

Greetings ECAO Members:

In response to the recent COVID-19 pandemic and related initiatives ECAO is putting in place to how we work to reduce risk to our staff, members, community, and ensure business continuity.

The ECAO offices will be closed to visitors and all scheduled in person meetings will now be conducted remotely. The 2020 Annual Conference in Prague has been postponed and we want to emphasize that no face to face meetings will be held effective immediately until April 30, including Board of Directors, the Electrical Trade Bargaining Agency and other committees. ECAO staff are still working and can be contacted, regardless of our location.

Specific meeting invitations with necessary details regarding remote access will be forwarded soon.

Additionally, ECAO staff will not participate in any event, conference or gathering we have registered in as a participant, guest speaker or sponsor until further notice.

ECAO values its community and we look forward to reconnecting once operations return to normal or the conditions are in place to do so. ECAO will be monitoring information from Public Health agencies on an ongoing basis to ensure we are as responsive and sensitive to this outbreak and means to control it as possible. We encourage you to follow all the safety precautions outlined by your local public health authorities.

Please remember we are a community that values diversity and inclusion and we encourage everyone to look out for one another. Let us all continue to be an example of a deeply caring and kind community.

More information and useful links can be found on our ECAO website at <https://www.ecao.org/covid19>

Thank you for your patience and support as we navigate this unprecedented situation.

Yours truly,

R. Graeme Aitken