

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.

Pre-qualification Process

Douglas Baird of AON Risk Services joined the Board meeting to discuss the pre-qualification process offered by the COMPASS. Mr. Baird briefed the Board on Subcontractor Default Insurance (SDI), and its role in replacing traditional performance and payment bonds. He outlined the associated risks and benefits, prompting the Board to suggest educational initiatives on SDIs for the association's members. There are critical questions to protect contractors engaging in SDIs.

2024 One-day Conference

ECAM is planning a one-day conference to be held April 10, 2024. The one-day conference will feature two large keynote speakers, exclusive trade show breakout rooms, breakfast, lunch and a reception. Additional details to come.

Apprenticeship - Supervisor 1:1 Ratio

During the Provincial election campaign, the NDP party who have now formed government, announced their intent to restore all trades to a supervision ration of 1:1. The ECAM Board voted to support the following policy statement; "ECAM recognizes the diversity of the Electrical Industry. The Association supports the current ratio as regulated. It is the responsibility of contractors to assess the inherent risks of job sites, protecting their staff and assigning ratios accordingly. ECAM commits to working with the provincial government to identify high-risk working conditions.". The Board further identified this issue of enforcement of the ratio and CIWA to be a priority.

Welcome New Member - Indus Automation

Indus Automation Inc. specializes in providing customized automation solutions to streamline work processes and boost efficiency for businesses. Their services encompass control panel design, fabrication, PLC and HMI programming, troubleshooting, and maintenance. Learn more about this new member [HERE](#).

Project Management for Contractors - University of Waterloo

The Board of Directors discussed the value for ECAM members participating in the MCAC – University of Waterloo – Project Managers for Contractors certificate program hosted by MCAM. Past graduates of the program spoke to the value of the program and commitment to registering up and coming Project Managers. MCAM will host the 10-day program in the new year in 3 segments. The programs provide for 15 Gold Seal Credits and 70 PDUs. MCAM will open registration to ECAM December 1st. Watch for details – the program will sell out quickly.

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. More detail to come.

Public Review on Code Changes Now Open

Code Change Review - the Canadian Board for Harmonized Construction Codes (CBHCC) has posted a public review of proposed changes for inclusion in the 2025 editions of the national model construction codes. As Manitoba is limited in its ability to amend the national codes due to commitments under the Canadian Free Trade Agreement, affected code users are encouraged to participate in code development at the national level. Read more [HERE](#).

2024 Construction Codes Implementation

The Province will adopt the new Manitoba Building Code, Manitoba Plumbing Code, Manitoba Energy Code for Buildings and Manitoba Fire Code effective January 1, 2024. Read more [HERE](#).

City of Winnipeg – Industry Advisory Group

Daniel Hartley, (Powertech), ECAM representative on the City of Winnipeg Industry Advisory Group provided an overview of the City of Winnipeg's update. The City provided an overview of the National Building Code Updates, The City of Winnipeg's Digitization Program, Development Permit Update and the process improvement of the Development Permit and Building Permit split. Do you have questions or concerns you would like ECAM to address with the City of Winnipeg? Please email president@ecamb.ca.

ECAM Government Affairs Strategy

ECAM Government Affairs committee held their inaugural meeting, electing Scott Shepherd (Black and McDonald) as committee chair. ECAM approved the committee's advocacy strategy focusing on growing the profile of ECAM as the voice of the industry, raising industry concerns with provincial and municipal governments and industry stakeholders.



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.