



# THE SPARK

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### Calendar of Events

**June 10th, 2015**  
**BBQ ECAA Provincial office**

**June 24th, 2015**  
**Fort McMurray Golf Tournament**

**June 17th, 2015**  
**CREC Golf Tournament**

**September 9th, 2015**  
**Bob Carson Classic**

### Upcoming Code Seminars

June 11th, 2015  
**(Fort McMurray)**

September 10th, 2015  
**(Calgary)**

September 21st, 2015  
**(Edmonton)**

October 1st, 2015  
**(Grande Prairie)**

**MAY/2015**

### 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

The May long weekend is upon us which means hello summer and goodbye winter, although a true Albertan knows anything can happen with the May long weekend weather. The ECAA continues to stay busy with industry events and the planning of our AGM this month. We have completed a few code update sessions with great success in attendance and great reviews on the job being done by Don and Stan. I have attended a Masters Advisory Working Group meeting and an Electrical Technical Council meeting this month but cannot provide any further update on the progress of the CEC 23rd edition adoption and implementation due to the change in government which leaves uncertainty with ongoing issues. We will begin the task of re-establishing our contacts and relationships with the new government officials.



Darcy Teichroeb,  
PEC

The 2015 AGM is just around the corner and it looks like we will have great attendance and participation from contractors and associates. The events are planned and ready for a successful AGM and training day. I want to thank Sheri and her office team for all the hard work they have put into the planning and preparing of this year's AGM. I look forward to seeing everyone who will be attending and Thank You for your support of myself and the ECAA.

My term as ECAA provincial president will end this month at the AGM but I feel we have had a very productive year. I have enjoyed working with all our board members and office staff. We are very fortunate to have such a strong group of dedicated people in our association. The ECAA is in a very good state of affairs right now because of these people and I know it will continue with incoming board positions under the direction of our incoming president Kevin Lefebvre. It has been my pleasure and honor to represent the ECAA as president for the past year. I will continue to participate in other capacities where I can make a positive contribution.

Darcy Teichroeb, PEC, CME  
ECAA Provincial President

### 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 and have added this feature into the Spark.**

October 21st, 2015  
(Lloydminster)

[Code Seminar Registration](#)

**Upcoming PEC Courses**

*Accounting Principles*  
**June 4th & 5th, 2015**  
(Edmonton)

*Electrical Project Management*  
**June 25th & 26th, 2015**  
(Edmonton)

*Basic Electric Estimating*  
**September 25th & 26th, 2015**  
(Calgary)

[PEC Course List & Dates](#)

**Tradeshows**

**THANK YOU TO THE  
VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED OUT  
AT THE FOLLOWING  
TRADESHOWS:**

**Career Expo 2015**  
**April 30th, 2015**  
*Red Deer, AB*

**Bi-Provincial Try-A-Trade  
Career Expo**  
**May 6th, 2015**  
*Lloydminster, AB*

**Provincial Skills Competition**  
**May 13 & 14, 2015**  
*Edmonton Expo Center  
Edmonton, AB*

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**Getting to Know Your Provincial Associates Liaison Bob Clarke**

**Company:** Guillevin International

**Family Members:** Tracy (wife of 36 years), daughter Candice (36), son Bobby (33), 3 grand children

**When and how did you start in the industry:** 36 years ago on the packing bench at Wesco

**Favorite hobbies:** Ornithology

**Favorite TV show:** Diners, Drive-Ins & Dives

**Favorite Sports Team:** Boston Bruins

**Most memorable vacation:** ECAA Convention to Ireland

**Any word of advice to new electrical apprentices:** Always strive to exceed expectations

**Favorite ECAA memory:** Developing personal relationships with business associates.

**Best part of ECAA is:** Fellowship

**Industry News**

**ECAA 2015 Convention & Training Day.** We are excited to announce that the hotel is at capacity with our Convention. Training Day changes include Mr. Don Bradshaw delivering the presentation on Changes to the Alberta Building Code; while Mr. Stan Misyk will fill in for Mr. Bob Nelson who unfortunately now has a conflict with our date.

**Canada's Safest Employers Psychological Safety Award** is looking to honour workplaces with leading mental health programs. Psychological safety is a critical issue for business. Mental health problems are expected to cost employers \$198 billion in lost productivity over the next 30 years, according to the Mental Health Commission of Canada. For more information, and to nominate your organization, visit [www.safestemployers.com](http://www.safestemployers.com). Nominations close June 1, 2015.

**"What's New In the 2015 Canadian Electrical Code" Seminars have been scheduled.** Click on the following [REGISTRATION FORM](#) to sign up. This course is approved for CME's and PEC's. Code Books also available for sale. Click on the following order form to get your copy today. [2015 CODE BOOK ORDER FORM](#)

**Replacement for Section 14 Sub Committee Request.** Thank you to those who expressed interest. The position has now been filled.

**Safety Codes Council 12th Annual Conference June 3rd - 5th, 2015 at the Rimrock Hotel in Banff.** Registrations on-line.

Canadian Electrical Contractors Association (CECA) **2015 NATIONAL INDUSTRY CONFERENCE** is taking place September 16 -20, 2015 in St. Andrews-By-The-Sea, New Brunswick. Click the following link to view the complete [CONFERENCE PACKAGE](#).

**RAP/AIT Apprentice Scholarship Application Deadline is June 30, 2015.**

**Canada-Alberta Job Grant opportunities.** You can bundle staff to meet the 23 hours required for training. There is \$17 million to access for this initiative. For more information visit [www.albertacanada.com/jobgrant](http://www.albertacanada.com/jobgrant) Click [here](#) to view a PDF outlining the Canada Alberta Job Grant

### **CREC Golf Tournament: June 17, 2015**

for more information or to register visit the following link <http://albertaelectricalleague.com/crec-info/>

### **News from Alberta Construction Association**

Alberta Construction Association Congratulates Rachel Notley on Being Elected Premier. "The Alberta Construction Association congratulates Rachel Notley on being elected as Premier, and her party as government," says Dave Kinley, Chairman of the ACA. The Alberta Construction Association continues to assert the importance of predictable funding for infrastructure, a solid commitment to develop the future of our workforce, and ensuring the government is a preferred client for our members. "Over the next four years we look forward to continuing to work with the Alberta government on the issues that are important to our industry and Albertans in general," said Kinley.

The 3000 plus members of the Alberta Construction Association support a prosperous Alberta economy and the well-being of Albertans by constructing schools, health care facilities, roads and other infrastructure. Alberta's construction industry employs over 270,000 people and contributes over \$50 billion annually to Alberta's economy. The ACA also wrote a letter to the Premier Elect to express our desire to work with the new government.

**ACA Golf Tournament Registration Begins.** ACA's annual Golf Tournament is Thursday, May 28 at the Alberta Springs Golf Course in Red Deer. (Registrations are \$160 plus gst per golfer) Download the registration form [here](#). We currently have sponsorship vacancies for the 2015 tournament. Sponsorship is only \$300 (plus gst). Please email Belinda at [info@albertaconstruction.net](mailto:info@albertaconstruction.net) for further information. Please note that both sponsorship and registration are open to members only. Thank you for your consideration!

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***For more information and news from Alberta Construction Association visit <http://albertaconstruction.net/>***

### **Board of Directors Update**

Board meeting was held on Wednesday, May 8th. Joining President Darcy Teichroeb, PEC were Mr. Terry Barnett, Mr. Tim Brundage, Mr. Darrell Castor, Mr. Joe Davis, Mrs. Jeanette DeBruin, Mr. Eric Fadden, PEC; Mr. Clem Gratton, PEC; Mr. Brian Halina, Mr. Dennis Horrigan, Mr. Keven Lefebvre, PEC; Mr. Terry Milot, Mr. Chris Rauschnig, PEC; Mr. Tim Tarita, Mr. Hans Tiedemann, Mr. Steve Warholik, Mr. Ray Wery, PEC and incoming Edmonton and Calgary chapter presidents, Mr. John Knoll, PEC and Mr. Brian Reed. Agenda items included Prompt Payment Legislation; Section 14 of CEC; March financials; applications for membership and PEC's; Committee and Chapter reports (in the annual report book).

President Teichroeb on behalf of the ECAA members sent a congratulatory letter to Premier Elect, the Honorable Rachel Notley.

Mr. Terry Milot Acting Chairman, Alberta Trade Contractors Coalition(ATCC) wrote a letter as ECAA's representative, congratulating Premier-Elect Notley on her election, introducing the ATCC and the prompt payment initiative, and asked for a meeting to discuss this detrimental issue.

The next Board meeting is scheduled in conjunction with the Safety Codes Conference on Wednesday, June 3rd.

### Have something to say?

ECAA is currently looking for guest writers for the Spark. Contact Darcy or Sheri.

### New Members

**Welcome new Contractor & Associate Members:** Amaritech Electric & Controls (Red Deer); Eclectic Electric (Lloydminster); Jadrian Electrical Services (Edmonton); Live Electric (Coaldale); Zayak's Electric (Two Hills); **Associate members** - Hyatt Auto Gallery (Calgary); SMP Engineering(Lethbridge); Wenber Mercedes-Benz (Edmonton); **Journey person Members** - Lyle Moulton (Westlock), Gene Sale (Red Deer) and Shane Steil (Edmonton).

### Local Chapter Activity

**CALGARY:** Calgary Chapter participated in a very successful Calgary Construction Association (CCA) Career show, where 51 schools with approximately 2800 students attended. Materials and tools were supplied by Guillevin and Texcan. Thank you to the ECAA booth volunteers: Dustin Bird, 2nd year apprentice and Tara Maurer, 3rd year apprentice, Allied Projects; Alex Monna, 1st year apprentice and Ryan Petersen, PEC Custom Electric; Lindsay Anderson, 1st year electrical apprentice and Zach Muspratt, 4th year electrical apprentice Canem; Kiri Bestianich, 3rd year electrical apprentice and Chris Jardine High Line Electrical Constructors.

Elections were held May 14th. Outgoing President Doug Miller was presented with a plaque in appreciation of his hard work as Chapter President. Congratulations to the Incoming Executive: President Brian Reed (Allied Projects), Vice President Andrew McGuire (Acutech Electric), Treasurer Chris Jardine (High Line Electrical Constructors) and Secretary Cam McIntosh (Western Electrical Management).

**CENTRAL:** The Central Chapter held a meeting on April 15, 2015 at the Radisson Hotel in Red Deer with a good turn out of 15 members. Thanks to Lloyd Sadd Insurance for sponsoring the meeting. Meeting covered regular business, ECAA activity updates, and members enjoyed a very informative presentation from Joel Heal with Roxtec. Within the discussions it was noted that contractors that work directly with the oilfield sectors are seeing significant decrease in business, however the work in residential, commercial, and industrial sectors are still very strong. We also welcomed a new member, Allan Witthuhn with Sable Electrical Services. The door prize was won by Cory Schultz with CBS Electrical. The evaluation draw was won by Dustin Christenson with Canem Systems.

**EDMONTON:** Elections were held at the April meeting. Congratulations to Incoming President John Knoll, PEC; Vice President Shani Ahmad; Treasurer Murray Steingard, PEC; and Secretary, Jay Kuystermans. Please join the Chapter Executive at a summer BBQ on Wednesday, June 1th at the ECAA office. Contact ECAA Office or [carnett@ecaa.ab.ca](mailto:carnett@ecaa.ab.ca) for more information.

**FORT MCMURRAY:** A Code seminar has been scheduled in Fort McMurray on Thursday, June 11th at the Chateau Nova. The ECAA Wood Buffalo Apprenticeship Classic golf tournament is scheduled for Wednesday, June 24th. Registration forms for both events available on the ECAA website ([www.ecaa.ab.ca](http://www.ecaa.ab.ca)).

**LETHBRIDGE:** Meeting schedule wrapped up in April coinciding with the Code Update course with over 80 attendees. Thank you to Chapter speaker Jamie Smyth, Branch Manager, EECOL Lethbridge and Stan Misyk for providing an update on the Electrical Technical Council.

**NORTH EAST:** Chapter meeting on Wednesday, May 6th had an excellent turn out. Thank you to Chad from EECOL for sponsoring refreshments; Jean Vidal from Jobs, Skills and Labour Canada for her presentation on the Canada-Alberta job grant; Russ Lorenz, president of the Lloydminster Construction Association on an

in-depth look at the happenings in Lloydminster (*building permits are down, but values are up*); and Dave Bates from Lakeland College who reported that next year intake starts in late August with 312 seats available (*many already filled*). Lakeland College will be offering a pre-employment electrical intake in the fall.

The NE Chapter had a booth in the **Bi-Provincial "Try-A-Trade" Career Expo** . It was a great success with over 2200 students from around the area in attendance. Over 250 students stopped by and wired plugs, switches and a light at the ECAA booth. Thank you to Ken and Jim from Harris Electric, Keith from Power-Pro Electric and Terry from K & L Electric who spent the being held at the Lloydminster Exhibition Grounds.

**NORTH WEST:** A meeting was held on **Thursday, May 7th** at the Pomeroy Hotel at 11:30 am with an excellent presentation by Mr. Tom VanKosh, Tyco Integrated Fire & Security, on the Alberta Building Code 2015 Fire Alarm System proposed changes. Thank you to Tom and Joe Davis for attending the meeting. An update was provided by Alberta Apprenticeship & Industry Training (AIT) on scholarship opportunities available to apprentices. All applications are on line. AIT is looking for an employer representative on the Local Apprenticeship Committee (LAC). Contact President Tim Tarita or [smclean@ecaa.ab.ca](mailto:smclean@ecaa.ab.ca) if interested in representing and reporting back to ECAA on local apprenticeship issues.

Grande Prairie Code seminar is scheduled for October 1st (a chapter meeting will be held the evening prior).

### Professional Electrical Contractor (PEC) News

**Congratulations! Benjamin Desrosiers**, PEC# 290 on successfully obtaining your PEC designation.

### Continuing Education

**Registrations are being accepted for all courses scheduled in 2015 on ECAAwebsite under PEC section and in Calendar of Events: Contact Christine Hryniw ([chryniw@ecaa.ab.ca](mailto:chryniw@ecaa.ab.ca)) to register or for more information on the program.**

#### [2015 PEC COURSE REGISTRATION FORM](#)

#### **Accounting Principles June 5th & 6th, 2015 (Edmonton)**

This course will introduce you to the terms and concepts of accounting and show you how to use them to attain goals and controls for future growth. You will learn practical skills to help you develop, interpret and use financial data, pin point problem and profit areas, and focus your resources toward a successful contracting business.

#### **Electrical Project Management June 25th & 26th, 2015 (Edmonton)**

Increased competition is eroding profit margins across the board. To be successful in today's marketplace, electrical contractors need to work smarter - not harder.

The Project Management course will teach you practical, hands-on skills to:

- identify and recover all costs to which you are entitled
- - avoid paying for others' errors or omissions
- - reduce project costs through effective purchasing and administration
- - identify cost overruns - and take corrective action
- - use effective record keeping systems to enhance project profitability

**ONLINE TRAINING AVAILABLE THROUGH ECAA.**

### FIRST LEVEL SUPERVISOR TRAINING PROGRAM

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](mailto:chryniw@ecaa.ab.ca)

**ELECTRICAL SAFETY TRAINING SYSTEM (ESTS)** is a computer based, distance delivered program that recognizes Provincial & Federal Occupational Health & Safety Regulations. The program promotes a "Plan, Do, Check, Act" philosophy applying CSA Z462, based on CSA Z1000 Occupational Health & Safety Management System Standard. *Course is complimentary to all unionized electrical contractors and their employees that have a bargaining relationship with the IBEW Local 424.* Contact Christine ([chryniw@ecaa.ab.ca](mailto:chryniw@ecaa.ab.ca)) to sign up.

**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.ecaa.ab.ca](http://www.ecaa.ab.ca) (Ethics course).

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 [smclean@ecaa.ab.ca](mailto:smclean@ecaa.ab.ca).

**The next issue of The Spark will be emailed Friday, June 5th, 2015.**



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