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President's Message

The long awaited return of hockey's "Battle of Alberta" came to an end in Edmonton during our recent AGM weekend, which featured a welcome return to a full "in-person" event. The golf tournament at Edmonton's Derrick Golf & Winter Club, and a full slate of activities at the JW Marriott ICE District rounded out the weekend and were well attended and supported by members and industry partners. I know everyone enjoyed the opportunity to re-connect with folks they haven't seen at our events in the past two years. Thanks to all for your participation in a well-run event!



As we continue the journey out of the pandemic, our industry, like many others, is dealing with the challenges posed by rising material costs, supply chain issues, manpower shortages, and the economic recovery of our regions, province, country, and indeed the rest of the world.

We will continue to work with government to bring Prompt Payment legislation to a proper conclusion and are active stakeholders in the discussions/creation of a new apprenticeship model, as a result of the *Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship Education (STAE) Act*. Along with creating new opportunities for occupations to use the apprenticeship model to educate and train, this Act will recognize that trades education and certification has having the same type of academic status as traditional post-secondary academic institutions and programs. Alberta's apprenticeship system has always featured significant industry involvement, and government continues to underscore that this partnership with industry will continue in the new apprenticeship model.

We'll be continuing to identify, develop and refine the ways that we engage with our members and industry partners, to ensure that our association continues to be relevant and provides value to their business. The more we understand the needs of members and industry partners, the more likely we are to attract new members and partners, while continuing to be viewed as the trusted "Voice of the Electrical Industry".

Our executive team, board and staff is ready to meet these challenges, while we welcome Paul Schmaltz as Provincial Secretary and Shawn Bishop as PEC Chair into the fold.

I look forward to the opportunity to get out and meet you at Chapter events across the province, as much as possible.

Enjoy a great, safe summer!

Respectfully,
Neil Moffatt
ECAA Provincial President

Farewell Message

Thank you to all of the members and guests that attended our Annual Conference this past weekend. What a weekend that we had at the JW Marriott in Edmonton Ice District.

Things started off with a fantastic Training Day where we learned about current hot topics in the industry from lightning protection, how to manage high load demands caused by electric vehicles, improving your corporate culture and understanding and supporting mental health in the workplace to name a few.

Our keynote presentation from culture strategist [Lorne Rubis](#), was an eye opener reminding everyone in the room the importance of culture in a workplace and what you can do to retain talent in a labour shortage market. Our annual general meeting welcomed our incoming executive Neil Moffatt (President); Tim Fehr (Vice President); Jason Kuziw (Treasurer); Paul Schmaltz (Secretary); Brian Halina (Labour Relations); Andrew McGuire (Labour Open Shop) and Shawn Bishop (PEC Chair).

Congratulations to our award recipients from the weekend; Lifetime Recipient Dave Hagen and Honorary Recipients Daryl Schmidt & Rob Little. Our annual President's Ball wrapped up the conference where we recognized our Award of Merit recipients Bob Maslanko and Sheri McLean. My thanks to all this year's [conference sponsors](#), please support them.

We raised **\$3305.00** this past weekend in donations to support STARS Air Ambulance; a cause that is near and dear to my wife Kimm and I. Thank you all for your generous contributions.

My thanks, as well, to all of the members and volunteers for this past year. It has been an honour and a privilege to serve as president of the ECAA; I know that Neil will do an incredible job as we continue to evolve and serve the industry. Can't wait to see you all and next year's conference in Jasper!

Scott Hutton
Past-President



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Industry News

Prompt Payment Education Series. The ATCC Prompt Payment Team has put together a webinar series to prepare you on what you need to know about the new Prompt Payment and Construction Lien Act. The 3 part series will take place June 21, 22 & 23 from 11 am to 12 noon.

- June 21 - The Journey of a Trade Contractor's Invoice
- June 22 - A Step by Step Guide to Dispute Adjudication
- June 23 - The evolution of contracts under Prompt Payment Legislation

For more information and [detail on the sessions click here.](#)

Register for the Prompt Payment Education Series

It is with sadness that we share the passing of former Provincial Past President William (Bill) Crarer (1986-1987). Our condolences go out to his family and friends who mourn his passing. Bill was with Canem Systems and passed away on May 13th, 2022. A celebration of life will be held at Beach Grove golf course, in Delta BC, on June 5th, 2022 from 1-4 pm. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the BC Children's Hospital, a charity that was dear to Bill's heart. [Click here to view Bill's obituary.](#)

It is with sadness that we share the passing of Renate Thormann, beloved wife of Past Provincial President Arthur O.R. Thormann. Renate passed away on May 26th, 2022. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Arthur, Nancy, Diana and family during this difficult time. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Canadian Red Cross Society. [Click here to view Renate's obituary.](#)

Upcoming Events



On behalf of **Edmonton Chapter President Shawn Bishop** and the Edmonton Executive, we invite you to our annual open house on Thursday June 16th at the ECAA Provincial Office (17725 103 Avenue), from 4:30 - 7 pm.

Catering by **A Cappella** and dessert by **Bhagvan's Dairy Ice Cream Truck**. Doors open at 4:30 pm and the BBQ should be ready to go by 5 pm. Stop by for a drink and a bite to eat!

A special thank you to our dessert sponsor



[Register Here](#)

Wood Buffalo Apprenticeship Classic Golf Tournament

Proceeds raised during this tournament goes toward scholarships for electrical apprentices at Keyano College.

Registration Package to follow shortly, be sure to mark your calendars!

August 18th, 2022

Fort McMurray Golf Club
8:00 am Shotgun Start



Upcoming Training

Arc Flash & Shock 1 Day Training (8:00 am - 5:00 pm) Monday, June 27th. To register contact ecaa@ecaa.ab.ca. Last day to register, Monday June 20th.

Looking for additional construction courses? ECAA has partnered with Perry Educational Services to offer various training courses from Managing Change in Construction, Construction Specifications, MS Project Basic and more.



View full course catalogue for upcoming training.

- [PESL June 2022 VILT Course Catalog](#)

For more information or to register for this training, [email here](#).

ATTI Ace Trades and Technical Institute is offering Electrical Red Seal prep course July 9-August 13, 2022. For more information contact support@atticanada.com

New Members

Welcome New Members

Associates: [Action Car and Truck Accessories \(Edmonton\)](#); [Q Test Inspections \(Calgary, Edmonton & Red Deer\)](#)

Journeyperson Associate Members: Tom Willison (Calgary)

Retired: Mike Fleming, PEC

ECAA Member Shout Out

Westburne West division is proud to recognize partner [Hubbell Canada](#) as their 2021 partner of the year.



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