

December Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

The ECAM Board of Directors is comprised of a cross section of industry members; residential, industrial, commercial, urban and rural, sub-contractors, engineers and associate members. The Board meets monthly September through June and is served by standing committees, advisory councils and working groups.

Trade Talk - February 2, 2026

Julien Lafleche, President & CEO of ServcoCanada will host a session on Labour Productivity from 3:30-4:30 PM at the ECAM office. Learn more [HERE](#).

Susie's Shed Book Drive

Women in Manitoba Trade Contracting Committee aims to place a copy of Susie's Shed in every K-2 classroom in Manitoba to promote mechanical trades and normalize women in construction, with a goal of purchasing 4,000 books. Read more [HERE](#).

TradeConnect 2026

Registration is open for TradeConnect 2026 featuring keynotes by Chris Cummins, 7-time TEDx speaker and CEO of Cummins Media Inc., and Bob Collins of Buildforce Canada. The event will offer networking and educational opportunities, with a preview of the schedule available. Learn more and register [HERE](#).

Legacy Members

ECAM will introduce an annual Legacy Member recognition to honor individuals who have made significant and lasting contributions to the electrical industry through leadership, innovation, and service. Recipients will be acknowledged at the Annual Industry Gala.

Manitoba Jobs Agreement (MJA) Update

An update on the Manitoba Jobs Agreement (MJA) was provided, noting that key concerns from ECAM and MCAM were discussed with the MJA team. Next steps include a follow-up meeting in 2026 and requests for volunteers to participate in interviews regarding price ranges and affected projects.

Apprenticeship Ratio Adjustments

Data collection on apprenticeship ratios will continue over 2026. Contractors are encouraged to apply for ratio adjustments through Apprenticeship Manitoba to help inform the data collection.

Don't Wait for a Complaint. Build a Safer Workplace Now.

The "Building a Sexual Harassment-Free Workplace in Electricity" course will be held on January 28, 2026, from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM at the ECAM office. This one-day training offers two evidence-informed modules designed to equip leaders with skills to manage, investigate, and respond to workplace complaints. The course aims to strengthen regulatory compliance, promote a culture of safety and respect, support an inclusive environment, and demonstrate commitment to equity. Register [HERE](#).

Energy Code Acceleration

Code Acceleration Stakeholder Engagement Committee (CASEC) - Dunsby Energy + Climate Advisors completed a market assessment to support Manitoba's plan to advance energy-efficiency tiers. They recommend aligning tier increases with the national model code's five-year update cycle. The 2025 codes are expected in December 2025, and Manitoba must adopt them within 18 months.

Platform Ladders on Jobsites

The board discussed the increasing use of platform ladders on jobsites and agreed to engage with the Canadian Construction Safety Council (CCSC) on a semi-annual basis to support ongoing communication and collaboration.

SLED-ARAMA: Ride for Kids

Join us for the Sled-A-Rama Ride for Kids on February 13, 2026, at Whiteshell Provincial Park! This year's newly added poker derby adds extra fun while raising funds for Make-A-Wish Canada. Sign up [HERE](#) and support a great cause.

ECAM vs. MCAM Hockey Game

The hockey showdown returns on February 23! Join the ECAM team and help us go for back-to-back victories. Sign up [HERE](#).



Dave Cook, ECAM President

Dave Cook, born in Thompson, Manitoba, has built a career in the electrical industry since becoming a journeyman in 1995. His journey within Static Electric saw him rise from a first level apprentice to journeyman to Operations Manager to a Co-Owner and currently to the role of President.

Dave is deeply invested in the well-being of the trade and its workers. He actively participates in discussions and drives initiatives aimed at ensuring fair treatment, upholding safety standards, and fostering professional development within the electrical sector. As the ECAM Social Committee Chair, he plays a pivotal role in promoting a supportive and inclusive environment within the industry.

Outside of work, Dave's passions include spending time with his family, cooking, playing golf, and watching hockey.