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## Message from the President

Welcome to the new and improved OAAAS.

While this is our first newsletter since last year, it has been a busy time for the Association. We have a new Executive Director and Registrar, a new Admissions Coordinator, and a new Board of Directors. We have also used the time to work with our founders, OACETT and OAA, to refine the program guidelines for individuals seeking a career in building design as a Licensed Technologist OAA.

I am delighted to introduce **Garry Neil**, our new Executive Director and Registrar. Garry has close to 30 years experience in association management and is rapidly learning about our industry and the OAAAS. **Vera Alexeeva** has been assigned by OACETT to work as our Admissions Coordinator. With training as a teacher and human resources manager, Vera is an excellent addition to our team. After our period of renewal, OAAAS is ready to move forward

with an aggressive campaign to promote the association and increase the membership.

There is considerable interest in OAAAS and real opportunity for growth. We expect to be busy.

You will find details about all these developments in this newsletter and on our website and I invite you to get in touch with us.

**Ted Shepherd**  
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### **WHO WE ARE**

The Ontario Association for Applied Architectural Sciences was founded in 2003 by the Ontario Association of Architects and the Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists to establish new building design designations. A Licensed Technologist OAA has authority to design larger restaurants, taller houses and taller low-rise apartment buildings.

## Message from the Executive Director/ Registrar

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“Instituting the Licensed Technologist OAA, with a certificate of practice issued by the Ontario Association of Architects ..., has filled an important vacuum and offers a tremendous opportunity for career advancement.”

I am excited to be taking on the challenge of establishing OAAAS and helping members to develop careers as building design professionals. Even in my brief time with OAAAS, I have come to appreciate that instituting the Licensed Technologist OAA, with a certificate of practice issued by the Ontario Association of Architects and the ability to perform certain architectural services independently, has filled an important vacuum and offers a tremendous opportunity for career advancement.

We are now editing the revised Program Guide, which will be posted on the website soon. A new package for people interested in joining is being prepared, along with other information materials.

OAAAS has also developed a policy on experienced applicants which is in the final approval stages. This policy will provide scope for us to give appropriate credit for professionals who have trained and worked in the field, either in Canada or

abroad, and who are now choosing to join OAAAS.

After that, we will redesign the website as the primary communications tool with members, partners and our industry.

Beginning this September, I will begin to visit architectural practices, community colleges, trade shows and other places in Ontario to talk about what we can do for building design professionals and others interested in moving into the field.

The OAAAS provides a real career opportunity for individuals and I would like to hear from anyone interested in pursuing it.

If you have friends or colleagues who could benefit from OAAAS membership, please let me know, or contact **Vera Alexeeva** our Admissions Coordinator at ([valexeeva@oacett.org](mailto:valexeeva@oacett.org)).

**Garry Neil,**  
Executive Director  
Registrar

## Ontario Building Code – Latest Developments

After six years of discussion, new Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing registration requirements for designers came into effect in January 2006, as amendments to the Building Code. In response, the Ontario Association of Architects developed and introduced its own Building Code Designation System (BCDS), to replace these requirements for architects, and to ensure that OAA continued to have responsibility for regulating the profession under the *Architects Act*.

In response to these changes to the Building Code, the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario (PEO) launched a legal challenge and OAA joined the challenge as an intervenor. On May 17, 2007, the Ontario Divisional Court declared that certain sections of the Code were invalid insofar as they conflicted with the exclusive regulatory jurisdiction of PEO. The Court stated that "the analysis in these reasons for judgment applies equally to the intervenor architects." The Ontario Government has decided it will not appeal the decision.

In light of the decision, the OAA Council advised the Minister of Housing and the Attorney General of its intention to terminate the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) concerning the parallel system. OAA reports as follows:

"Given that our notice has been provided to the government regarding the termination of the MOU, OAA Council has approved amendments that will eliminate the additional Building Code qualification and registration requirements for architects. This process will not be complete until the government has filed the amended regulation. Members are asked to stand by for further information as the process continues."

Licensed Technologists OAA who provide design activities within their limited scope of practice are covered by the OAA system in the same manner as architects. Information about what this means and updates are available at [www.oaa.on.ca](http://www.oaa.on.ca).

What OAAAS members  
need to know about the  
Ontario Building Code

## Licensed Technologist OAA Examination



**“Six more members are well on their way to being to becoming a Licensed Technologist OAA.”**

In June, a number of candidates wrote the OAAAS examination and we happy to announce that the following members successfully completed it. All are well on their way to becoming a Licensed Technologists OAA.

**Mark Howson**, A.Sc.T.,  
Technologist OAAAS

David Mailing Architect  
Associates Inc.  
Stittsville

**Douglas McIntosh**, C.E.T.,  
Technologist OAAAS

Snider Reichard March  
Architects  
Waterloo

Congratulations to all:

**Christopher Maves**,  
A.Sc.T., Technologist OAAAS

**Jean Audette**, A.Sc.T.,  
Technologist OAAAS

Barry Associates Ltd.  
Whitby

Fontaine and Audette,  
North Bay

**Terence Tam**, A.Sc.T.,  
Technologist OAAAS

**Jeff Eckensviller**, A.Sc.T.,  
Technologist OAAAS

Stantec Architecture Ltd.  
Toronto

Critchley Delean Trussler  
Evans Bertrand Architects  
North Bay

### International Academy of Design and Technology - Instructor Positions

The program in **Sustainable Architectural Technology** at the **International Academy of Design and Technology** is actively searching for instructors to teach the following topics, beginning in October 2007:

1. Ontario Building Code (two courses: Part 3 and Part 9)
2. Architectural Conservation and Preservation
3. Building Economics

The school is located in downtown Toronto in the CBC broadcast centre, 39 John Street, within walking distance of Union Station. More information is available at: [http://www.iadt.ca/architectural\\_technology.asp](http://www.iadt.ca/architectural_technology.asp) or contact:

Jacob Allderdice, Coordinator, Sustainable Architectural Technology  
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## OAAAS Board of Directors 2007-2008

At the Annual General Meeting and meeting of the Founders held in Toronto on June 13, the following were elected to serve on the Board of Directors of the OAAAS for 2007-2008:

President:

**Ted Shepherd**, B Arch, OAA, FRAIC  
Markham

Treasurer:

**Trevor Onken**, C.E.T.  
Burlington

**Glenn Berst**, A.Sc.T.,  
OAAAS  
Thunder Bay

**David M. Mailing**,  
B.Tech. (ARSC), M Arch,  
OAA, MRAIC, Stittsville,

**Roland Mech**, A.Sc.T.,  
OAAAS, Licensed  
Technologist OAA, LEED  
A.P. Associate  
Hamilton

**Sean O'Reilly**, B.E.S.,  
B Arch, OAA, MRAIC  
Lisle

**Richard Shanks**, C.E.T.,  
CBCO  
Mississauga

**Sheena Sharp**, B.E.S.,  
M Arch, OAA, MRAIC  
Toronto

Past President:

**Angelo J. Innocente**,  
C.E.T., OAAAS  
Kitchener

### A HEARTY THANK YOU AND BEST WISHES

Many of you have come to know **Gordon Masters**, **Sherrie Machan** and **Sam DiGiandomenico**, who have been with OAAAS from the beginning.

Their work, and the collaboration of our founders, has built a solid foundation on which we will grow in the next few years. On behalf of everyone at OAAAS, we thank them as they move on to other challenges, **Gordon** as Director of Operations at the OAA, **Sherrie** as Administrative Coordinator, IETO at OACETT, and **Sam** as OACETT Registrar and Director, IETO. We are grateful for their efforts over the past four years and wish them well.

We also acknowledge the leadership and service provided by outgoing President **Angelo J. Innocente** and those retiring from the Board, **David Tsang** and **David Saunders** from OACETT and **Ron McKnight** from OAA. Each has freely volunteered their time and expertise to serve the OAAAS and its members.