

May 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.

Manitoba Electrical Code

Rick Klassen, Manager of Development and Inspections with the City of Winnipeg's Department of Planning, Property and Development, provided an overview of the implementation of the Manitoba Electrical Code and its implications for permitting and inspections. He noted that Manitoba Hydro, the City of Winnipeg, and the Province of Manitoba (Minister of Finance) have been collaborating since January 2022 to develop a unified Manitoba Electrical Code based on the 2024 Canadian Electrical Code. Mr. Klassen also requested input from Board members regarding their field experiences with security camera installation to support the development of a "Pre-Approved Security Installer Program." Following the presentation, the Board considered potential next steps to support industry understanding of the Manitoba Electrical Code. The presentation is available [HERE](#).

Manitoba Jobs Agreement Update

The Government of Manitoba is establishing two advisory tables, the ICI Contractor Table and the Heavy Construction Contractor Table. These tables are intended to strengthen industry engagement and provide contractor-focused feedback on the implementation of Manitoba Jobs Agreement (MJA) initiatives within public-sector projects, while supporting continuous improvement through ongoing dialogue between Manitoba and the contracting community. ECAM representatives have met with the Minister of Public Service Delivery to outline five priority areas they would like to see addressed within the MJA.

June Trade Talk - June 1

Join us at the ECAM office on June 1 for Trade Talk. Trade Talk with Dave Cook of Static Electric and ECAM National Director of MCAC on PPE and the Transition from Type I to Type II Helmets. Register [HERE](#).

2026 MCAC Annual National Conference in Kelowna, BC

Registration is open for the 2026 Annual National Conference! Join industry leaders from across Canada in Kelowna from September 30 – October 2 for networking opportunities, engaging keynote speakers, and interactive sessions designed to deliver practical insights and real value to members. Please note: there will also be a Provincial Manitoba event on Saturday, October 3, so be sure to book accordingly. Learn more and register [HERE](#).

Apprenticeship Manitoba Course Registration

The Board discussed concerns regarding how quickly apprenticeship intake spots fill and the resulting impact on access and planning. The Board expressed a desire to see sufficient training capacity to meet demand, as well as the use of a potential waitlist to provide apprentices with a clearer understanding of timing for intake. It was noted that unsuccessful applicants should contact their Apprenticeship Training Coordinator(ATC) to be added to a waitlist.

Apprentices in Northern Ontario update

The Executive Director is working with MCA Canada to advocate for mutual recognition of certifications with Skilled Trades Ontario. Currently, Manitoba contractors are being approached on site and asked to provide proof of registration as an Apprentice registered with Skilled Trades Ontario.

Destination Trade - Electricity Human Resources Canada

Destination Trade is a funding to hire and support apprentices in Canada's electricity sector. PathwaysPro is a new, interactive career exploration platform helping you explore and plan careers in the skilled trades, including electricity-related careers. Learn more [HERE](#).

Your Input Needed! Monthly Question Survey

In efforts to gain insight related to the Manitoba M & E Trade Contracting Market; MCAM & ECAM are continuing our monthly One (maybe two) Question Survey initiative. The survey should take 30-seconds or less. Take May Survey [HERE](#).

Welcome New Member

Welcome to ECAM's new associate member, Fulltime AI. Learn more about this member [HERE](#).



Paul Shack, President

Paul Shack has been a driving force behind the advancement of ECAM since 2020.

With over 20 years of industry experience, Paul has risen through the ranks to become Vice President of Operations at Nor-Tec Group Ltd. From beginning as a level 1 apprentice, he has worked his way up the ladder as a Journeyman, Site Foreman, Superintendent, Project Manager and Operations Manager within Nor-Tec Group Ltd.

Paul Shack has played a pivotal role in advancing the adoption and effective implementation of BIM practices within the construction industry. Alongside his professional accomplishments, Paul actively participates as a Social Committee member.