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Meet NETCO's Newest Board Member Lee Caprio



Lee Caprio
NETCO Director
Business Manager Financial Secretary
IBEW Local 353

NETCO is pleased to welcome the newest board member representing the IBEW, Mr. Lee Caprio. He was recently elected to the position of Business Manager / Financial Secretary of IBEW Local 353. Lee has been part of the Education Department at IBEW Local 353 from 2002 to 2016 as an instructor then Director of Education. He has been a strong supporter of the vision of NETCO. Lee believes NETCO's vision of standardized training is very much a part of how the IBEW across Canada can work together to ensure the success of the industry and also to share the resources among all IBEW locals.

From humble beginnings in 1988 Lee became an IBEW 353 electrician and as an apprentice, learning never stopped. Lee worked hard and became an instructor and taught apprentices at the former JAC (now Electrical Apprenticeship Training Alliance). Later developing several courses including work for the Government of Canada as a subject matter expert writing and editing Certificate of Qualification questions for the 309A, 309C and 442 licenses. This also included working with the Quebec branch being fluent in French and growing up in Quebec.

Having worked as the Queen's Park government liaison representative for 10 years Lee was instrumental in working with all branches of government and was a key speaker for the unionized trades.

Lee's most honoured accomplishment was to have founded the Hammerheads program at the Central Ontario Building Trades to help youth at risk transition from hardship to licensure as a skilled tradesperson.

Being blessed early on in life Lee was fortunate to have mentors that taught him that hard work and investing in oneself leads one to engage in activities that broaden their horizons. Lee is observant and appreciates new ideas which influences his way of thinking and has contributed to his professional growth.



NETCO News From Across Canada



NETCO is hosting their annual Training Conference virtually May 5 & 6, 2021. Registration and Sponsorship opportunities are open and can be viewed at www.netco.org



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