



## Key Activities

There has been continued focus on working with NRCan and members on the CGHG program engagement, finalizing the Retrofit Refresh Training content development and training deliverables, researching 2022 strategic opportunities and requirements; outreach with Ontario stakeholders, a webinar for municipalities and member recruitment.

## Committee/Working Group Reports

### Technical Committee

- The committee is discussing a **change request related to Heating Degree Days as well as Climate Zones**. The next steps are to develop potential solutions to propose to NRCan.
- CACEA contributed to **similar requests to the BC Building Code** by way of a letter drafted by Mark Bernhardt.
- CACEA submitted process requests to NRCan related to measuring exterior and interior corners and concerns related to modelling walk out basements and PV. Frederic Nolan is reviewing and will reply back.
- There was discussion around remote audits as NRCan is looking at whether this is a workable option for accessing communities with no to a few EAs to deliver their program(s).
- The committee is reengaging the Heat Pump working group to address challenges and opportunities.

### Education Committee

- The education committee is working on the following topics:
  - April - A cross country panel address decarbonization strategies with the City of Vancouver, The City of Toronto and Efficiency One (might have someone from Alberta)
  - May "A Conversation with... Retrotec" and "A Conversation with The Energy Conservatory"
  - May 24<sup>th</sup> PV webinar which will also be open to HVAC Design Association members.
- The education committee is discussing a continuing education credit program and a high level designation MEA (Master Energy Advisors) for CACEA members.

### Retrofit Refresh Working Group

- The group is finalizing the content.
- The goal is to offer the training in June.

### Mentoring Program Committee

- The program is currently underway.

### Ontario Issues Focus Group

- Cindy has met with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Building Officials Association of Ontario and the Home Construction Regulatory Association to introduce CACEA and see opportunities to work together and support Ontario members.
- CACEA will hold a webinar on the NBC and introduce CACEA to Ontario AHJs June 22<sup>st</sup>.

## Membership and Member Services

- Supplier members: Panasonic is now a member. I have had a conversation with Daikin and iFlow and have reached out to follow up on a conversation with Dupont.
- Asked for assistance from CanREA to connect me with PV suppliers to discuss membership.
- Continue to do "info-mercials" about CACEA for EQ and anyone else who is interested.
- Developed a postcard about CACEA and EAs (included in News and Media on website)



- Updated the brochure “Working with an EA” that includes a roadmap and check list for new construction and existing homes, a description of EA work and contributions, and information for CACEA’s directory. (included in News and Media on website and shared in the e-News)
- Posted a modified version of the Management Report on the website with a link in the e-News.
- Held a New Member Chat April 19<sup>th</sup>.
- **Secured a 15% discount on specific Flir equipment for CACEA members.**
- **Secured a \$5 discount for CHBA Builder and Renovations Manuals.**
- Waiting to hear if members can receive discounts for Low E equipment.

## Stakeholder Relations and Fundraising

### PRESENTATIONS

- April 7 – Did a presentation for the Clean Air Partnership on Being and EA. There were over 40 participants and resulted in a follow up discussion with the City of Windsor.
- CanREA (renewable association) is interested in a presentation by CACEA to help the PV industry understand how to work with EAs.
- May 17<sup>th</sup>, 1-2:30 BC Building Officials Association Spring Conference in their Energy Step Code Stream. Mark Bernhardt will present on being an EA and IDP per past CACEA presentations .

### ADVOCACY

#### NRCan – Greener Homes

- CACEA is part of the bi-weekly SO meetings with the Greener Homes team.
- Meet weekly with Ruth Talbot and Kimberly Jansen and their communication team leads as a touch point.
- NRCan is looking to add EAs to the portal and adding the word “partial” rebate to the description.

#### Federal Government - General

- **NRCan Restructure:** Ruth Talbot will over see the “Greener Homes” team that includes anything related to implementing ERS - not only the CGHG. Jamie Hulan will oversee the ENERGY STAR For New Homes and “forward” thinking” strategies.
- CACEA (Tech committee co-chairs, Tyler and Cindy) has a touch point meeting with Jamie Hulan to get updates and discuss recent information about ESNH.
- CACEA will be part of a working group to review the requirements of becoming an EA
- NRCan is making QAS representatives accountable for EA modelling concerns/issues.
- NRCan is looking at ways to ensure more consistent practices by EAs and SO – additional training, remedial training; upskilling etc.
- **CACEA has been asked to consider how they can support EA upskilling and the like.**

#### BC Engagement

- Contributed to a letter addressing challenges with climate zones and heating degree days in BC with the BC Building Code.
- The letter was shared with the Technical Committee as reference for two similar NBC change requests.

### PROJECTS AND COLLABORATION

#### Owens Corning Higher Performance Project

- This project will continue in 2022 and providing two (ON and West) IDP sessions.

#### IDP Facilitation Training Program

- CACEA will explore how to provide this training later in the year.

## DISCUSSIONS AND OUTREACH

#### Retrofit Training Network Meeting

- CACEA participate in a multi-stakeholder group focused on retrofit programs and training.

#### CHBA

- We continue to explore opportunities where CACEA can assist with the LEEP workshops and tap into some of the CHBA funding to assist their deliverables.

#### Owens Corning

- CACEA will meet quarterly with the OC team to review accomplishments and next steps for 2022.

#### Sustainability Support Group

- An introductory meeting related to their involvement with Regina's carbon reduction goals to learn more about their work and opportunities for collaboration.
- This group works with municipalities across Canada to assist with program design.
- There may be opportunities to work together to ensure municipalities to consider the contributions and services of EAs.

#### City of Windsor

- As a result of my "About EA" webinar for the Clean Air Partnerships, met to answer questions related to their program design.
- Provided some introductions to EAs who might assist with building science information to assist with their program development.

#### CanREA Touch Point

- Continued discussion about potential synergies and opportunities
- Will introduce me to potential PV suppliers for CACEA membership
- Collaborating on a PV webinar to CACEA members May 24th.

#### Ontario Building Officials Association

- An introductory meeting to learn more about our respective organizations and explore opportunities to work together.

#### Association of Ontario Municipalities

- An introductory meeting to learn more about our respective organizations and explore opportunities to work together.

#### The Home Construction Regulatory Authority (HCRA) - Ontario

- An introductory meeting to learn more about our respective organizations and explore opportunities to work together.

#### VEAP

- Interested in continued engagement that includes a 'stipend' with CACEA for future VEAP programs across Canada.
- Have connected the program administrator with potential partners.

#### Confederation College

- Received an NRCan EA training grant.



- An introductory meeting to learn more about each other and to explore a possible role for CACEA and/or its members to assist with their training initiative.
- CIET will assist in delivering the training.

#### CIET

- Receive a direct NRCan EA training grant as well as being included in other grant recipients.
- Introduced the idea of CACEA's engagement in the related EA training programs.
- Reiterated that CACEA considers them a partner and we should be engaged in the direction and delivery of some of their training programs.
- Further discussion to follow.

#### EnviroCentre

- Initially discussed membership opportunities and there is interest to sign up multiple members.
- Received an NRCan EA training grant.
- We will continue to explore how CACEA can support their training objectives and delivery.

#### Home Performance Stakeholder Council (HPSC)

- Noted that CACEA was not invited to an EA Council meeting. That has been rectified.
- There is interest in our CEC and MEA program as their mandate is to ensure a network of "qualified" contractors to conduct services related to certain programs.
- In conversations whereby CACEA members would be automatically recognized by their program without needing to take certain qualification courses/training,

#### NAIMA

- NAIMA is updating their Insulation Manual that will include content specific to EAs.

## Focus for the Next Month

- With board assistance, continue to promote and grow members with a focus on encouraging your network to renew and/or add additional members from their organization. outreach.
- Explore ways to increase membership at all levels.
- Initiate June 22<sup>st</sup> Ontario webinar marketing.
- Start marketing the Retrofit Refresh training program and finalize content of the slides and handbook.
- Explore the CEC and MEA program.
- Continue to have conversations with stakeholders across Canada and seek opportunities for synergies and projects.
- Additional tasks as assigned by the board.