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## Message from the President

As part of the first group of people in Ontario to achieve the Licensed Technologist OAA certification, it's a privilege for me to be President of the OAAAS. I've been an active OAAAS member since 2003 and have been on the Board of Directors for the past five years.

As President, I am pleased to report that members of the Board have been working over the past few months to develop and promote a clear vision for the future of the province's technologists and the OAAAS.

Key elements of our vision are to:

- Strengthen the role of a Licensed Technologist OAA within the practice of architecture.
- Rationalize the process through which technologists working in architectural practices can move to certification as a Licensed Technologist OAA.
- Establish closer ties with the OAA and work with them to actively promote the Licensed Technologist OAA certification to the architecture profession and the building industry.
- Work with the OAA to promote the value of Licensed Technologists in architectural practices.

I look forward to reporting to you in the next few months as we work to achieve this vision.

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**2011 OAA Conference**  
**Metro Toronto Convention Centre and**  
**InterContinental Hotel**  
**Wednesday, May 18 to Saturday, May 21**

## Message from the Executive Director



Effective 1 January 2011, OAAAS will accept payments from members only in the form of a cheque, money order or bank draft.



Would your colleagues like to find out more about OAAAS?

Call us to set up a lunch and learn session at your firm.

At the beginning of this year, OAAAS and OACETT entered into a new administrative relationship which will have some consequences for members. OAAAS is now responsible for all of its own administration and financial operations. This is a logical next step in the growth of the OAAAS and the current discussions around the new vision for OAAAS reported by the President.

OAAAS staff will maintain all OAAAS member records, issue dues invoices and collect fees. Members will deal with OACETT staff on all matters related to their membership in OACETT, such as certification, the PPE and OACETT payments. Members will continue to deal with me or Rommy Rodriguez for all OAAAS membership issues, including applications, work experience hours, certificates, continuing education, OAA Admission Course, examination, etc.

Since OAAAS is a small operation (Rommy and I work on a part-time basis), it is necessary for us to adopt new rules for member payments. Effective 1 January 2011, OAAAS will accept payments from members only in the form of a cheque, money order or bank draft. We will not accept payments by cash or credit card. Our rules are the same as those used by OAA.

### Marketing OAAAS

I have just embarked on a new round of visits to the province's community college architectural technician and technology programs, with recent visits to Humber College and Sheridan. In the next few months, I may be asking some members to join me at one of these sessions since it is useful for students to hear the personal experience of a working technologist (particularly a graduate of that college). If you would like to volunteer for such a session, please let me know!

I am also looking for opportunities to meet with technologists in architectural practices. If you would like me to come to your firm, please send a note to [gneil@oacett.org](mailto:gneil@oacett.org).

## OAAAS News

### OAA CONFERENCE

This year's OAA Annual Conference will take place at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre and InterContinental Hotel from Wednesday, May 18 to Saturday, May 21, 2011. As it has done previously, OAAAS will have a table of information and we hope members attending the Conference will drop by to say hello.

Remember that the OAA Conference is an excellent opportunity to attend educational sessions about the latest developments in the profession. Architects often use the Conference to meet their Continuing Education requirements.

### CONTINUING EDUCATION

Members registered as an OAAAS Technologist or Licensed Technologist OAA are reminded that you are required to complete specified continuing education requirements. As well as report both your CORE and Self-Directed learning activities on your ConEd transcript.

When reporting an educational activity on the OAA ConEd transcript, you should refer to the guide [How do I distinguish between CORE and Self-Directed learning?](#) To determine what opportunities are available for you to complete any outstanding Self-Directed or CORE requirements, please check the following links:

***CORE Opportunities***

***Self-Directed Opportunities***

For answers to questions about continuing education, please contact Ellen Savitsky at the OAA- [ellens@oaa.on.ca](mailto:ellens@oaa.on.ca)

### READY TO START SUBMITTING YOUR WORK EXPERIENCE HOURS?

Here is your link to help you get started: [Submitting Work Experience Hours](#)

**New Members**, we invite to take advantage of your limited time opportunity to **submit your retroactive work experience hours** accumulated prior to joining OAAAS. This offer is available to you within the first three months from the date you become an OAAAS member and can potentially give you a head start in reaching Technologist OAAAS membership.

**Current Members** who are a bit behind in submission of hours should note that, as of July 1, 2010, the Late Penalty Charge stipulated in the OAAAS Program Guide became fully enforced.

We highly recommend that you stay on top of your submission deadlines once you begin logging your hours and if you cannot, please let us know.

For details, please visit the OAAAS Program Guide or the 2010 Fees Payable Document posted on the website [www.oaa.on.ca](http://www.oaa.on.ca).

## **MOST RECENT LICENSED TECHNOLOGISTS OAA MEMBERS**

**Congratulations to fellow members who achieved Licensed Technologist OAA from May 2010 to November 2010:**

Trent Collie

Lee Curtis

Paul Driedger

Zoran Dunjic

Ted Du Arte

Anthony Fragale

Gino Savo Sardaro

We would like to thank the following firms which supported their employees as they worked to achieve OAA licensure as:

### **LICENSED TECHNOLOGIST OAA**

**Adamson Associates Architects  
Dunjic Design  
Evans Bertrand Hill Wheeler Architects Inc.  
Glos Associates Inc.  
Kirkor Architects and Planners  
Quartek Group Inc  
Whitney Bailey Associates Inc.**

## **MEET THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF OAAAS**

**We would like to welcome the following members who have recently joined OAAAS:**

Aaron Ashley

Rebecca Bonham

William Boudreau

Jimmy Calderon

Danny Carreiro

Camelia Dilski

Natalia Fleishman

Daniel Guillemette

Steven Ladd

Steve Lajeunesse

Feng Lui

Brandon Martin

Douglas MacDonald

Richard Mateljan

Greg McLeod

Dawn Morrison

Bryan Northey

Fabio Puccinelli

Humberto Rodriguez

Amir Sadeghimakkie

Tekleab Schewai

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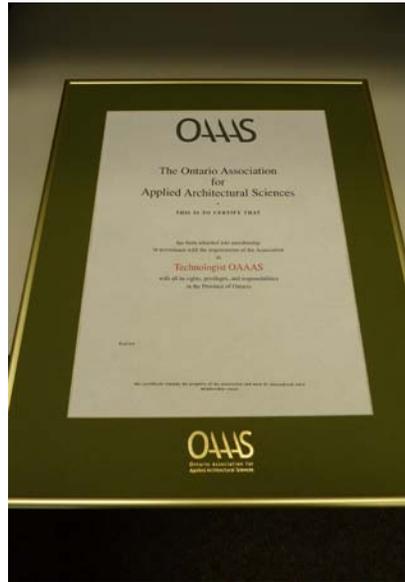
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Paul Wong

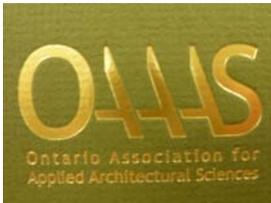
**WELCOME TO OAAAS**

## OAAAS CERTIFICATE FRAME

[\$57.95 + HST]



Just imagine, showcasing your OAAAS certificates in a sleekly designed gold metal frame with an acid free olive green coloured mat featuring an embossed OAAAS logo. It will look great at your office! To order, please contact: Rommy Rodriguez A. - [rrodriguez@oacett.org](mailto:rrodriguez@oacett.org)



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.

