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ECAO/CECA CONFERENCE A BIG SUCCESS

The bar keeps rising, year after year, according to ECA BC’s executive vice president, Richard Campbell. And he should know, as BC initially set the standard 3 years ago.

Everything was perfect in St. John’s, Newfoundland and Labrador for this year’s conference. There were icebergs and whales in the harbours, and the weather, with the exception of rain on Friday, was superb.

Appropriate to the locale, the theme of this year’s conference was “A Sea of Change”, which was also the title of Joe Caruso’s keynote address. Mr. Caruso’s business session was entitled, “If the Horse is Dead, Get Off”, which looked at the futility of doing things the same way even though the reason we do them has changed.

Other speakers addressing the changes we’re facing were Will Koroluk, who guided us through the pitfalls and rewards of the internet and software for contracting; Dean Roebothan and Patrick Kearney of Aliant Communications, who showed us some upcoming trends in wireless communications; and Dwight Noseworthy and Caroline Rheume of Assante Capital Management, who gave us tips on succession planning. We were also treated to a presentation by John Efford, Member of Parliament for the federal Bona Vista-Trinity-Conception riding, who gave us a little history of the province and some of the current opportunities and challenges it faces.

Delegates and their guests had the opportunity to explore historic St. John’s and environs through walking tours, boat tours, dinner theatre and forays into the heart of St. John’s night life, George Street, with it’s many pubs and bands.

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The conference concluded with dining and dancing at the Gala, which featured the music of Billy and the Bruisers, a ten-piece band that kept the dancers in our group on the floor all night.

Look for pictures from the conference on the website, www.ecao.org, and in the September issue of *Ontario Electrical Contractor* magazine.

R. H. (HUGH) CARROLL SAFETY AWARD RECIPIENTS

The R. H. (Hugh) Carroll Award was created in 1999 to pay tribute to member firms who best exemplify the dedication and commitment to safety in the electrical contracting industry as exhibited by R. H. (Hugh) Carroll through his years of service.

This year all recipients were from the Rate Group 704 categories. The award winners were:

- Gemor Electric Limited (up to 50,000 hours)
- Trade-Mark Industrial Inc. (50,001 to 200,000 hours)
- Guild Electric Ltd. (more than 500,000 hours)

WAYNE GATIEN WINS D. J. B. WRIGHT AWARD

Immediately prior to the Annual General Meeting, Wayne Gatien was awarded the prestigious D. J. B. Wright Award. This award was created in 1992 by ECAO and the Ontario Electrical Construction Co. Ltd. to pay tribute to individuals who best exemplify the dedication and commitment to the electrical contracting industry as exhibited by Doug Wright through his years of service.

In submitting his name, ECAT pointed to Wayne's efforts over the last ten years on behalf of the line contractors in the province through his appearances before the Macdonald Committee, and meetings with successive energy ministers to secure legislated safeguards, some of which are the best in North America.

Presenting the award, John Wright noted, "in representing this sector Mr. Gatien has consistently shown that he can be relied on to develop sound, rational positions, and then back them up by tirelessly pursuing them, all the while knowing that there could be costs to pay for his leadership."

They also noted his service to the broader industry through his involvement as President of ECA Northern Ontario; President of the Electrical & Utilities Safety Commission; President of the ECAO; Chair of ECAO's Industry Conference, PR and Line Contractors committees; member of the Electrical Trade Bargaining Agency and director of the Electrical Safety Authority.

Mr. Gatien is the ninth person to receive this award. The previous recipients have been Mike Sharp, Ross Sawle, Art Wilson, Jack Moncur, Cliff Ainsworth, John McDonald, Bob Ferguson and George McCue.

NEGOTIATIONS TO RENEW NO STRIKE/NO LOCKOUT ACCORD

Since 1992 the ETBA of ECAO and the IBEW-CCO have negotiated their Principal Agreement under the terms of a no strike/no lockout accord known as the Joint Proposal. The parties have negotiated four collective agreements under this format without any labour disruptions.

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The Joint Proposal must be ratified by the 15,000 IBEW members and each of the 13 area ECA's prior to each round of bargaining.

On June 25-26 the ETBA and IBEW-CCO met to negotiate the terms of the Joint Proposal for the 2004 – 2007 collective agreement. A draft memorandum tabled by the ETBA is under consideration by the IBEW. The parties will reconvene on July 22 to complete the negotiations.

Once the draft Joint Proposal is adopted by the bargaining teams it will be sent to the IBEW membership and the area ECA's for ratification. The previous Joint Proposal was ratified by 70% of the union membership and 12 of 13 area ECA's.

For further information, contact Eryl Roberts at the ECAO office.

WORKPLACE SAFETY & INSURANCE ACT – CONSTRUCTION RTW/RE-EMPLOYMENT REGULATION

COCA's WSIB Committee met on June 26, to discuss the lack of agreement with labour on how to proceed with the development of a Construction Return to Work (RTW) regulation under the Workplace Safety and Insurance Act. It has been over two years since discussions have occurred on this issue and both sides agree that a solution must be found.

In an effort to move the issue forward, ECAO through Gary Robertson suggested that it would be more practical for the parties who must implement the RTW regulations (labour & management) to agree on a process. This process, it was argued, should form part of the collective agreement that governs the terms under which we employ union members. The regulation could include language that directs the parties to a collective agreement to develop language that meets the intent of the WSIA.

CECCO was asked to comment on this proposal and they did not support it. As a result, COCA has requested that the WSIB re-examine the issue without offering any specific proposal. ECAO maintains that the best solution is a negotiated solution with the IBEW.

For further information, please contact Gary Robertson.

HOMEOWNER FINED IN WORKER'S DEATH

On June 20, 2003, a Richmond Hill homeowner, who had been overseeing construction of his new residence, pled guilty as a constructor to failing to ensure a guardrail system was used and was fined \$20,000 dollars. The court added a 25% victim fine surcharge.

The charges arose from an accident on April 1, 2002, when a finish carpenter fell 3.2 m. (about 10.5') through an open stairwell, landing in the basement. He died as a result of his injuries the next day. Ministry of Labour investigators found no guardrails at the sides of the stairwell opening and charged the homeowner under Sec. 23(1)(a) of the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

This court decision makes it clear that a homeowner acting as a constructor/general contractor, is bound by the same legal responsibilities as a business.

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ESA TO ESTABLISH CONTRACTOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ESA and the electrical contracting industry, represented by ECAO and the OEL, have begun discussions to establish a new Contractor Advisory Committee (CAC) to the ESA Board of Directors.

The CAC is being created in recognition of the fact that electrical contractors are the primary business clients of the ESA and require broader representation and input into ESA business and policy development than is currently provided through the Industry Advisory Committee (IAC). The IAC is made up of a much broader group of stakeholders including consumers, manufacturers, insurance, engineers and contractors.

The new contractor-dedicated committee will advise the ESA Board on ESA policies and business practices impacting directly on electrical contractors. ESA, ECAO and OEL are currently working out the Terms of Reference and composition of the Advisory Committee. It is expected that the CAC will be formalized at the next ESA annual meeting in September.

ECAO will soon be canvassing for representatives in the following sectors:

- High Voltage
- Industrial
- Service/Maintenance
- Commercial
- Institutional
- Low-rise and High-rise Residential

ECAO members interested in representing the industry on this new advisory committee should contact Eryl Roberts at the ECAO office.

ESA INSPECTION FEE ESTIMATOR SOFTWARE AVAILABLE

In response to contractor requests and in an effort to help contractors with the new fee guide, the Electrical Safety Authority has developed a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet that will generate a completed inspection application that can be printed and sent to ESA by fax. Fees are calculated automatically, and you only have to fill in your information the first time.

The fee estimator and instructions on its use are available for download from http://www.esainspection.net/fee_estimator.html.

FROM THE BOARD

The Board honoured retiring directors Brian Rielly from Hamilton and Dan Moore from Central Ontario just before the Annual General Meeting was called to order in St. John's on June 21. Also honoured was past president Case Opdam, for his long and faithful service to the board.

ECAO's Board of Directors for the upcoming year is:

ECA Central Ontario	John Raepple
Georgian Bay ECA	Dave Duffy
ECA Hamilton	Dan Lancia

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ECA London	Wayne Crockett
Niagara Peninsula ECA	Greg Galbraith
ECA Northern Ontario	Dennis Tatasciore
ECA Oshawa & District	Gary Carr
ECA Ottawa	Bill McKee
ECA Quinte-St. Lawrence	Brad Walker
ECA Sarnia	Ed Braithwaite
ECA Thunder Bay	Rick Ball
ECA Toronto	Gary Beer
	Fred Black
	Larry Macdonald
Windsor ECA	Brad Vollmer
Ontario Directors-at-Large:	Peter Bryant
	George Boals
	Glenn Carr
	Jim Gruber
	Dave Mason
	Wayne Gatien

Immediately after the general meeting, a board meeting was convened and the following were named to the executive:

- President Dave Mason
- Past President George Boals
- Treasurer Jim Gruber
- First Vice President Brad Vollmer
- Second Vice President Fred Black
- Executive Vice President Eryl Roberts

Also at that meeting, the following were named to committee chairs:

- Glenn Carr (Contractor and Industry Standards)
- Fred Black (Human Resources)
- Brad Walker (Member Services)
- Brad Vollmer (Public Relations)
- Wayne Gatien (Power and Utility Sector)
- Peter Bryant (Electrical Trade Bargaining Agency)

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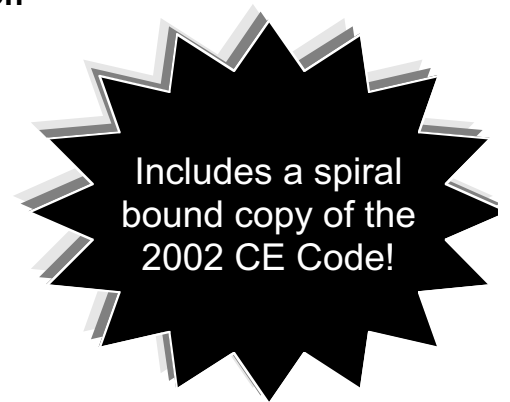
Electrical Installation and Maintenance in Hazardous Locations – to Sections 18 & 20 of the CEC

**A one day technical workshop on the requirements in Sections 18 & 20
of the Canadian Electrical Code.**

CSA offers this limited time, one day workshop, led by Bob Nelson

AGENDA:

- 8:00 **Registration & Continental Breakfast**
8:30 **Opening Remarks**
8:45 **Hazardous Locations – Pt. 1 CEC**
- Overview of Section 18
 - Class I Locations – Flammable Gases or Vapours
 - Class II Locations – Combustible Dust
 - Class III Locations – Ignitable Fibres or Flyings
- 10:00 **Refreshment Break**
10:15 **New Class I, Zone 0, 1 & 2 Requirements**
- History of the Change to the Zone system
 - Zone Concept
 - Comparison between the Division and the Zone Requirements
 - Equipment/Device Marking - Methods of Protection - Gas Groupings
 - Temperature Codes - Ingress Protection
- 12:00 **Lunch**
1:00 **Requirements for Hazardous Locations (Including the Zone System)**
- General Requirements - Wiring Methods - Sealing
- 3:00 **Refreshment Break**
3:15 **Requirements from Section 20**
- Gasoline Dispensing and Service Stations - Propane Dispensing, Container Filling, and Storage
 - Compressed Natural Gas Refueling Stations - Commercial Garages - Repair and Storage
 - Residential Storage Garages - Bulk Storage Plants - Finishing Processes - Aircraft Hangers
- 4:50 **Completion of Evaluation Form and CEU Requirements Questionnaire**
5:00 **Course Adjourns**



Cost: \$295 – includes continental breakfast, lunch & a copy of the CE Code.

SPACE IS EXTREMELY LIMITED - CALL TO REGISTER TODAY!
A certificate of completion will be issued for the participant's records.

For a complete Agenda and Registration Information

Visit our Online Store at www.csa.ca,

Call **1-800-463-6727**, or

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