one or all of these meeting please contact the ECAA Provincial Office ASAP for more information.... Your attendance is very important!

### Industry News

**ECAA/IBEW Collective Agreement** The terms of settlement were ratified by the ECAA and the Union. Copies of the Memorandum of Settlement are available through ECAA office ([smclean@ecaa.ab.ca](mailto:smclean@ecaa.ab.ca))

**REMINDER:** Ownership and administration of electrical Master Electrician program moved to Safety Codes Council May 1st. Contact Elise at (780) 413-0099 to renew your master's. Certified (CME) and Registered (RME) renewals still administered through ECAA.

Problems talking to your accountant - there is still room in the **Accounting Principles** course being offered on **May 12th and 13th** in the ECAA office. Contact Brittany ([bsmith@ecaa.ab.ca](mailto:bsmith@ecaa.ab.ca)) to register. This is a credit course for those wanting to pursue PEC designation however is open to anyone interested in taking the two-day course.

Need a Personal Identification Number (PIN) for maintenance of fire alarm systems -- application form available on the ECAA website ([www.ecaa.ab.ca](http://www.ecaa.ab.ca))

Cathodic Protection now a designated trade. ECAA looking into providing refresher course for electricians. Contact [smclean@ecaa.ab.ca](mailto:smclean@ecaa.ab.ca) if you would like additional information as it becomes available.

ECAA now hosts own website -- changes on home page coming soon!

ECAA wishes Art McCandless of Ilsco all the best in his move to London, Ontario.

Looking for volunteers for ECAA's 50th anniversary committee -- contact Sheri ([smclean@ecaa.ab.ca](mailto:smclean@ecaa.ab.ca))

**ELECTRICAL SAFETY TRAINING SYSTEM (ESTS)** is now available through ECAA. **Electrical Contractors are required to provide their workers with Arc Flash and Electrical Safety training and to meet legislation as described in CSA Z462 and NFPA 70E.** ESTS is a computer based, distance delivered program that recognizes Provincial and Federal Occupational Health and Safety Regulations. **\*ECAA IS OFFERING A FREE TRIAL TO ECAA MEMBERS** - Email Christine at [chryniw@ecaa.ab.ca](mailto:chryniw@ecaa.ab.ca) to obtain. *\*Free Trial limited quantity.*

2011-2012 NECA Manual of Labour Units available for purchase through ECAA. Order form available on ECAA website ([www.ecaa.ab.ca](http://www.ecaa.ab.ca))

Listen out for our new PEC radio ad's on **630Ched & i-News 880 AM** and **770 AM (Calgary)**. Campaign will end on May 22nd.

**CKUA** will be recognizing ECAA as a generous sponsor - will discuss on **May 11th & May 18th, 7am - 9am on Alberta Morning with Grant**

**Stovel and on June 18th from 5-7pm on Mulligan Stew with Terry David Mulligan.**

### Board of Directors Update

**Provincial Nominations Committee fills slate:** President - Clem Gratton, PEC; Vice President - Kelly Wilde; Treasurer - Les Dzwonkiewicz, PEC; Secretary - Darcy Teichroeb, PEC; Director at large (North) - Terry Milot; Directors at large (South) - Doug Fraser, PEC and Ron Mackenzie. Elections take place at AGM.

**Special recognitions at AGM** to Award of Merit, Honorary and Lifetime Member recipients.

Provincial golf tournament **SOLD OUT!!** ECAA still looking for golf prizes and thanks to those who donated some.

Terry Sawatzky, Schneider Electric lucky recipient of one complimentary single registration (Gold Sponsor benefit)

**REMINDER:** Outstanding dues must be paid prior to AGM's to ensure voting privileges.

**A big thank you to the following sponsors;**

**Platinum:** Ecol Electric & Federated Insurance

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**Silver:** Western Electrical Management & Guillevin International

**Bronze:** Canem Systems, Kondro Electric

**GOT TALENT?** Coming to Convention? Contact Terry Sawatzky ([terry.sawatzky@ca.schneider-electric.com](mailto:terry.sawatzky@ca.schneider-electric.com)) to share your musical talents and entertain us at Boundary Ranch Welcome Reception on Friday evening.

**WANT TO LEARN:** The skills necessary to engage your employees in creating a dynamic and empowering workplace? Why employees leave? The impact on remaining staff: **The real power of TRUST THAT DRIVES profitability?** Where: ECAA Convention in Kananaskis. When: Sunday morning breakfast speaker, Bruce Lee.

**Convention registrations top 125 - room for more but let us know QUICK!!** Quorum still needed for all the Annual General Meetings - your presence is important.

### New Members & Professional Electrical Contractors (P.E.C.)

**Associate Member:** Gescan (*Lethbridge*)

**Contractor Member:** Heat Seeking Thermal Imaging Ltd. (*Lethbridge*)

**Congratulations to the following new P.E.C.'s:** Todd Gorman, PEC (*Grande Prairie*); Arne Nelson, PEC (*Elk Point*); Michael McClocklin, PEC (*Calgary*); Peter Vohr, PEC (*Edmonton*)

### Local Chapter Activity

**Calgary Chapter** - Nominations Committee Fills Slate: President Scott White, PEC (*Western Electrical*); Vice President Jaiden Bonville (*High Line Electrical*); Treasurer Barry Wentz (*B.D.W. Electrical Installations*); Secretary Doug Miller (*Custom Electric*); Elections to take place Thursday, May 12th. Please show your support to out-going Chapter President Tim Lang by attending the meeting.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, May 12th (ELECTIONS)

**Edmonton Chapter** - Nominations Committee fills slate: President Scott Hutton (*High Line Electrical*); Vice President Tom Morin, PEC (*MorQuest Electric*); Treasurer Eric Fadden, PEC (*Electri-Can Installations*); Secretary Brent Connell, PEC (*Edmonton Electric*). Elections will take place on Monday, May 16th. Edmonton members are asked to show support to out-going Chapter President Bob Maslanko, PEC by attending the meeting.

**Next Meeting:** Monday, May 16th (ELECTIONS) **Guest Speaker:** Keith Carson, Regional Sales Manager/Client Services (W.D. With & Associates Ltd.) **Topic of Discussion:** *Cash Flow Problems? "Our Business Makes Dollars & Sense For Your Business"*

**North East Chapter** - Congratulations to the Lloydminster Construction Association on another successful career fair. Thank you to Sophie & Perry Schmaltz, as well as Chapter President Terry Barnett and Secretary Ken Howrie for manning the ECAA booth.

### Professional Electrical Contractor (PEC) News

**ATTENTION PEC's:** Additional liability insurance for PEC's? Insurance industry to address at Annual PEC Meeting.

**REMINDER:** Still need to reach quorum for PEC AGM - please make every effort to attend.

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 it is important to us. Please submit any comments to [ecaa@ecaa.ab.ca](mailto:ecaa@ecaa.ab.ca)



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