

October 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.

Improving Project Cash Flows Study

John Killingsworth, Associate Professor of Construction Management with Colorado State University will provide an overview of a research study he is conducting on behalf of the National Electrical Association (NECA). The construction industry is chronically underperforming when it comes to project-level cash flow. This is a primary contributor to company failures each year. Electrical contractors are particularly susceptible to margin erosion due to cash flow issues within the construction pyramid. The outcome of the study is an Electrical Industry-Specific Training curriculum. The curriculum will include training modules that will be delivered nationally to interested contractors. Complete survey [HERE](#).

Addressing Psychological Injury: Engagement with WCB

Throughout the 2023-2024 Board year, the Board expressed concerns regarding the WCB's expanded definition of psychological injury. In response, ECAM actively communicated these concerns, engaged in discussions with WCB staff, and made efforts to educate the membership of the changes. WCB will join us at TradeConnect 2025 to host a breakout session focused on this topic. Register for TradeConnect 2025 [HERE](#).

Collaborative Advocacy for Improved Residential Construction Services

Manitoba Home Builders has sought support from ECAM in their advocacy for more timely service connections in residential construction. Manitoba Home Builders are developing a proposal addressing identified concerns of safety and security. ECAM board members will participate in the development of the proposal.

Upcoming Launch of the Enhanced ECAM Website

The launch of the new ECAM website is set for the next few weeks. This user-friendly platform will enhance the member experience by allowing users to edit their profiles, including adding descriptions and logos. Members will have the capability to post events, job openings, and equipment for sale. Additionally, the site will streamline the registration and payment process for events and educational programs. Stay tuned for updates.

Industry Gala - Casino Royale Night!

Join us for the Industry Gala on November 8, 2024, at the Fort Garry Hotel! Experience a Casino Royale-themed evening with drinks, dinner, casino games, prizes, and a DJ. Find sponsorship opportunities and register [HERE](#).

Welcome New Members

Toromont CAT Power Systems

Toromont Cat Power Systems provides backup and prime power generation systems, rental generators, marine engines, and industrial engines, offering customized engineering and packaging solutions. As a division of Toromont Industries, the Power Systems division focuses on power generation, power quality, and related services. Learn more about this new member [HERE](#).

Jenkyns Electric

Jenkyns Electric is committed to quality electrical workmanship and reliable service. They offer expertise in Electric Design, Capacitor Systems, Industrial Maintenance, Commercial Wiring, Thermal Imaging, and Predictive Maintenance, ensuring prompt completion of projects while meeting client needs. Learn more about this new member [HERE](#).

Lite Wave Electric

Lite Wave Electric is Morden's first small business contractor to join the association. Their recent attendance at the Chat & Cheers event highlights their commitment to quality electrical services and community engagement. See 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.