

News from your new ETCP Coordinator

SO, RIGGERS AND ELECTRICIANS—there is a new Certification Coordinator at ETCP. My first three months were spent sorting through mountains of folders and paperwork with a sincere and stringent attempt to learn what this program was all about. My debut as a rookie was tested at USITT, when, after only five weeks on the job, I had to actually answer questions face-to-face. This was a true test because I could not punch the hold button on my phone and look up the answer.

Since my first day, I have been assaulted with a plethora of salient information; luckily much of it has sunk in! My first project was to update the database, so I have actually had my hands on each of your folders. My hands were dry from reviewing all of that paper; and I had the paper cuts to prove my dedication. I was told this program included the upper echelon of the profession, and now I know why. These manila folders are jam-packed with experience in an abundance of venues and arenas. What an impressive lot you all are! I feel safer already, so good job out there.

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Another project has been to actually lay down an exact process for how all of this works. You have no idea how many procedures it takes just so the test can be taken. After the exam is successfully completed there are at least fifteen steps to making you official. Once a candidate has passed, your credentials are posted on the website so employers and labor providers can find you for jobs. You receive a silver-sealed certificate, a cool pin, an embroidered patch (for your shirt or jacket), some great stickers, and a log book to record your hours for recertification. When certified, you become eligible to purchase T-shirts, hoodies, and even a cool duffle bag—you can add custom embroidery listing your certification and name to boot!

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Quarterly application deadlines eliminated

There is news from the front for those of you interested in taking one of the tests. We are pleased to announce, due to new arrangements with our testing company, that the former quarterly deadlines for submitting applications have been lifted. Get those applications in, guys and gals! Once the application has been submitted, it will be processed within a few weeks. If you need to take the test because a job or venue is requiring certification, the application can be processed in as little as four business days for an additional charge.

Promote yourself on the ETCP website

We want to spread the word about our ETCP Certified technicians! You have all proved your carefully honed skills, and I am sure you want the world to know. The website, located at: www.etcpesta.org/ is an incredible tool for employers to search for certified technicians. I know they are looking for you because I get calls to that effect every day. Here is what I need from you via an email to certification@esta.org:

1. Give me a heads-up about what you want posted—this could include your cell phone, email address, the website link that took you forever to build, etc.
2. Also, I need you to confirm your email address (in case I don't have it), as this is the best way for you to receive our newsletter and for me to contact you.
3. This one is new—you may now list your Union affiliation and Local. How great is that?

Become an ETCP Recognized Employer or Labor Provider

I am sure many of you are aware of the Recognized Employer and Labor Provider Programs at ETCP. These companies and associations are making a commitment to the enhancement of safety and reduction of risk in the workplace. To encourage safety in our industry, we believe it is incumbent on the companies to urge, if not demand, that our best and brightest get certified. Becoming recognized with ETCP involves signing a Best Practices Agreement in which you agree to ETCP's Code of Ethics.

These include:

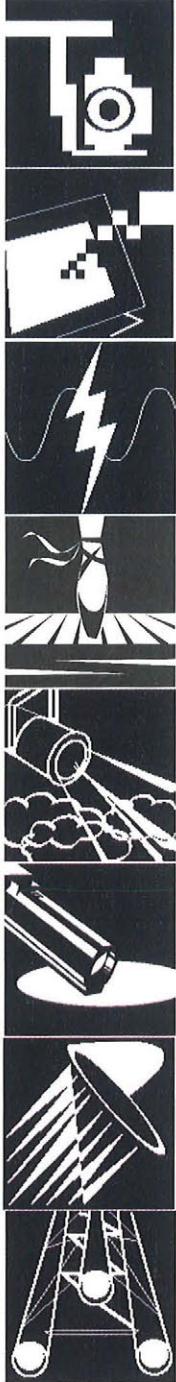
- Utilizing ETCP Certified Riggers and Electricians in management/lead/supervisory positions
- Utilizing ETCP Certified Technicians where appropriate
- Promote rigging and electrical safety and safe practices in venues where we work
- Encourage and support continuing education/training for renewal of ETCP credentials
- Promote honesty and integrity to ensure rigging and electrical systems and equipment must meet industry standards
- Support industry initiatives to further rigging and electrical safety and research to promote safer venues

Should an employer or labor provider have as few as ten candidates who are interested in taking the exam, we can schedule a paper and pencil test, and bring the proctor to you—provided your space will accommodate specifics set forth by our testing company.

ETCP Recognized Electrical Training Program Applications Now Available

ETCP Certified Technicians must renew their credentials every five years and continuing education plays an

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ETCP Coordinator Meredith Moseley-Bennett meets Cirque du Soleil's Jeanette Farmer who was an SME for the Entertainment Electrician Certification.

important role. Certificants who attend courses that are ETCP Recognized receive twice as many credits as non-recognized courses. If you provide training programs, you will find ETCP Recognition and the special ETCP logo for Recognized Programs to be effective marketing tools. The application for recognition of electrical courses is now available online along with the rigging application at www.etcpesta.org/cert_recognized/training.htm. Help ETCP Certified Technicians reach their required educational goals faster by having your program become ETCP Recognized.

ETCP Trainer Recognition Program launched

The ETCP Council is pleased to announce a new program which recognizes individual trainers who have met specific qualifications. The Council has worked closely with leading trainers in our industry to craft a program that recognizes experienced trainers while allowing them the flexibility required to adjust each class to the needs and skill levels of attendees. Trainers are awarded qualification points based on a number of criteria including prior teaching experience, ETCP Certification, attendance at teacher training courses, and subject matter expertise. Attendees seeking renewal credits at courses taught by ETCP Recognized Trainers will earn twice as many credits as courses taught by non-recognized trainers. Details and an application to become an ETCP Recognized Trainer are available at www.etcpesta.org/cert_recognized/trainers.htm.

If you have questions, or just want to say howdy, contact me at certification@esta.org. ■