



CEMA Newsletter

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President's Message

Hello,

With June finally here and summer just around the corner, I hope you are all looking forward to your vacation plans and taking advantage of the exciting **events CEMA has lined up for you!**

We are thrilled to announce our upcoming family outing! Join us on **June 20, 2026**, as the Edmonton Elks face off against the Montreal Alouettes. This event is perfect for the whole family, and you can find further ticket information and event specifics below.

We would also like to **welcome Meshkin 'Mesh' Makari to the Board**. Mesh is the supervisor of the Civic Centre Program and Events team with the City of Edmonton, and brings over 15 years of experience in physical activity and recreation from his time with the YMCA of Northern Alberta and Community Recreation Facilities. He transitioned into the festival and events sector in 2021 and has been an active member of CEMA since 2023. Outside of his professional life, Mesh is a passionate sports enthusiast, with a lifelong love for football (both gridiron and soccer) and a newfound appreciation for golf and curling. He is excited to expand his professional network and build deeper connections with fellow CEMA members.

- Gail Hickmore, CEMA President

CEMA Board Members

President	Gail Hickmore
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Visit our website [About Us](#)/[Board Members](#) for Board Member contact information and their bios.

ELKS Family Football Event

CEMA's first Family Fun Elks game will be on **Saturday, June 20, 2026**. You still have time to sign up through [Eventbrite](#) until June 15th. With each purchased ticket, you will receive a voucher for a hot dog and pop. We hope to see you there!

2026 CEMA Golf Tournament

The 36th Annual CEMA Golf Tournament will be held on **Friday, August 21, 2026** (9:00 a.m. Shotgun Start) at the Mill Woods Golf and Country Club (4540 50 St NW, Edmonton). It is an 18-hole Texas Scramble Golf Tournament, Rain or Shine. There is room for 144 people, so don't be late booking your spot!

It is always a great day with great prizes and great people.

Refer to the email sent on June 3, 2026 - **36th Annual CEMA Golf Tournament**. Complete your **registration and payment online** through [Eventbrite](#).

Speaker Series

We had our fourth Speaker Series event on June 2 with a powerful and emotional talk about resilience and mental health as **Jeremy Evans, The Grizzly Dude**, recounted his story of being mauled by a Grizzly Bear and how he found the courage to seek help - turning his adversity into opportunity. These events have been hosted each Fall/Spring as an opportunity to provide members with a range of educational and insightful messages relevant to life and work. We encourage you to stay tuned and join us for our next event in the fall.

Family Zoo Event

Building on the incredible success of last year's gathering, we are thrilled to host this year's CEMA Family Private Event at the Edmonton Valley Zoo on **Thursday, September 17, 2026**, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This FREE exclusive evening is open to CEMA members, their immediate household family, and/or an additional guest, and includes full access to the zoo alongside a complimentary meal for all attendees. Further details about how to register will follow soon, so please keep an eye on your inbox for upcoming registration information.

Professional Development Reimbursement

Board members have been working diligently and are excited about the recently announced reimbursement program for CEMA members, which will support their professional development. A two-year pilot program is underway to determine its appeal and value to our members. At the end of the pilot, the program will be reassessed for improvements based on the number of applicants, reimbursements provided, and the value reported by the applicants. The maximum eligible reimbursement is 25% of the course cost, up to \$200.

As this is a pilot program, there will be a cap of 75 applicants. The process for applications will follow three simple steps:

- Apply for the course/program
- Take your course
- Submit your receipt at course completion to obtain reimbursement.

Fill out the [application](#) today.

Message from the CEMA Board

The CEMA Board extends its sincere appreciation for your continued support and active membership. Your engagement is the foundation of our association's strength and allows us to fulfill our mission of advocating for the interests of management and out-of-scope employees.

To maximize the value of your membership, we encourage you to visit the CEMA website at www.cemaedmonton.com. The website is your central resource for information on all upcoming events and member services.