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The Electrical Safety Branch in conjunction with ESAC (Electrical Safety Advisory Committee) is conducting a review of the present regulations governing Certificates of Competency for electrical contractors.

As a first step the Branch Administrator of Certificates and Permits, Vincent Yu, compiled a report to ESAC which included:

- 1) An outline of the objectives of a certification system including advantages and disadvantages to the industry and public.
- 2) An outline of the system which is presently in effect in B. C.
- 3) A description of other systems in place in Canada and in a number of states in the U. S. A.
- 4) A comparison between the B. C. system and those in other jurisdictions.
- 5) Some considerations for future systems were also provided.

The report compiled by the Branch was discussed in general terms at a recent ESAC meeting. As a first step in the review process it was agreed that a task force should be established.

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NEW SERVICE AT CSA

CSA has announced a new service which will be called the Electrical Safety Special Acceptance Service. The announcement was made by CSA on November 15, 1985.

The first phase of the Service for the CSA Pacific Region Office at Richmond, will cover machines and data processing equipment. CSA will make announcements as to the dates when additional categories of electrical equipment will be added. Please check with CSA staff for products covered by the program.

How does the service work?

Electrical Special Acceptance is essentially a field approval service. This unique program provides for the means for evaluating and labelling as acceptable those products for which regular certification is not practical because they are:

- Made to order
- Manufactured on a non-repetitive basis
- Shipped from the factory and are not already certified.
- Going to be used for other than the use intended when certified.

The product manufacturer or an agent or distributor or the user can apply for Special Acceptance. Letters or any other forms of request such as telex, telephone or fax may be used to set up an application.

ECA CHRISTMAS PARTY

An invitation has been extended by the Electrical Contractors Association to all the members of the Electrical Inspectors Association to attend the Christmas Party scheduled for December 16 at the Best Western Motel on Kingsway in Burnaby.

Those interested are asked to contact the ECA office for information on tickets and times.

Qualifying

CSA staff specialists will examine and, where feasible, test the product on location. If testing cannot be fully performed at the examination site, the product may be tested at CSA laboratories or other recognized testing laboratories. Investigation work can be expedited and related costs minimized by providing illustrative material, wiring diagrams, components lists and any available test data or reports for review by CSA.

A CSA Electrical Safety Acceptance label will be applied by the CSA specialists to each product found to be in compliance with the requirements of the applicable standard. The label will bear the CSA certification mark and is accepted by all provincial authorities.

For further information please contact the Electrical Safety Special Acceptance Service Group, CSA Pacific Region Office, 5760 Minoru Boulevard, Richmond, B. C. V6X 2A9, Telephone (604) 273-6219.

LAST 1985 MEETING

The last meeting of the EIA for 1985 had a very fitting ending, considering the season.

Starting with dinner at the Copper Kettle in New Westminster, business was disposed of before the membership travelled to Labatt's Brewery for a tour. Guest at the meeting was Newton Hockey, new Vancouver Chief Electrical Inspector.

Hosting the tour were Al Knapp, Rod Stringer and Dennis Hewton. About 25 EIA members were separated into three groups -- one for the technical area; one for packaging and deliveries; and one for the actual brewing, the groups being alternated so that all saw all three areas.



PRESIDENT'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

At the Holiday Season draws near I hope that the beauty of Christmas and all it means may be an inspiration to you and your families. It is my wish, too, that the warmth and friendliness you find at Christmas will continue with you into and through the New Year.

May all the seasons of your lives be filled with peace and the joy of living.

I wish you, one and all, a Very Merry Christmas.

Alfie Pietracupa.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU!



The members of the Executive of the Electrical Inspectors Association of British Columbia wish each and every member a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS, a rewarding time with family and valued friends, and a time of renewal of ideas and objectives.

Alfie Pietracupa.....Rick Porcina.....Joe Laminski...
Dave Jackson....Fred Moore....Al Horwell....Tom Gardner...
David Fitger....Peter Ridout....Rod Gray....Jim Law....Ernie
Mortimer....Andy Robertson....Evelyn Fingarson.

1986 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

PLEASE RENEW MY MEMBERSHIP IN THE ELECTRICAL INSPECTORS' ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA FOR 1986.

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NEW ELECTRICAL PUBLICATION

The first issue of the Electrical Safety Branch publication "Electrical Safety Matters" hit the streets in November. It is a long overdue initiative which will vastly improve communication with the electrical industry, resulting in more effective use of the bulletin system and full explanation of code amendments.

As with any code the rules in the Canadian Electrical Code are subject to interpretation, possibly several different interpretations. Because of the need to provide clarification to the electrical trade regarding official interpretations so contractors and others are aware of what is expected of them regarding installation requirements, it is necessary for the Branch to issue interpretations. This is presently accomplished primarily through the issuance of bulletins.

Issuance of bulletins will continue but on a more regular basis along with the distribution of "Electrical Safety Matters."

Through the years designers, manufacturers, electricians, utility personnel and others requested their names be added to the Branch mailing list, resulting in an ever increasing cost to the Branch along with considerable difficulty in keeping the list up to date.

As of November 1985 the mailing list was comprised of approximately 9,000 names with over 12,000 copies of bulletins being distributed with each mailing, including bulk shipments.

The announcement in "Electrical Safety Matters" regarding a subscription charge for receiving Branch mailings introduces a number of positive effects, including:

1. The cost will be more equally shared by all of those who receive the service, rather than simply adding to permit fees, licenses, etc.
2. There will be more frequent general mailings enabling the industry to take advantage of decisions made as a result of recommendations of the Electrical Wiring and Equipment Standards Committee.
3. The branch will be able to mail to subscribers information and material that formerly may have been sent to Inspectors only but which would also be of interest to the trade.

To subscribe to ESB mailings pick up an application form at any ESB office.

LEGISLATION ON APPEALS

Legislation providing for establishing an appeal board panel, outlining the power of an appeal board, method of hearing an appeal and dealing with aspects of the appeal process has now been proclaimed.

More information will be provided in the March issue of Electrical Safety Matters.

The new legislation will require changes to Bulletin 0-4-1.

GORDON BRAND PARTIES.

Retirement for Gordon Brand, Chief Electrical Inspector for the City of Vancouver, brought special parties marking the occasion, when friends in the electrical field gathered.

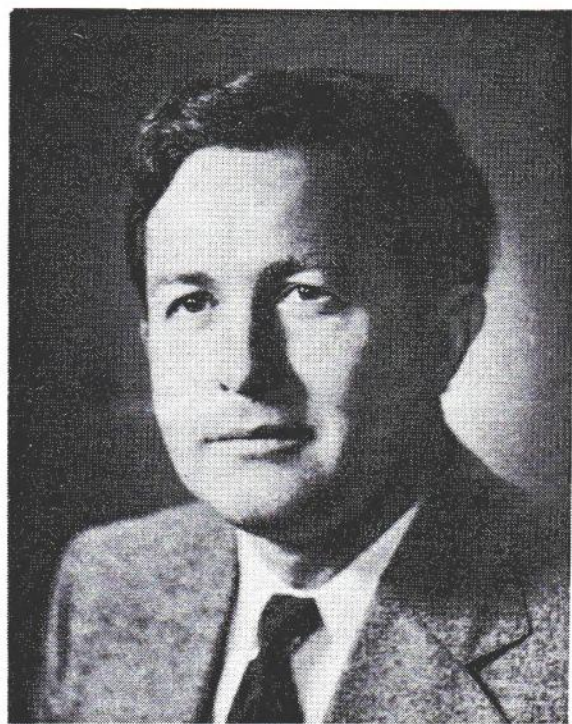
Many EIA members attended one or the other of these parties to wish him well in his retirement.

NEW VANCOUVER CHIEF

Newton Hockey is the new Chief Electrical Inspector for the City of Vancouver. He took office on October 31, replacing recently retired Gordon Brand.

Hockey's previous experience included work in steel mills and pulp mills. He was a partner and manager of the electrical division of Reid Crowther and Partners Ltd. for 11 years; and for two years was the Marketing Director for a lighting company.

At the present time Hockey is on the Board of Directors of the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America, the President of the Vancouver Electric Club, chairman of Torchlight 86 (an international lighting conference to be held in Vancouver next June), chairman of the Electrical Wiring and Equipment Standards Committee and a member of the Electrical Safety Advisory Committee.



ANNUAL MEETING

It is time to start thinking about the Annual Meeting for 1986. A definite date has not yet been set by the Executive but the meeting usually takes place early in February.

This is when members may be asked to participate as Executive members, or in the alternative, suggest the names of others who might be willing to act.

As with every organization, members get out of it only what they put into it. Those who have served on the Executive report that it is a rewarding experience, clarifying for them the needs of members and the different facets of the business in which all are engaged.

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The following ESAC members agreed to serve on the task force with Vincent Yu as the secretary.

Chairman, Doug Holland, Consulting Engineers of B. C.

Members:

- James Hill, Electrical Safety Branch.
- Dennis Duffy, I. B. E. W.
- Don McIntyre, Inspector's Association
- Don Topp or Ross Kinneard,
Electrical Contractors Association.

It was agreed the first task of the group would be to establish a list of objectives of the overall review being conducted.

The first meeting of the task force was scheduled for December 11, 1985.