

# A MESSAGE FROM ECAM PRESIDENT- Dave Cook

## March 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.

### WCB Lost Time Policy Discussion

Brendon Classen, Safety Division Manager at Wescan, provided an overview of the WCB Lost Time Policy, highlighting concerns regarding its impact on employers and employees. He proposed amendments to the policy, including collaboration with ECAM and WCB to amend the act. Brendon emphasized that employers should be able to implement effective return-to-work programs, guided by medical professionals. Brendon proposed that employers should not be required to accrue lost days if the employee is participating in a return-to-work program. These proposals aim to provide greater flexibility and support for both employers and employees during recovery. The Province will be undertaking a review of the WCB Act. The Board of Directors agreed to nominate Brendon to serve on the committee.

#### **Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held at Fort Gibraltar on April 16, starting at 10 AM. During the meeting, board members will renew their positions, and new members will be added to fill gaps. There is a proposal to increase the number of Directors from 17 to 20, which would require a Bylaw change and will be addressed at the AGM. Register HERE.

#### Save the Date - Industry Gala

The ECAM Industry Gala returns, November 21, 2025, at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. Enjoy an evening of dinner, cocktails, entertainment, and live music. Stay tuned for more details!

## **1st Annual Fishing Derby**

The inaugural Fishing Derby will take place from August 13-15 at Quesnel Lake. Register now and explore sponsorship opportunities <u>HERE</u>.

#### **Builder's Lein 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. 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.



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.