

# ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF SASKATCHEWAN

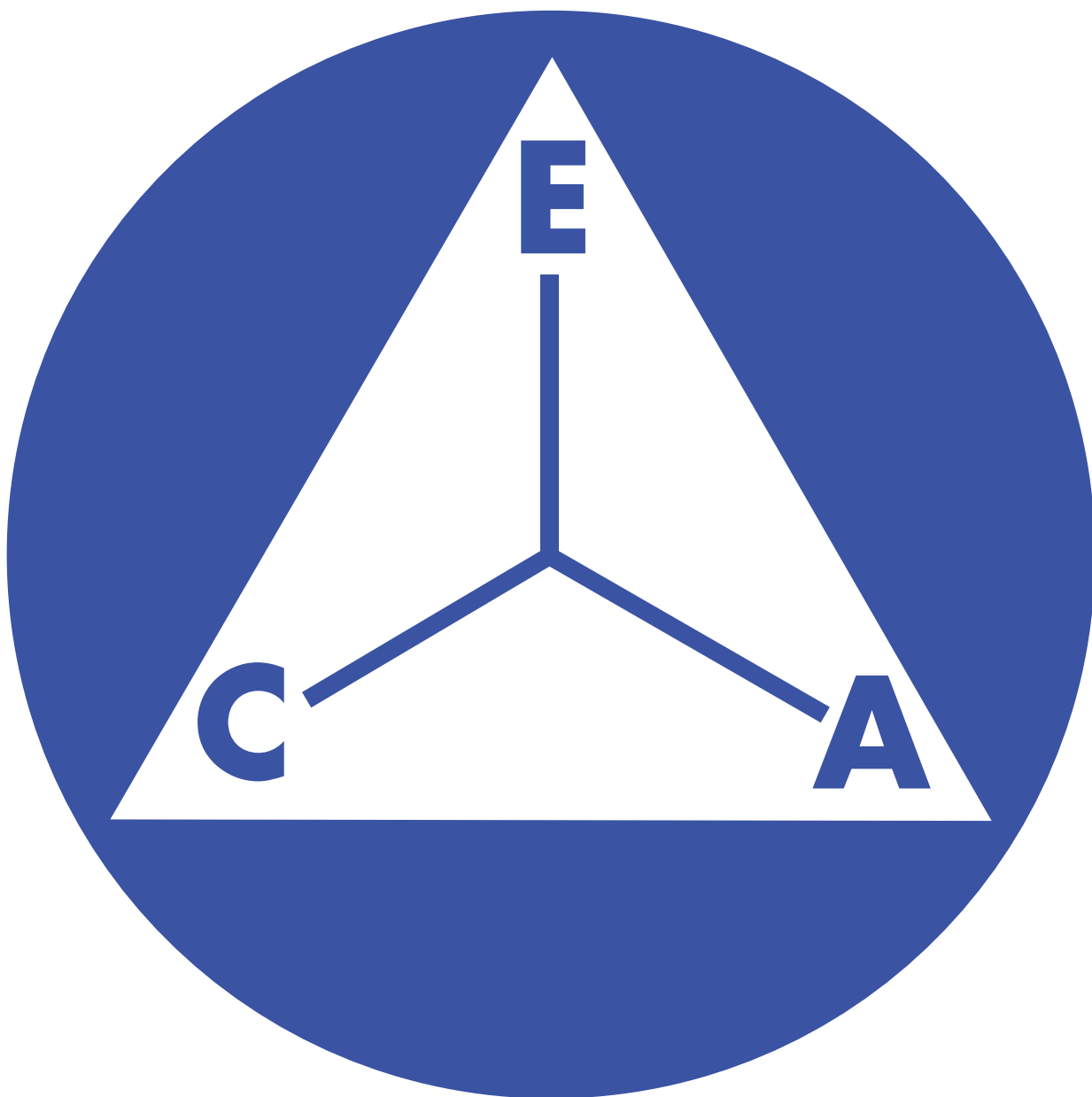
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## AGM 2019 ANNUAL UPDATE

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Saskatoon Hilltop Clubhouse: Saskatoon, SK.

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# PRESIDENT'S EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2019, the board and staff at ECA of SK. continued to work on growing the membership, expanding member services, strengthening committee work, while ensuring a strong financial position. Most importantly in 2019, the Association advocated for the efficient, safe delivery of electrical services in the province.

## 2019 accomplishments:

- Saskatchewan Registered Contractor Program completed its first year of implementation, 74 member companies have qualified for this status.
- Advocacy with TSASK for the amalgamation of Licencing and Inspections has been ongoing with input being accepted from industry.
- All committees were active including:
  - a. Saskatchewan Electrical Technical Committee
  - b. Saskatchewan Electrical Design Committee
  - c. Saskatchewan Electrical Liaison Committee
  - d. ECA of Sk. Succession Planning Committee
  - e. Saskatchewan Construction Association Advisory Council
- Enforcement: SaskPower Inspections delivered the first fine to an unlicensed contractor performing electrical work. New Legislation, Bill 180, will allow for fines to be levied much easier than in the past.
- ECA of SK. was part of a consortium of construction associations to successfully lobby the provincial government to approve prompt payment legislation, Bill 152. We continue to work with the prompt payment consortium to develop a Saskatchewan Adjudication Authority.
- ECA of SK. lobbying efforts with SaskPoly and SATCC have resulted in the establishment of an accountability program and a continuous improvement plan for instructors of electrical apprentices.
- Succession Planning has resulted in hiring a new Executive Director, starting July 1, 2020.
- ECA of SK is in a strong financial position; cost savings of \$10,000 were realized.

As a trade association, we must be united and strong. The future is going to see many challenges with new and evolving technologies that will present the opportunity for renovators and others to erode the scope of the electrical trade. We need an active membership with appropriate financial resources to meet the challenge of guiding government and industry regulators to ensure a safe, profitable electrical trade in the years to come.

This has been a challenging year for many of our member companies, but we need your ongoing membership and support for the Association as we continue the vital work on our many initiatives. We are making headway on numerous long-standing issues and can only sustain this momentum by your membership renewal and participation in the Associations at the local, provincial and national level.

I would like to thank all members for their support in my first year as ECA of SK. President.

A special thank you for the ongoing efforts of our 2019 Board of Directors:

Brad Ross - *Vice President*  
Joshua Reschny - *Treasurer*

*Directors:*

• Allan Gibb	• Kirk Simonson
• Chad Leverick	• James Wishart
• Dan Eberle	• Kelly Timmerman
• Glen Gerow	• Jason Tatlow
• Joe Mignon	
• Côme Préfontaine - <i>Past President</i>	

I look forward to my continuing involvement with ECA of Saskatchewan and serving as your President for the second year of my term.

Randy Lovegrove  
*President: Electrical Contractors Association of Saskatchewan*

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT



2020 will be a critical year for the ECA of Sk. as we represent Electrical Contractors on many advocacy issues.

## ADVOCACY ISSUES FOR 2020:

- Expand and promote the Saskatchewan Registered Contractor Program.
- Advocate for enforcement and change to the provincial Electrical Act and Regulations being responsible to contractors needs. The Electrical Licencing Act and Regulations are scheduled for renewal in 2020/21. When the Act is renewed the concept of the Saskatchewan Masters Electrical Licence will be developed.
- Ensure ECA of SK. continues to have a voice on the Technical Safety Authority of Saskatchewan (TSASK)
- Work for a closer affiliation and relationship with local and national electrical associations.
- Work with the SCA Advisory Council and the trade group consortium to implement regulations on the amendments to the Builders Lien Act – Prompt Payment Legislation Bill 152 and develop an Adjudication Authority to act on disputes.
- Develop and maintain all ECA of Sk. committees including the Saskatchewan Electrical Technical Committee, Saskatchewan Electrical Design Committee and the Saskatchewan Electrical Liaison Committee.
- Lobby for the implementation of Bill 180 to help regulators fine individuals for performing unlicensed electrical work.
- Participate with Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and SaskPoly Tech for the continued improvement of the Electrical Apprenticeship training program.

## CONCLUSION:

The continued growth of our membership and the subsequent increase in revenues is crucial to the future of ECA of SK. As an Association we will continue to push for positive changes with regulators to ensure all who are involved in the electrical industry in the province of Saskatchewan see the value of membership in ECA of SK.

# SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES 2019

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## ADVOCACY

- Created an awareness in government to establish a document to guide installation practices for Fire Alarm systems in the province. “Fire Alarm Systems: Building and Fire Safety Guide”
- Promoted with the Association of Consulting Engineering Companies, National Energy Code Seminars.
- Partnered with SaskPower Inspections to advertise and expand the Registered Contractor Program. 74 companies are now registered in Saskatchewan.
- Provided input on the TSASK document for a mutual vision of amalgamation of licensing and inspections for industry.
- Lobbied to ensure solar installations continue to be enforced by the Canadian Electrical Code in Saskatchewan.
- Supported inspections and government on Bill 180 which will allow regulators to fine individuals for performing unlicensed electrical work.
- A comprehensive contractor reference document was created by the Technical Committee and posted on the ECA of SK website.
- ECA of SK. surveyed electrical apprentices about the quality of their instruction at SaskPoly. SaskPoly and SATCC accepted our report and confirmed they will develop a plan to evaluate and improve instruction.
- Saskatchewan Prompt Payment legislation, Bill 152 was passed.
- The Executive Director attended a national meeting of provincial electrical association Executive Directors.

## COMMUNICATION AND MEMBER PROMOTION

- Implementation and further enhancement of the new ECA of Sk. website ecommerce portal
- Quarterly newsletters
- 1200 prospective membership emails were sent out
- Saskatchewan registered Contractor Program Flyer was revised
- An ECA of SK. Employee Benefits Program was negotiated and promoted
- A new ECA of SK. brochure was created
- ECA of SK. website was updated with all board of directors meeting minutes

## CONTRACTS

- The Board extended the contracts of our management team and hired a new Executive Director to start July 1, 2020.
- Directors and Officers Liability Insurance policies completed for ECA of SK. and local associations in Regina and Saskatoon.
- The contract was extended for ECA of Sk. office space for 2020.
- ISC corporation forms and reporting were completed for 2019

## NETWORKING

- ECA of Sk. golf tournament was hosted in Regina
- SECA golf tournament was hosted in Saskatoon
- ECAR and SECA held Annual Christmas functions
- Networking lunches and meetings were held in Saskatoon and Regina for ECAR and SECA
- Education events were held in Regina and Saskatoon

## COMMITTEE PARTICIPATION

- The Board and staff have actively participated on industry committees including:
  - Saskatchewan Electrical Liaison Committee
  - Saskatchewan Construction Association Advisory Council
  - Saskatchewan Bid Depository (SBDI)
  - Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission
  - Canadian Electrical Contractors Association
  - Saskatchewan Electrical Technical Committee
  - Saskatchewan Electrical Design Committee
  - ECA of SK. Succession Committee
  - Saskatchewan Electrical Licencing Act - Master's Committee
  - Saskatchewan Construction Safety Association
  - Membership in the Saskatoon and Regina Trades and Skills Centres
  - TSASK Committee
  - National Executive Directors Group

## MEMBERSHIP GROWTH:

<b>2012</b>	38 Members
<b>2013</b>	52 Members
<b>2014</b>	77 Members
<b>2015</b>	116 Members
<b>2016</b>	134 Members
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<b>2018</b>	188 Members
<b>2019</b>	171 Members



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