

## September 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.*

### EHRC Presentation on Youth Engagement and Education

Mark Chapeskie, VP of Programs at Electricity Human Resources Canada (EHRC), presented the Great Canadian Electricity Map (GCEM), a bilingual, interactive educational tool designed to inspire learning and deepen public understanding of Canada's electricity system. He also highlighted EHRC's ongoing efforts to engage youth through educational resources, summer camps, and the Discovering Potential program, which provides up to \$22,000 in funding to employers who offer internships or training opportunities that help young people gain valuable career skills and experience in the electricity sector. [Read more.](#)

### Trade Talk - October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Trade Talk is part of an open house program where industry professionals are invited to participate in a free, roundtable discussion on a focused topic. Hosted by a member of the Board, October's session will be led by Shawn Henry of Wescan and will delve into delay claims, including how to navigate schedule extensions and project acceleration. The event offers a valuable opportunity for open dialogue and knowledge sharing within the industry. [Read more.](#)

### Welcome New ECAM Team Member!

Liz Ramos is the Office & Board Administrative Coordinator, bringing a strong background in management, business communications, and administrative operations. Over the course of her seven years at Urban Outfitters, Liz advanced from Sales Associate to Assistant Manager and then to Visual Merchandising Manager. [Read more.](#)

### Women in Manitoba Trade Contracting Council (WiMTC)

The newly launched Women in Manitoba Trade Contracting Council is focused on normalizing the role of women in the skilled trades. The council will be rolling out initiatives aimed at exposing youth to opportunities in the trades and accessing untapped markets as part of a broader strategy to support workforce development and address industry labour needs across Manitoba.

### Ongoing Partnership with MCAC

As part of its ongoing partnership with the Mechanical Contractors Association of Canada (MCAC), ECAM continues to support the joint exploration of a National Dual Trade Association, following the Memorandum of Understanding signed in November 2024. In recognition of this growing collaboration, ECAM will be appointing a board member to sit on the MCAC Board, ensuring the association is actively represented and contributing to the advancement of this national initiative.

### Certificate of Applied Management (CAM) Coming Soon

The Workforce Development Coordinator provided the Board with an overview of the upcoming Certificate of Applied Management (CAM) program. Developed in partnership with the University of Manitoba, this new program is expected to launch in the coming months. Stay tuned for more updates.

### ECAM Executive Director Appointed to Apprenticeship Certification Board

Ramona Coey, Executive Director of ECAM, has been appointed to the Apprenticeship Certification Board. This appointment provides an important opportunity to amplify ECAM's voice at the provincial level and advocate for key issues impacting the industry, including apprenticeship training and workforce development and planning.

### 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.

### ECAM Safety Courses

ECAM's safety courses have officially launched and will begin this fall. All 5 courses are gold seal accredited and participants will receive a Certificate of Completion that can be submitted as supporting documentation during a COR®/SECOR® audit. [Learn more.](#)

### Skilled Trades & Technology Career Fair

The RRC Polytech Skilled Trades & Technology Career Fair is an opportunity for students in civil engineering, construction trades, transportation, manufacturing, and related fields to connect with employers and industry leaders. The event will take place on November 5, 2025. [Read more.](#)

### 19th Annual Apprenticeship Awards

The 19th Annual Apprenticeship Awards of Distinction will take place on November 27, 2025. Nominate an apprentice to recognize excellence among MCAM/ECAM contractors and skilled journeypersons across multiple award categories. [Read more.](#)

### New Member

ECAM is pleased to welcome LEDVANCE as an associate member. Learn more about this new member [here.](#)

### 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.](#)



*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.