

February 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.

TradeConnect 2025

TradeConnect 2025, Manitoba's one-day Mechanical and Electrical Trade conference, brings together industry professionals for networking, learning, and collaboration. Featuring two keynote speakers, 16 breakout sessions, a tradeshow and reception – Do not miss out. Breakout sessions will feature relevant contractor topics such as Managing Delay Claims, Successful Design-Assist Project Management, Implications of Subcontractor Default Insurance, BIM, Prompt Payment Adjudication in Manitoba and AI in estimating. Register [HERE](#).

MCAC Emerging Leaders Conference

A benefit of partnership with MCAC! Registration is open for the 2025 MCAC Emerging Leaders Conference, scheduled for March 27-28 in Toronto. Members are encouraged to send employees with strong leadership potential, offering them a valuable opportunity to develop their skills and connect with fellow emerging leaders in the industry. Register for the conference [HERE](#).

WCB Petition for Lost Time

An update was provided on discussions regarding the petition for lost time, including the proposal of a grace period before lost time calculation begins. Consultations are ongoing with relevant industry and regulatory organizations to analyze lost time ratios across different provinces. As the Workers Compensation Act mandates a review every 10 years, with the next review scheduled for 2026, the Board intends to advocate for changes to the lost time ratio.

Design Consultants Advisory Council Update

The first meeting of the newly formed council was held in January, focusing on improving communication between contractors and engineers. Gord Whiffen from SMS Engineering was introduced as the future representative for the Design Consultants on the ECAM Board of Directors .

Whiskey & Wisdom - Next Gen Tasting Event

March 13, 2025 | King + Bannatyne. A panel discussion on the diverse roles within the electrical industry provides an opportunity to explore the unique contributions of professionals in this dynamic field. Panelists include Paul Shack, Nor-Tec Group, Elliot Garfinkel, MCW Consultants, Rozlyn Sucharyna, EECOL Electric and Don Lagimodiere, RDS Lighting. The discussion will be followed by a whiskey tasting and dinner. Register [HERE](#).

Builder's Lien Modernization Committee

Ramona Coey, Executive Director provided an update on the progress of the Builder's Lien Modernization Committee. Two regulations have been completed, and several industry associations have submitted an application to the Province to establish an adjudication authority. The application, which includes a request for \$350,000 in seed funding, is currently under review by the Treasury Board. The implementation date is set for April 1st, after which any contracts signed will be subject to adjudication. A website is in development, and an application for articles of incorporation has been submitted. Once approved, a list of adjudicators will be established along with a fee structure. The Executive Director requested board members to suggest potential adjudicators, with several names put forward for consideration.

Energy Tiers in Building Code

Executive Director, Ramona Coey will represent ECAM on the Minister's committee responsible for making recommendations regarding the adoption of energy tiers within Manitoba's building code. Scott Hammond from SMS engineering will serve as representative of MCAM.

ECAM Withdrawal from CECA

An official email was sent to CECA notifying them of ECAM's withdrawal from membership. The new chair, Terry Milot, informed Ramona Coey that Ontario would be joining CECA and that efforts were underway to realign the dues structure. CECA will be based in Ontario and will adopt a new mission statement and bylaws, with plans to continue addressing national issues. ECAM continues work with MCAC exploring a dual trade collaboration.

Welcome New Members

Highland Electric

Highland Electric, based in Winnipeg, Manitoba, provides electrical services for residential, commercial, and industrial projects. Founded in 2015, the locally owned company focuses on innovation, safety, and technology. Learn more about this new member [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.