

## September 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.*

### BACnet Designs

Grant Wichenko, President of Appin Associates, updated the board on evolving BACnet design practices. Traditionally, in construction contracts, the data from equipment (CRACs, UPSs) came from a third party BACnet or proprietary gateway that were supplied and installed by a third-party integrator or the Controls Subcontractor. However, the industry is changing and equipment suppliers provide and install BACnet gateways at the factory. The BACnet information is now a component that is managed from design submittal to installation as well as the commissioning and turnover processes outlined in the Construction Agreement. Appin's Networked Controls Model supports MEP trades by aligning with current Trade Definitions and responsibilities. The ECAM board recognizes the need to anticipate industry changes and may suggest reviewing trade definitions and engaging in proactive discussions to adapt accordingly.

### BIM Certificate Program

The University of Manitoba Extended Education is now offering a Building Information Modeling (BIM) Management Certificate program. Learn to effectively manage your part of a project's lifecycle and work within the AECOO team by adding our Building Information Modeling Management certificate to your resume. Build on your career in Architecture, Engineering, Construction, or as an Owner or Operator as you gain important knowledge about digital construction and BIM project management processes that are being adopted around the world. Read more about the certificate program [HERE](#).

### Managing and Quantifying Mechanical/Electrical Construction Delay Claims

Instructed by Dr. Awad S. Hanna, this session provides the tools and information for any contractor to correctly price and effectively manage change orders. Course sold out. Add your name to the waitlist and we may change location to accommodate a larger group, [HERE](#).

### CCD-1 Review

The National Trade Contractors Council of Canada (NTCCC) have engaged an attorney to review the Canadian Construction Documents Committee (CCDC) contract and provide cautionary notes and observations. Feedback from ECAM has been requested, and a subcommittee will be established to assist with this review.

### Ken Smith Memorial Golf Tournament

ECAM's annual golf tournament was held September 4th at Elmhurst Golf & Country Club. Thank you to the members and sponsors that supported the tournament. See more [HERE](#).

### Chat & Cheers - Morden, MB

ECAM is hitting the road to connect with industry colleagues in Morden, Manitoba. October 8th at Rendezvous Brewery & Taproom. Join us for drinks, food and networking. Register [HERE](#).

### Industry Gala

Join us for the Industry Gala on November 8, 2024, at the Fort Garry Hotel! Experience a Casino Royale-themed evening with drinks, dinner, casino games, prizes, and a DJ. Find sponsorship opportunities and register [HERE](#).

### In Memoriam: Bill Atkinson

A moment of silence was held for William "Bill" Atkinson. Bill founded ABCO Supply & Service in 1972. Bill was a highly respected colleague of the Mechanical Industry, from industry leaders through young apprentices. Bill established an endowment fund with Red River College annually providing scholarships to apprentices of the piping trades. ECAM extends our deepest sympathies to the Atkinson family. Find Bill's obituary [HERE](#).

### ACIC Usage in Manitoba

A meeting was held with Manitoba Hydro to explore potential workarounds for Appendix B of Table 19 code in other provinces. ECAM will continue advocacy efforts with CSA.

### Meeting with Minister of Finance

Executive Director Ramona Coey and MCAM Board representatives, Past President, Julien Lafleche and National Director, Brad Mason toured ServcoCanada with Honourable Adrien Sala, Minister of Finance. Discussions focused on Manitoba's developing Energy Policy designed to meet Manitoba's growing energy needs as well as strengthen Manitoba's capacity to support and attract private investment.

### Electrical License Renewals

All Manitoba-issued electrical licences expire on December 31, 2024. Renewal notices were mailed out to the address on the licence. In order to prevent unnecessary delays, please review your licence - if the address on it does not match your current mailing address you are required to update your records. Read more [HERE](#).

### Welcome New Members

#### G&K Electric Inc

For over 60 years, G&K Electric Inc. has been a top provider of electrical services in Winnipeg. The locally owned company offers 24/7 support, with all work handled or supervised by certified journeyman electricians to ensure high-quality results and customer satisfaction. Learn more about this new member [HERE](#).

#### A&B Builders

For over 30 years, A&B Builders LTD. has provided Thompson and Manitoba with residential and commercial construction services. Their offerings include home building, foundations, concrete work, framing, and custom interiors, along with design and drawing services. 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.