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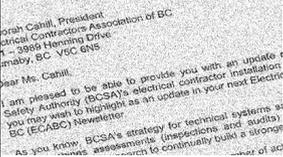
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President's Message

First, thank you to our members for renewing – your support not only strengthens our association, but the industry as a whole. Ensuring you find value in your membership is our priority. To that end, over the last four months we conducted 59 in-person meetings with members to find out what is important to them, if we are meeting their needs, and to ensure they are fully informed about the resources available to them. The information provided and feedback collected will not only improve the experiences of our current members, but also help strengthen our foundations for future development.

The evolution of ECABC is apparent in everything we do. As we shift into spring, a time for progress, the commitment of our membership is growing in leaps and bounds – and the trades community is noticing. This is exemplified in the exciting new partnerships ECABC is forging (See [Subcontract](#) and [E2 Inc.](#)), more Chapter events on the calendar than ever before, and the record sell out of the Vancouver Chapter Golf Tournament in just three days! (Heads up, Vancouver Island and Central Chapter members - your tournament registrations will open in coming months!).

Progress is also forged by ensuring our voice is heard. On Monday, April 18th, I joined the National Trade Contractors Coalition of Canada (NTCCC) in Ottawa for the Prompt Payment Summit. This event was followed by a "Day on Parliament Hill" on April 19th, where we visited Members of Parliament, Federal Senators and Senior Policy Advisers in search of their support for Federal Prompt Payment Legislation. You may also see me or hear my voice in local media as I share ECABC's support for Kinder Morgan's Trans-Mountain Pipeline.

Protecting the interests of our industry has been a priority of ECABC since day one, when in 1952 a small group of dedicated contractors joined forces. Their vision grew into what ECABC is today - supporting contractors and associate members with our six core values: Safety, Education, Integrity, Respect, Team Work and Quality of Life. As my eighth anniversary as ECABC's President nears, I am both humbled and inspired by how far we've come. Here's to a productive and prosperous spring season!

Sincerely,

Deborah Cahill
ECABC President

2015 BC  Inspections: 21.71%

ELECTRICAL			
Region	Physical Assessment Performed	Assessment Requested	%
Lower Mainland North	3,320	19,833	16.74%
Lower Mainland South	4,460	19,281	23.13%
Vancouver Island	9,141	29,511	30.97%
Interior	7,014	40,863	17.16%
Northern	2,547	12,514	20.35%
Total	26,482	122,002	21.71%

Welcome New Association and Chapter Members

ECABC

Union:

Metro Power Construction Inc.

Non-IBEW:

Fina Electrical Systems Ltd., Northway Electric Ltd.

Associate:

Japidi Energy, Quadlogic Meters Canada Inc., Graybar Canada, HSR Engineering, Adanac Sales

Vancouver Chapter

Associate:

Japidi Energy, Quadlogic Meters Canada Inc., Graybar Canada, Belden, HSR Engineering, Schneider Electric, SLS Group Industries Inc.

Central Chapter

Non-IBEW:

Northway Electric Ltd.

Vancouver Island

Non-IBEW:

H.B. Energy Ltd.



Chairman's Report Mike Crucil

There is one thing that stands head and shoulders above other forces that drive our association and that is: Volunteers. When you think about how much time it takes to do your job, manage a business, and spend quality time with your family and friends, it really magnifies the dedication that ECABC Chapter Executives and Committee Members have. In a recent review of how ECABC represents our members we identified a long list of committees, advocacy groups and boards our association volunteers sit on. The list is staggering.

Our three Chapters have never been more active thanks to the dedication of the Chapter Chairs and their Executive Committees. I know first hand what it takes to plan, manage and motivate Chapter Members. It's almost a full time job, but with the support of others on the Executive the work gets done quicker. Those hours become a fraction of what they could be if you were to do all the tasks on your own. Our Chapters have planned, in my opinion, the best Calendar of Events ever for 2016. The best way of showing our gratitude as members is by attending events and supporting each of the Chapter Executives by sharing your ideas and planning to volunteer at some point in the future.

Industry issues affect us all. The only way we can try to control the impact of regulations (or lack of regulations) is to be heard. This again takes dedicated volunteers who work with our President and Board of Directors. It is impossible to do this job without help from our members. When you consider the scope of the work being done to strengthen and promote our industry – for everyone's benefit – you will understand why I am beating the drum for more participation. YOU are represented across the province and in Ottawa via CECA, NECA and closer to home at the table with COCA, BCCSA, BCCA, BCSA, EJTC, ITA and the list goes on and on...

So in closing, I just want to thank everyone who has stepped up to volunteer his or her time to help build ECABC into what it is today. As you look to the next year and the years ahead, how can you share your expertise by volunteering and supporting those who have supported you?

Mike Crucil,
ECABC Chairman



Industry Training solutions for a changing and greener world.

On March 18, 2016 ECABC announced it has formed an official partnership with E2 Inc. an industry training provider that is a subsidiary of the Electrical Joint Training Committee (EJTC). [Read More](#)

E2 Inc. Receives \$50,000 for EV Training:

The Province of British Columbia is giving a \$50,000 boost for training certified electricians in the installation and maintenance of Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations. The funding is a 50% training cost subsidy for course participants in the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program (EVITP). The program helps ensure quality and standardization of the installation of EV charging infrastructure, and supports the development of the workforce in the EV sector.

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Funding from the Clean Energy Vehicle (CEV) Program will be provided to EJTC Enterprises (E2 Inc.) - a subsidiary of the Electrical Joint Training Committee. The EJTC is a partnership between IBEW Local 213, ECABC and the Marine Employers.

"Our labour-contractor partnership is working to consolidate British Columbia's position as the Canadian leader in training for emerging and energy-efficient electrical technologies," said E2 Inc. chair Graham Trafford. "The government's support for electric vehicle infrastructure training underlines the need to protect public safety and power grid integrity by making qualified, certified tradespeople available to install and maintain complex electrical systems."

All Red Seal-certified electrical installers, inspectors and instructors are eligible for additional certification through EVITP.

For more on E2 Inc. Training Programs:

<http://ejtcenterprises.com/programs/overview>

Need More Information on Training Grants?

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The LNG Canada Trades Training Fund (TTF) is a private \$1 million training fund to support BC construction employers to up-skill and train construction tradespeople. Apprenticeship training is a priority of the fund. TTF supports small and medium employers with 1 to 50 employees and is administered by the BC Construction Association.

As of March 14, 2016 Total TTF Payments: \$221,599.90
Average \$ per Employee: \$1,136.41
Average \$ per Employer: \$3,693.33
Average # Employees/Employer: 3.4

Between October 15 and March 14, 2016 a total of 258 applications were received. Total TTF payments: \$221,599.90. The top courses were Electrical (Level 1 - 4), Carpentry (CARP – Foundation Level 1- 4 and CARP - Red Seal/IP Challenge) and Heat & Frost Insulation (Level 1 - 4). For more go to [Trades Training Fund](#) (BCCA website)

Chapter Updates:



Gastown Tasting Tour – Vancouver Chapter



Chapter Meeting at Northern Lights Estate Winery – Central Chapter

Vancouver Chapter: Dan Robertson

Vancouver Chapter's recent Chapter Meetings were held on January 26th and February 23rd at the Metrotown Hilton. On March 24th the Social Committee arranged for a Gastown Tasting Tour. It was a sold out event on the eve of the Easter long weekend, and 61 attendees enjoyed food and drink from three Gastown establishments: Rogue Wet Bar, Rogers Chocolates, and Al Porto Ristorante. The fun lasted well into the evening, and will be remembered by all who attended. The next Chapter Meeting will be held on April 26th and will include a pre-meeting seminar with Tanya Perewernycky, BC Hydro's Program Delivery Specialist, Marketing Alliances on the topic: "An Update on the BC Hydro Incentive Program." The annual ECABC Vancouver Chapter Golf Tournament will be held on May 26th, 2016. The event is sold out, but sponsorship opportunities for holes and door prizes are still available.



Vancouver Island Chapter: Kevin Sumpton

"Our last Chapter Meeting on February 25th was well attended," said Kevin Sumpton, Chapter Chair. "Our guest speaker was Doug King (P.Eng) from Hilti Canada, his presentation on Code Compliant Anchors in a Seismic Zone was well received by the members." A Casino Night is scheduled for April 29th at the Inn at Laurel Point in Victoria. Games will be played with "funny money" and include: Blackjack, Roulette, Wheel of Fortune and Poker. "The night starts with a reception at 6:00pm (cash bar) and includes a selection of appetizers and serving stations. Thanks to Ross Richards, Nathan Lang and Dale Risvold for taking the lead on this event," said Sumpton. The May 19th Chapter Meeting at the Delta Victoria Ocean Pointe Resort will feature guest speaker Terry Becker from ESPS. His topic will be Arc Flash & Shock, CSA Z462, 3rd Edition, 2015. A social event is planned for June 25th and the Chapter Golf Tournament will be on September 16th, 2016.

Central Chapter: Nick Hauff

Nick Hauff, Central Chapter Chair reports, "Our February 2nd Chapter Meeting was held at the Northern Lights Estate Winery in Prince George. We had a really good turn out with about 25 people. We tasted the winery's variety of local fruit wines and blends from the area. Our guest speaker was Sunny Ghataurah, Director of Applied Engineering Solutions and a member of American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE). He talked about the electrical codes for lighting and the mandatory commissioning requirements for new projects and renovations." The Chapter meeting on April 19th was our first ever in Kelowna, held at the Delta Grand Okanagan Resort. Our guest speaker Terry Becker, ESPS, gave a presentation on Arc Flash & Shock, CSA Z462, 3rd Edition, 2015. The ECABC/MCA 5th Annual Prince George Golf Tournament will be on August 26th, 2016.

For updated Chapter Events and information check the [Events Calendar](#)

Prompt Payment Legislation (PPL)

ECABC and other Canadian trade contractors are concerned about the pressing issue of delayed payments in the construction industry. This includes construction work tendered and procured by the federal government. In a five-year period from 2007 to 2012 the average duration of a receivable in the construction industry has increased by over 13% from 62.8 days to 71.1 days.

This is a significant problem for small businesses, families, workers and taxpayers that could be addressed simply and at a low cost. PPL will reduce delays in federal construction projects, lead to greater employment and more openings for apprentices. The United Kingdom, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand and the U.S. (including 49 of 50 states) have enacted some form of prompt payment legislation. Canada has not.



Prompt Payment Summit and Day on Parliament Hill:

On Monday, April 18th, ECABC President Deborah Cahill joined other trade associations and the National Trade Contractors Coalition of Canada (NTCCC) in Ottawa for the Prompt Payment Summit. This event was followed by a "Day on Parliament Hill" on April 19th, where the advocacy group made a presentation to Members of Parliament, Senators and Senior Policy Advisers encouraging their support for Federal Prompt Payment Legislation.

Help us help you! Join us and send a message to Members of Parliament in your riding. A copy will be sent automatically to the applicable federal party leaders suggesting that now is the time to take action. Visit www.promptpayment.ca



BC Hydro Extends ROCs to August 31, 2018

In a letter to ECABC President Deborah Cahill, BC Hydro has announced that it has extended its Regionally Optimized Distribution Line Construction (ROC) program for a 2-year period to August 31, 2018.

Arash Sanatizadeh (Category Lead, Line Construction Services, Field & Construction Services, Operations & Enterprise Supply Chain), wrote, "BC Hydro is pleased with the performance of the ROC program since its roll-out in September 2014. Through this strategy, benefits are being created for ratepayers in terms of improved safety and quality and cost management.

The original ROC RFP1842 indicated an initial two-year contract term, with up to a 2-year optional extension term. Largely due to the success of the ROC program thus far and contractors' willingness to take a new approach to working with BC Hydro, we plan to enter into negotiations with ROC contractors to extend contracts for a 2-year period to August 31, 2018, in accordance with the RFP and contract language."

If ECABC Members have any questions, please contact Arash Sanatizadeh by phone at 604-515-8267 or by email at arash.sanatizadeh@bchydro.com

ECABC Subcontract Program:

Protect yourself from inappropriate allocation of risks!

The ECABC Subcontract Program is an exclusive benefit to members of the Electrical Contractors Association of BC. ECABC's Subcontract Committee, whose mandate is to "Facilitate a review of legal contracts to help educate our members by identifying potential risks", directs the Subcontract Program. ECABC Members have access to the program free of charge as part of their membership fees.



"ECABC members should trust the Subcontract program because it was created by the ECABC."

Dan J. Leduc

Dan J. Leduc is a partner at Norton Rose Fulbright law firm. Mr. Leduc sits on ECABC's Subcontract Committee. He practices primarily construction law and dispute resolution. Mr. Leduc has experience in drafting and negotiating construction contracts on behalf of owners, developers, subcontractors and suppliers.

"On two different occasions, I reviewed approximately a total of 30 subcontracts for the Subcontract Committee," said Mr. Leduc. "My function is to draft language to amend a series of general contractor contracts to render them more balanced in terms of risk allocation between them and electrical subcontractors. After these contracts are reviewed and wording is amended appendices are attached to the general contractor forms of subcontract that ECABC members can submit as part of their tender submissions." The primary concern is allocation of risk. These appendices are posted on the password protected ECABC website Subcontract Program pages.

Mr. Leduc said, "One common pitfall for subcontractors is that many general contractor contracts have 'pay when paid provisions' that assigns risk of payment to the subcontractor when the cause for non payment may not rest with that particular subcontractor. We try to solve this allocation of risk by striking out such provisions in their tender submissions. This is just one example." He concludes, "Simply put, ECABC members should trust the Subcontract program because it was created by the ECABC."

The Subcontract Program benefits ECABC members by helping you mitigate the risks inherent in subcontracting, saving you time and unnecessary legal costs. Including:

- The identification and explanation of onerous clauses, as reviewed by a lawyer
- Suggested legal language revisions, as recommended by a lawyer
- Printable PDF documents containing aforementioned contracts and language revisions available for your company's reference
- Permission to submit lawyer-recommended legal revisions as part of your tender
- A checklist of conditions requiring attention in tender and contract documents
- Insurance recommendations: Coverage that should be Included on an Electrical Contractor's Insurance Program
- Prime Contractor resources: Fulfilling Your Health and Safety Obligations

Visit [ECABC's YouTube Channel](#) for more on the Subcontract Program.

B.C. Skilled Workers Coming Home

The BC Construction Association (BCCA) released its 2016 Construction Industry Survey on February 23rd, 2016. The survey found that 45% of employers hired a worker last year that came directly from working in Alberta's oil and gas sector.

"The record number of construction projects now underway and the outlook for sustainable growth is drawing British Columbians back home," said BCCA president Manley McLachlan.

Read the full survey to see all of the [2016 Wages & Salaries Survey Results](#).



Training & Education

ECABC Members save up to 27% on training fees and up to 50% on publications.

2016 Courses:

- **Pre- Vancouver Chapter Meeting: "An Update on the BC Hydro Incentive Programs"** with Tanya Perewemycky, BC Hydro Program Delivery Specialist
April 26, 2016 (Metrotown Hilton, Burnaby)
- **Tech Talk: Supervisor's Bootcamp Part I**
April 27, 2016 (BCIT, Burnaby)
- **Tech Talk: Supervisor's Bootcamp Part II**
May 11, 2016 (BCIT, Burnaby)
- **Tech Talk: Supervisor's Bootcamp Part III**
June 1, 2016 (BCIT, Burnaby)
- **EPS Level III**
May 12 – 14, 2016 (Accent Inn Burnaby)
- **Dr. Hanna: Comprehensive Practices for Effective Electrical Construction Project Management**
May 17, 2016 (Metrotown Hilton, Burnaby)
- **Dr. Hanna: The Top Habits of High Performing Contractors**
May 18, 2016 (Metrotown Hilton, Burnaby)
- **EPS Level I**
September 22 – 24, 2016 (Accent Inn Burnaby)
- **EPS Level II**
October 18 – 19, 2016 (Accent Inn Burnaby)
- **EPS Level III**
November 24 – 26, 2016 (Accent Inn Burnaby)

Note: A limited number of \$100 daily travel subsidies will be available for ECABC members residing outside of the Lower Mainland and Squamish for Dr. Hanna's seminars.

Ongoing: Online ESTS CSA Z462 Arc Flash & Shock Training

Ongoing: Special pricing for public WorkSafeBC Occupational First Aid Level 1 sessions:

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Province announces partnership to
enhance mentorship for women and
apprentices

On April 12, 2016 Shirley Bond, Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training and Minister Responsible for Labour, announced \$750,000 for two partnerships that will enhance mentorship for women and apprentices in the skilled trades. To help women the government is investing \$400,000 through a partnership with SkillPlan, the Canadian Building Trades Union, Building Together – Women in the Building Trades, and the IBEW to create a made-in-B.C. women-in-trades mentorship program. And the province also announced an agreement with the EJTC for \$350,000 to help improve mentorship and skills development for all apprentices in B.C.'s construction sector. This project will also create a return on investment model to demonstrate the value of mentorship in the building trades.

For more: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2016JTST0048-000548>



Jeff Skosnik

Our friend and colleague Jeff Skosnik, adjunct professor in the BCIT School of Trades and Technology passed away on January 23, 2016.

Jeff had a lifelong interest in education, particularly how it creates opportunities and lifts people out of poverty. He completed his undergraduate degree at Michigan State University, his MA at SFU and his PhD in Philosophy at UBC.

A retired Dean of the BCIT School of Trades and Technology, he was the CEO of the Line Contractors Association of British Columbia. He wrote many papers and articles and was an expert witness on many cases within the trade.

In his role as an adjunct professor at TRU, Jeff was instrumental in leading the School of Trades and Technology to become the first public training school in BC to offer the Power Line Technician program. He also worked with Aboriginal learners to help them gain the knowledge and skills necessary to transition into trades training.