

November 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.

MCAC Change Order Guide

The Board passed a motion to officially endorse the [MCAC Change Order Guide](#) with the intention of promoting it as an industry standard.

ECAM Office Updates

The Office and Board Administrative Coordinator position has yet to be filled. Interviews will continue with the hope to have a new individual begin as soon as possible.

Throne Speech

Ramona Coey (Executive Director, ECAM) attended the Throne Speech and noted that there was an emphasis on a commitment to workforce development and word of exciting building projects to come.

ECAM Membership Benefits and Standards

The Membership committee is investigating the offering of a group benefits program (hour-bank and traditional) for non-union contractors as a value-add of ECAM membership. Additionally, the Board supported the Membership Committee's recommendation to establish Contractor Membership Standards. Future ECAM members will provide; a business number, WCB number, proof of insurance and one industry reference as part of the ECAM membership application process.

Strategic Planning

Ramona Coey (Executive Director, ECAM) has gathered proposals from Strategic Planning facilitators. Recommendations from the Futures Committee will be presented to the Board of Directors at the December Board Meeting. The Board of Directors intends on setting ECAM's 2023-2028 Strategic plan in early 2023.

ECAM Industry Dinner- November 10th

It was a "live wire" crowd at the ECAM Industry Dinner on November 10th, 2022. Guests celebrated the rebirth of ECAM at the Millennium Centre. Read more highlights from the evening [here](#).

Labour Shortages

The Board discussed concerns relating to labour shortages in the industry. Most of these shortages are affecting the transportation sector and supply chains.

Communications Report

Alyssa Jonasson (ECAM) has developed a monthly communications report. This report will help bring awareness of social media activity to the Board and will illustrate how members are engaging with ECAM on social platforms. ECAM socials will highlight ECAM Member Companies, Industry Events and Industry/Government Announcements.

Manitoba Prompt Payment Coalition Update

The Manitoba Prompt Payment Coalition Co-Chair, Ramona Coey (ECAM) advised she has been invited to participate in working groups created by the Government of Manitoba to provide feedback on potential legislative amendments to the Builders Liens Act, incorporated a prompt payment regime as well as an adjudication model to support a prompt payment structure.

MCAM & ECAM Workplace Safety & Health Act Review

Government of Manitoba is conducting a review of the Workplace Safety & Health Act and is seeking input from the industry and public. MCAM & ECAM have formed a joint committee of association member safety professionals to review and provide recommendations for submission. Contact Ramona@ecamb.ca to provide your suggestion to the committee.

ECAM – MCAM Joint Holiday Reception- Thursday, December 8th

Join us in celebrating the holiday season with fellow association members at James Avenue Pumpouse on December 8th. There will be cocktails, musical entertainment and appetizers. [See more and RSVP here](#).

Development & Building Permits FAQ

The Separation of Development and Building Permits became effective November 14th, 2023. Find answers to frequently asked questions about the changes to the development & building permits in Winnipeg by [clicking here](#).

2023 Events

[Click here](#) to have a look at the 2023 Calendar of events. This year at a glance provides members with an idea of upcoming opportunities to engage with the association.

Welcome New Member

The Board approved the application of new member, Expert Electric. Expert Electric has been providing high-quality electrical services since 1994, visit their website [here](#).

ODACC Annual Report

Ramona Coey (Executive Director, ECAM) provided context for the Ontario Dispute Adjudication for Construction Contracts annual report, highlighting Trade Contractors are increasingly utilizing the adjudication process. [Find the report here](#).



Terry Henry, ECAM President

Terry began his apprenticeship in 1970 as an electrician and only 8 years into his career founded Wescan Electrical. Since then, Wescan has grown into a dynamic, multifaceted company offering construction services such as mechanical, security, data communications, prefabrication, and CAD & BIM modelling. Terry has demonstrated his vision by implementing leading-edge industry technologies and building a strong team of highly skilled and experienced professionals.

Through his 52 years in the construction industry, Terry has been involved with some of Manitoba's most iconic buildings and infrastructures, such as the MTS Centre (Canada Life Centre), Canadian Museum for Human Rights, Manitoba Hydro Place, and True North Towers. Terry values giving back to the community through charity work, support groups and associations that contribute to excellence. Terry is a highly valued member of the Manitoba's Electrical Industry and in 2022 was elected as ECAM's President of the Board.