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President's Message

I am honoured to be OAAAS President for the 2009/2010 term. For the last few years, I've watched as OAAAS has slowly come to life. As President for the next year, I get to do more than watch and it is my intention to change some things. I invite you to join me in that process.

As a practicing architect, I have seen the program unfold from the beginning. I've seen it from different angles: as a member of the OAA practice committee, as an owner of a small architectural practice and as a member of the OAAAS Board.

In June, the OAAAS Board established an ad-hoc committee of its OAA members to consider how our program relates to the architecture profession and to the OAA. We will be exploring issues such as these:

- What does the technology program mean to OAA, where does it fit in their vision of the future of the profession?
- Can we finally allow Licensed Technologists OAA to use a shorter form, such as LT OAA?
- Will the OAA consider reinstating an OAA award for architectural technology students?
- How can we encourage small practices to embrace the LT OAA designation and make it advantageous for those that do?

Some of these issues are rather practical; others could have significant implications for the OAAAS program. If you have any input you would like to share with me on these or related questions, please contact me through dmailing@oacett.org.

Regards,

David Mailing

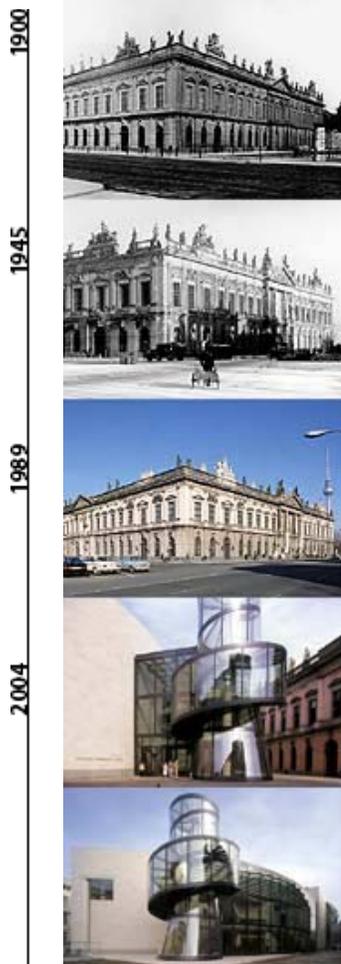
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Message from the Executive Director

In lieu of a regular report, we thought you might be interested in reading some of the comments Garry Neil presented at the May 7, 2009 reception held by the OAAAS to celebrate the annual conference of the OAA. The reception was hosted and generously sponsored by the wonderful Harbourfront Centre Architecture Gallery.



“... first I’d like to tell you about my recent trip to Berlin.



German Historical Museum
Berlin, Germany

One of the city’s leading landmarks is the Reichstag, originally built in the 1880s. After the reunification of Germany, the Reichstag was rebuilt so that it could become once again the home of the German parliament. The bold design by British architect Sir Norman Foster was initially very controversial, because it added a modern glass dome. When you climb to the top, you’re given a brochure that identifies the key buildings you see in your panoramic view of the city.

“In Berlin, the architect of every important building, whether 300 years old or just opened, is identified in the brochure or guidebook.

Berlin clearly understands that its architecture is central to its identity and openly celebrates those who designed and built it.

“Toronto is so different. How many people know that [John Andrews](#) designed the CN Tower,

In the brochure, you learn that the futuristic train station was designed by Meinhard von Gerkan, the ultra modern Chancellery Building that contrasts so vividly with the surrounding historic buildings was designed by Charlotte Frank. In the distance, you can see Frank Gehry’s DZ Bank Building and i.M. Pei’s exhibition hall addition to the German Historical Museum. That building was originally Berlin’s arsenal, the oldest building on Museum Island, designed the 17th Century by Johanne Nering.

or that Rod Robbie and Michael Allen designed the Skydome? I suspect you need to be a student of Toronto history, or at least a regular High Park jogger, to know John Howard was an early Toronto architect, or to know that Frank Darling

Perhaps even more interesting, you find out that the rather pedestrian television tower at the centre of old East Berlin, which is one of the iconic landmarks of the city, was designed by Fritz Deiter.



Television Tower
East Berlin, Germany

designed the Royal Ontario Museum a century before Daniel Libeskind sketched the crystal. It’s really only in the past few years, with the high profile Libeskind, Gehry and Alsop designs, that average Torontonians have begun to take note of the city’s architecture

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"...a city's buildings are so fundamental to its history, character and culture."

and the people responsible for our built heritage. That's a pity since a city's buildings are so fundamental to its history, character and culture.

"This is why I'm so happy to be in this wonderful gallery, where we can see how three Toronto architectural firms have creatively transformed some of Toronto's historic buildings into functional and modern spaces, which preserve our rich cultural heritage. I'm also delighted to acknowledge that Harbourfront Centre is our partner in this event ...

"This session is not really about architects, it's about the technologists

who are responsible for taking the architectural vision and making it a reality. What is said about men can be easily adapted for us; because it's true that behind every successful architect is a damn good technologist (or an army of them). We know from ROM's Michael Lee-Chin Crystal there can be significant changes between the vision's inception and its practical elaboration. The OAAAS program is designed for these damn good technologists, who seamlessly bridge these changes.

"The OAAAS program is innovative."

"The OAAAS program is innovative. It provides a way for technologists, for the first time virtually anywhere in the world, to become part of the broader architectural profession. It's not easy. The normal membership process involves joining OACETT; becoming certified as an Applied Science Technologist; documenting 7200 hours work experience across a range of categories, including Design and Construction Documents, Construction Administration and Office Management; attending the OAA Admission

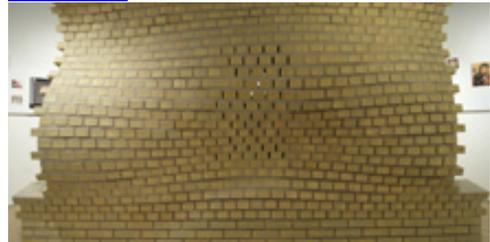
Course and; passing an examination administered by OAAAS. For a limited time, senior technicians and technologists can apply for advanced standing in OAAAS. In lieu of documenting work hours, a candidate with 12 years' work experience, or a three-year diploma with nine years' experience, can demonstrate they have the necessary breadth of knowledge and skills by submitting information about ten projects they have worked on in their career. Their experience is confirmed by an interview.



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[The Redemptorist Project: Studies in Risk, Conservation and Architectural Response Taylor Hazell Architects Ltd.](#)

For more information on Harbourfront Centre's new Architecture Gallery and current exhibition, *Building on History* visit: [ARCHITECTURE GALLERY](#)



From left to right: Wade Beitel, Kevin Hinchey, Roland Mech, Trevor Onken, Garry Neil, Jeremiah Gammond, Douglas Keith.

“While it’s challenging to move through the OAAAS program it is worth it and is a good investment.”

At the end of the process, the candidate becomes a Licensed Technologist OAA, with the legal authority to design larger restaurants, and taller residences and low-rise apartment buildings. This translates into higher earning potential and improved mobility.

“And all it costs for those who achieve the certification is a dues payment to OAA that’s only a fraction of what architects pay.

OAA shares this fee with OACETT and OAA, so members enjoy the benefits of three organizations for a dues payment to only one of them. The OAAAS program is valuable for the province’s architectural practices, because they can have more scope for deploying staff, and certainty that when they recruit someone who is a Licensed Technologist OAA, they are getting an employee who is dedicated, hard working and knowledgeable.”



[Program Guide to become a Licensed Technologist OAA](#)



[Advanced Standing Program Guide to become a Licensed Technologist OAA](#)

Breakdown of Costs to Become a Licensed Technologist OAA

Please note that the following chart is only one of many fee structure variables for joining OAAAS.

	Regular Program	Advanced Standing Policy Program	Notes
APPLICATION Fee:			
Associate Level			
OACETT fee	162.75	162.75	
OAAAS fee	*52.50	N/A	
OACETT PPE Exam	256.00	256.00	
OACETT reclassification fee-A.Sc.T	43.26	43.26	From OACETT Associate to A.Sc.T
Advanced Standing Application Fee		600.00	*OAAAS application fee included here
Annual Membership Fees			
OAAAS membership fee	*252.00	84.00	*\$84.00/yr x 3 yrs to finish program
OACETT annual membership fee	613.56	204.52	*\$204.52/yr x 3 yrs to finish program
Other Fees			
OAAAS reclassification fee	50.00	N/A	From Associate to Technologist OAAAS
OAA Admissions Course	308.50	308.50	
OAA LT Exam	250.00	250.00	
OAA First Application for Licence (OAA annual membership fee)	578.55	578.55	Fee changes annually
TOTAL	2617.12	2487.58	GST is included in fee amounts

Meet the OAAAS Board of Directors for 2009/2010 Term

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Trevor Onken, C.E.T.



From left to right:

Garry Neil - OAAAS Executive Director / Registrar

Gordon Masters – OAA Director of Operations

Sam DiGiandomenico - Director IETO/ OACETT Registrar

Sean O'Reilly- OAA Past President

Meet the New Members of OAAAS

We would like to welcome the following members who have joined to OAAAS in the past six months:

Dragan Acimovic

Yan Cheng

Ted DuArte

Rachel Jeremiah-John

Michael Perger

Tori Tsang

James Bell

Lee Curtis

Pietro Fuoco

Colin Majid

Terry Ruszczak

Yi Xu

Mark Caruso

Jorge Da Cunha

Jeta Haxhimanka

Robert Miller

Gino Savo Sardaro

Ying Zi Zheng

Patrick Champoux

Marc-Andre Demers

Kevin Hinchey

Tusharkumar Patel

Cliff Smith

OAAAS Examination Results

Congratulations to the following members who in June & July 2009 passed the OAAAS Licensed Technologist OAA examination, the final step to becoming a Licensed Technologist OAA:

Dragan Acimovic
Ryan Baker
Luke Boonstra

Tim Finch
Pietro Fuoco
Jeremiah Gammond

Kevin Hinchey
Robert Prince
Jeffrey Parkinson

Terry Ruszczak
Robert Spurgeon
Yi (Jerry) Xu

Most Recent Licensed Technologists OAA Members

Congratulations to fellow members for achieving Licensed Technologist OAA accreditation in September 2009:

Jeffrey Eckensviller

Jeffrey Parkinson

Mark Primiani

Robert Spurgeon

OAAAS is just the ticket for Mark Primiani

"I was extremely pleased when I received my OAA licence. It is concrete recognition of the hard work I put in and I'm convinced it will provide me with new opportunities in the near future," said Mark Primiani, one of our newly-minted Licensed Technologists OAA.

Mark has opened his own firm, Arch-Tech Design Inc. since 1996. Along with his staff of seven, he provides clients with residential, commercial, retail, industrial and institutional architectural services. His firm also works with several well-established architectural practices and interior design firms in the preparation of design and construction documents.

"I joined OAAAS in 2004 because I had directly faced the limitations to the services I could provide to my clients," said Mark.

"I saw the Licensed Technologist OAA certification program as a viable tool that would enable me to pursue larger and more exciting projects, as well as to increase the range of services my firm could offer."

Mark graduated in 1989, with honours, from Humber College's Applied Arts and Technology 3-year Architectural Design Technology Co-op Program. He worked with [Turner Fleischer Architects Inc.](#) for nine years before opening his own firm.

"I am grateful to Turner Fleischer because they gave me the invaluable opportunity to experience working in all aspects of the business and helped prepare me to set out on my own."

In reflecting on the certification journey through OAAAS, Mark acknowledges it is time-consuming and difficult, but observes that the continuing education courses, lectures and examination requirements were both an opportunity and incentive to refresh his knowledge and stay ahead of the game.

Mark values having been involved at the early stage of OAAAS because it gave him a chance to provide feedback and to help OAAAS improve the program for others.

"OAAAS has developed a great program and process, very clear and well organized. I'm delighted to be a part of it," concluded Mark.

Congratulations Mark, we look forward to seeing how your career continues to progress and flourish.



Mark Primiani



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Effective with the June 2009 annual meeting, OAAAS President Trevor Onken stepped down from the Board of Directors. Trevor had a long and distinguished involvement with the OAAAS stretching back to when the program was first being developed by OAA and OACETT. In acknowledging his efforts over many years, OACETT President David Saunders, C.E.T. stated the following:

“On behalf of OACETT and OAAAS I would like to express our gratitude for your tireless work as a member of the OAAAS board, treasurer, senior advisor and president. You have worked hard to ensure OAAAS meets the needs of the technician and technologists who work in architectural field in the province.

You and your colleagues created a solid foundation for the future growth and development of OAAAS

As the organization begins to achieve its full potential in the next few years, you can take pride in having played a leading and central role.”

Sincerely

David Saunders



Trevor Onken and David Mailing



Trevor Onken receiving his President Gift, created by Toronto Glass Artist, [David Thai](#)

Launched in 2003 by the Ontario Association of Architects and the Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists, OAAAS is a forum for establishing the education, experience and examination requirements, as well as scope of practice, for three categories of building designers: Associate OAAAS, Technologist OAAAS and Licensed Technologist OAA. The OAAAS program ensures that standards and qualifications are maintained and the public interest is protected.