

January 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.

Inspection and Technical Services

Joe Kasprick, Program Manager – Building Codes, and Jeremy Rivers, Policy Analyst from ITS provided updates to the Board of Directors on the National Building Codes. These updates included changes to the National Building Code process, Manitoba Building Code variations, as well as highlights of the significant changes between the 2010 and 2020 National Building Codes. Based on indication from Industry, the Manitoba Government will be adopting the 2020 Building Codes this spring with implementation this fall rather than the 2015 codes. The Board of Directors created a working committee to review the highlighted changes as well as the provincial variations. Recommendations from the committee will be communicated to ITS as stakeholder input.

Membership Advantage Program Additions

The Board of Directors have accepted two new partnerships into the member's advantage program. [Ellement](#) will be providing a group benefits plan and [Cloudli](#) offers VoIP service for business phones and maintenance.

Staffing Update

The Office & Board Administrative Coordinator role has officially been filled. Abigail Dahl's first day was January 30, 2023. She comes to ECAM with an extensive background in administrative experience. Welcome Abby!

SLED-ARAMA 2023- February 17, 2023

Sled-arama is almost sold out! This ride will take place on the Whiteshell Provincial Park Trails in support of the Make-A-Wish Foundation To learn more, [click here](#).

Technical Safety Regulation Regulatory Project

The Government of Manitoba is looking for feedback on the proposed new Technical Safety Regulation, including the Elevating Device Schedule. The proposed Elevating Device Schedule, which is part of the proposed new Technical Safety Regulation, is intended to modernize the way that elevating devices, including elevators, escalators, man lifts, ski tows, etc., are regulated. Find the Manitoba Regulatory Consultation Portal [here](#).

Manitoba Prompt Payment Coalition Update

ECAM continues to be involved in discussions surrounding prompt payment legislation. The Honorable Reg Helwer, Minister of Labour, Consumer Protection and Government Services and champion of Manitoba Prompt Payment Legislation has retired from the cabinet. With the additional announcement of the restructuring of the Minister's portfolio, The Manitoba Prompt Payment Coalition advised ECAM, the coalition will be communicating with the Premier confirming the Minister overseeing the legislative work as well as highlighting the importance of the Legislation being enacted prior to the Fall Election.

Save the Date! Ken Smith Memorial Golf Tournament September 6th, 2023

Save the date for the Ken Smith Memorial Golf Tournament on September 6th, 2023, at Elmhurst Golf & Country Club. To commit to a sponsorship early, email events@mcamb.ca. Find sponsorship options and early commitments [HERE](#).

Strategic Planning

The Board of Directors will have an all-day meeting to complete the strategic plan for the future of ECAM. This meeting will take place in May. Please participate in building priorities for the association by completing the survey [HERE](#).

Next Gen Committee

ECAM officially has a Next Gen Committee! This committee is made up of contractors, engineers and associates under the age of 40. As the future of the Electrical Industry, committee members will plan educational and networking events and discuss industry issues through the lens of the next generation. If you know of someone who would be a good fit for this committee, email admin@mcamb.ca.

Nuisance Tripping of Circuit Breakers

The Canadian Electrical Contractors Association would like to know if you have experienced any nuisance tripping of circuit breakers. Please [click here](#) to provide your feedback.



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.