



A MESSAGE FROM ECAM PRESIDENT- Dave Cook

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.

CSAM Update: WCB Assessment & Industry Safety Standards

Sean Scott, Executive Director, and Bob Craddock from the Construction Safety Association of Manitoba presented their annual classification report specific to the electrical contracting sector. Their presentation provided an overview of the Workers Compensation Board (WCB) assessment rate framework, outlining how rates are established through industry-wide budgeting and are released annually in October. The board had a thoughtful discussion of loss time incident reports in relation to other Canadian jurisdictions.

Trade Talk - November 3, 2025

The Board discussed the success of the October Trade Talk on delay claims with Shawn Henry, highlighting the open dialogue it encouraged among attendees. These sessions will continue monthly on the first Monday, with the next scheduled for November 3. Stay tuned for updates.

Exploring Partnership with MCAM Student Chapter in 2026

The Board is considering a partnership with the MCAM Student Chapter for 2026. Comprising mechanical, civil, and electrical engineering students, the chapter has demonstrated success in introducing future engineers to the construction industry through hands-on experience gained from summits and competitions.

ECAM Wins Next Gen Ball Hockey Tournament

ECAM claimed victory in the MCAM vs. ECAM Ball Hockey Tournament for the second consecutive year. Congratulations to the McCaine Electric team, the Sparkyz, on bringing home the trophy.

Certificate of Applied Management (CAM) Coming Soon

The Board approved the CAM courses selected by the MCAM and ECAM Education Committees in coordination with the University of Manitoba, including courses such as Introductory Accounting for Business, Quality Assurance Planning, Managing the Human Resource Function, Business Analysis Fundamentals, and Managing Organizational Change, Getting Paid and Managing Cash Flow, CCA Subcontracts 101, Construction Law, and Earned Value Management. The launch of this program will be coming soon.

ECAM Scholarship

Congratulations to the successful ECAM Scholarship recipients Emily Nimetz (IBEW), Irene Piche (Nor-Tec Group) and Sean Lisney (IBEW).

Manitoba Building Trades and Government of Manitoba Sign the Manitoba Jobs Agreement (MJA)

The Provincial Government will be rolling out the MJA with the construction of four new schools across the province and will apply to public infrastructure projects valued at \$50 million and more. ECAM is working to represent the diversity of its membership in a constructive way; seeking clarity in the design and implementation of the agreement. ECAM and MCAM will be included in stakeholder engagement sessions.

Industry Gala - November 7th, 2025

Don't miss ECAM's largest event of the year, the Annual Industry Gala with a Golden Gala theme. Enjoy dinner, drinks, entertainment, and valuable networking opportunities at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. Register your table now and explore sponsorship options to be part of this premier industry gathering. [See more.](#)

ECAM Safety Courses

The first ECAM Safety course, PPE for the Electrical Worker, was successfully held, with all attendees indicating they would recommend it to others. All five courses are Gold Seal accredited, and participants receive a Certificate of Completion that can be used as supporting documentation during a COR®/SECOR® audit. [Learn more.](#)



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.