

## 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 and associate members. The Board meets monthly September through June and is served by standing committees, advisory councils and working groups.*

### LaunchER into Trades

Alison Ng and Kimberley Youd of First Peoples Development Inc., along with James Blasé of Ablaze Consulting, presented on the LaunchER into Trades initiative, sponsored by the Government of Canada. This initiative aims to promote the retention of women in Red Seal trades within Manitoba and support women in obtaining employment and advancing in Red Seal trade careers. They discussed how to become a Champion Employer, offering free advertising for businesses and providing women apprentices with customized support plans at no cost. Learn more about the program [HERE](#).

### Joint Committee for Engineers

The Board discussed the possibility of adding an engineer's perspective to the Board by creating a joint subcommittee with engineers who are members of ECAM and MCAM. It was proposed that a member of this subcommittee would have a seat on the Board. The Executive Director was tasked with reaching out to MCAM for engagement, with updates to follow.

### Member Profile Updates on New ECAM Website

The new ECAM website was launched at the end of October. Members are encouraged to update their profiles with logos, contact information, and company descriptions, and to explore features such as job postings and classifieds. For assistance with logging into accounts, members can email [admin@ecamb.ca](mailto:admin@ecamb.ca).

### Participation in Manitoba Home Builders Working Group

ECAM Board representatives are participating in a Manitoba Home Builders working group focused on addressing safety concerns related to the earlier connection of service. The meeting included the VP of Manitoba Hydro, the Chief Inspector of COW, and residential business owners. Updates will be provided as the working group progresses.

### Representation on Manitoba Hydro Electrical Advisory Committee

Don Hallock, Training Officer for Manitoba Hydro confirmed the acceptance of Paul Shack and Brian Trottier as ECAM representatives on the Manitoba Hydro Electrical Advisory Committee (MHEAC).

### ECAM to Attend MCAC Annual Conference in Texas

ECAM Board representatives were invited by the Mechanical Contractors Association of Canada to attend their MCAC Annual National Conference in Austin, Texas, from November 27-30, 2024. ECAM Board of Directors passed a motion for the Executive Director to sign an MOU with the Mechanical Contractors Association of Canada participating in a working group to consider the potential of a National Association representing both the Mechanical and Electrical Contracting Industry.

### ECAM Fishing Derby Coming in 2025!

Based on multiple member requests, ECAM will be hosting a fishing derby in the summer of 2025. Further updates will be provided as plans develop.

### Industry Gala Highlights

The ECAM Industry Gala was held on November 8th at the Fort Garry Hotel, with a Casino Royale theme. Guests enjoyed dinner, networking, and casino games. Thanks to all who attended the sold-out event. Read the event highlights [HERE](#).

### ECAM Attends Deputy Ministers Dinner

Executive Director Ramona Coey and ECAM Board representatives attended the Deputy Ministers Dinner on November 12th, where they connected with the Deputy Minister of Centralized Services, the Assistant Deputy Ministers of Economic Development, and the Secretary of the Treasury Board. Discussions focused on the continued development of the Prompt Payment regime, Vertical infrastructure and highlighting the contributions of vertical construction in the provincial budget.

### Holiday Hamper Event - December 19th

MCAM has successfully run a holiday hamper program to provide groceries and gifts to families in need during the holiday season. Using this same framework, ECAM is hosting a similar hamper event. Members can volunteer to wrap and deliver hampers, nominate a family in need, or sponsor a hamper. Get involved [HERE](#).

### Holiday Reception - December 5th

The ECAM & MCAM Joint Holiday Reception will be held on December 5th at the Kitchen Sync, from 3PM to 6PM. This will be a come-and-go mixer. Register [HERE](#).

### Welcome New Members

#### Clearly Insight

Founded in January 2011, Clearly InSight provides security technologies to commercial, government, educational, and retail clients. The company offers surveillance solutions for new constructions and retrofits, with systems currently protecting schools, farms, hospitals, personal care homes, and various commercial and municipal buildings. Learn more about this new member [HERE](#).

#### 1SmartBuilding

1SmartBuilding has 40 years of experience in residential construction and over 25 years in commercial construction. The company provides services in smart building integration, construction project management, electrical and mechanical engineering, commercial design-build and budgeting, residential trade consulting, audio/video design, prequalification proposal services, and fire alarm system design. Learn more about this new member [HERE](#).



*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.