

## 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.*

### O&M Manuals

ECAM board representatives met with MCAM and ACEC to address O&M Manual concerns. A working group was created to review consultant checklists and consider an industry best practice approach. Following development and member consultation ECAM and MCAM will collaborate with industry to promote its adoption as the industry standard. ECAM is dedicated to establishing a standardized approach.

### Change in Government

ECAM is actively engaged in fortifying and forging connections with the recently elected Manitoba government. ECAM's commitment extends to advocating for our core priorities with this new administration, notably, strengthening the voice and recognition of industry responsible for vertical infrastructure, Bill 38 (Prompt Payment Legislation) and the CIWA.

### Next Gen Billiard Tournament

The first Next Gen Billiard Tournament will be held on October 26th at Flea Whiskey's. Don't miss out on this opportunity to connect with your peers and showcase your pool skills! Sponsorship opportunities and registration are available [HERE](#).

### Industry Gala

ECAM sets the stage for "Turning the Lights Down" on November 10th at the Fort Garry Hotel. Join us for ECAM's Industry Gala, where you can savor specialty cocktails, indulge in a delectable dinner, be entertained by the dynamic band *Men in Cheap Suits*, and engage in networking opportunities. It's an event you won't want to miss! See more and register [HERE](#).

### November Lunch & Learn

Join us for a Lunch & Learn event on November 2nd at Holiday Inn Express. Featuring must-see presentations by Manitoba Hydro on the Integrated Resource Plan and Informanix Technology Group about Real World Ransomware Attacks. Register [HERE](#).

### Welcome New Member - Inspire Audio Visual

Inspire AV provides home entertainment, smart home, and eco-friendly solutions in the residential and commercial fields. They are passionate about technology, continuously educate themselves in the field, and hold CEDIA certification. Learn more about this new member [HERE](#).

### Project Management for Contractors - University of Waterloo

ECAM and MCAM have arranged for a Project Management for Contractors program through with the University of Waterloo, scheduled for the winter of 2024. This 10-day course, offered over several weeks, will provide attendees with 15 Gold Seal credits and 70 PDUs for the PMP program.

### Chat & Cheers - ECAM is Coming to Steinbach!

ECAM is hitting the road to visit future and current ECAM members. Save the date for February 7th at the Public Brewhouse. Additional detail to come.

### Connecting with CECA

ECAM is honored to host the CECA board meeting, winter, 2024, marking a significant step in strengthening our partnership and defining mutual expectations of working for the industry.

### Engaging with Students

ECAM will be participating in a career fair for Hanover School Division at Niverville High School. The association will setup a display with messaging highlighting the benefits of a career in skilled trades and dispelling some of the myths. Additionally, ECAM is planning a trades presentation for the 9-12 students at Immanuel Christian School that will focus on key points of the trade, dispel myths and introduce industry professionals for a Q&A.

### Awareness of Skilled Trades

ECAM and MCAM are working with Apprenticeship Manitoba in developing an initiative strengthening systemic awareness of skilled trades as a viable career path. Jointly, the two associations are creating a proposal for the Apprenticeship Manitoba Board for consideration.

### Member Concerns - New Pre-Qualification Trends

The Board discussed member concerns regarding new pre-qualification services, confidential information being requested, fees for service, lack of regulatory oversight and impacts on current bonding agents. ECAM will be consulting with local bonding agents to better understand the impacts on the bonding industry, work with providers to offer educational resources to members as well as collaborate with industry partners.



*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.