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President's Message

Hello everybody. I hope all of you are doing well as we all deal with the pandemic that has hit the world and is affecting all of us. Thank you to all who attended our 2020 conference which was held in February. I want to welcome all new members to the association as well as our corporate members. In the last few months there have been numerous battery-based energy storage (BESS) projects announced in Alberta including one in Southern Alberta which is now grid-connected. I had been working with the International Association of Electrical Inspectors (IAEI) on putting together a course on BESS but due to Covid-19 the BESS seminar had to be postponed to a later date.

Our 2021 annual technical conference will be a one-day event this year and will be free of charge to attend. It will be held entirely online on Friday February 5th. A huge thank you to the Safety Codes Council who have agreed to co-host the conference. This year's conference will not have any technical presentations which is the reason for the event being only one day long. Conference registration details will be sent out in the next couple of weeks.

I recently had a meeting with the new President and CEO of the Safety Codes Council Amina Deiab. Amina is very supportive of our organization and the work we do as a contributor to electrical safety. I have had numerous discussions with Safety Codes Council staff on initiatives including training options. More to come on this as things are finalized.

As I am sure you all know, we will see a new Canadian Electrical Code Part I come January. This means a new cycle begins for professional development requirements. One option for PD hours is through webinars, many of which are free. I sent out a list of webinars to our membership earlier this year and will update the list and send it out again.

As I announced at the February 2020 AGM I will be stepping down as president of the EIAA as of February 2021. I encourage all members to help identify one or more candidates to fill the position. I am planning to continue my role as education committee chair and conference co-chair for the foreseeable future.

Coming Events

Feb. 5, 2021: EIAA Annual Technical Conference held virtually

Friday May 28, 2021 ECAA Training Day in Kananaskis (may be online option)

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