

January 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](#).

ECAM-MCAM Design Consultant Advisory Council

ECAM is recruiting engineers for a joint subcommittee with MCAM member engineers to bring an engineer's perspective to the work of the association.

Board Succession Planning

The Futures Committee will review the Board's Collective Skills matrix, determining board weaknesses and identify Board vacancies. Members interested in serving on the ECAM Board of Directors, or who are interested in nominating a fellow industry member please email ramona@ecamb.ca.

Fee Structure Review

The Board reviewed the annual fee structure and discussed the partnership with MCA Canada, focusing on how membership fees would be presented if increases were necessary. Following a thoughtful discussion, it was suggested to invite the MCAC National President to a meeting for further discussion and clarification.

SLED-ARAMA: Ride for Kids

Sled-arama Ride for Kids is returning to support the Make-A-Wish Foundation. This snowmobile derby will take place on February 21 at Whiteshell Provincial Park. Find out how you can support the event [HERE](#).

ECAM vs MCAM Hockey Game

Join us for an action-packed hockey game as ECAM faces off against MCAM! Registration includes game time, jersey and food. Player, fan and coach tickets available [HERE](#).

Manitoba Prompt Payment Adjudication Authority

The Executive Director provided an update regarding ECAM's involvement in a local industry working group seeking to establish a Prompt Payment Adjudication Authority. Government anticipates the Authority will be in place and operational by April 1, 2025. A proposal for funding has been submitted to the provincial government for inclusion in the upcoming provincial budget in support of this initiative.

Public Utilities Board Orders Increase in Auto Insurance Rates for 2025/26

Manitoba Public Utilities Board (PUB) rejected MPI's Application for a rate increase of 3.0%, and ordered an overall 5.7% rate increase to universal compulsory automobile insurance premiums for the 2025/26 insurance year, effective April 1, 2025. Read more [HERE](#).

ECAM Representation on WCA Board of Directors

ECAM appreciates the ongoing partnerships with the Winnipeg Construction Association. The WCA is in the process of nominating and electing the chair of their electrical division, as Brian Trottier is stepping down. The Board discussed the importance of ECAM representation on the WCA Board to enhance communication between the associations. Further discussion will occur after the WCA Board elections.

Welcome New Members

Oakpark Powerline Services

Oakpark Powerline Services handles high-voltage overhead powerline construction and underground distribution work. The company has experience with 230KV and below station work, 66KV and below overhead powerlines, 66KV HVPT substations, 138KV and below underground cable terminations, and connecting pad-mounted distribution equipment. Learn more about this new member [HERE](#).

Ayawtech Automation

Ayawtech Automation offers full service electrical and building automation.



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.