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Message from the President

URGENT Message from the President

OAAAS BECOMES OAA TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

I am delighted to report to you about the positive outcome of the discussions we launched with our partners. The aim of our process was to:

- strengthen the role of technologists in the practice of architecture,
- rationalize the process through which technologists working in architectural practices can move to certification as a Licensed Technologist OAA, and
- establish closer links with the OAA.

Thanks to excellent cooperation between OACETT, OAA and the OAAAS Board of Directors and staff, an agreement was reached that will take effect on July 1. On that date, OAAAS will have only one Founder, the OAA. All decisions about the members and the membership process will be made as appropriate by the OAAAS Board of Directors and/or the OAA. While we will continue to enjoy a collaborative relationship with OACETT, members will now have the option of whether or not they wish to belong to OACETT.

In the rest of this newsletter, you can read about the details of this exciting new stage in the development of the OAAAS.

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Message from the Executive Director



NEW MEMBERSHIP PROCESS

On July 1, OAAAS becomes the technology program of the OAA. For the province's technologists working in architecture, this will mean there is a new and simplified route to becoming a Licensed Technologist OAA. Please note that for individuals with the appropriate academic diploma, membership in OACETT is now optional.

Regular Membership

All applications will be sent directly to OAAAS.

A candidate must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada and must submit documentary proof of status with the application.

To be eligible, a candidate must be a graduate of an accredited Ontario community college three-year architectural technology program, or equivalent, or greater. Equivalents are graduates of colleges recognized by the Canadian Council of Technicians and Technologists (or equivalent and/or successor organization) or graduates of a university architectural program from a university recognized by UNESCO.

All other steps in the membership process remain unchanged:

- Document 7200 hours of appropriate work experience
- Fulfill the continuing education requirement of an OAAAS Technologist
- OAA Admission Course
- OAAAS examination

The new Program Guide is available online at www.oaa.on.ca.

Student OAAAS

Effective July 1, OAAAS will also be offering a student membership. To be eligible, a student must be enrolled in a three-year architectural technology program (or intend to complete a three-year diploma) and must have completed two semesters.



Garry Neil
Executive Director|Registrar

OAAAS News

NEW FEES AND DUES – Effective July 1, 2011

To be eligible to move through the OAAAS process and become a Licensed Technologist OAA, members are no longer required to be a member of OACETT. Thus OAAAS membership fees and dues must reflect the costs of the services members will receive. Individuals who wish to acquire or retain their OACETT certifications will need to contact OACETT directly.

New OAAAS membership fees are as follows:

Full member:

Application Fee	\$ 300
OAAAS Associate (annual dues)	250
OAAAS Technologist (annual dues)	325

Student member (annual dues)	\$ 50
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MEET THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF OAAAS

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

Mark Beens	Christine Clark	Christian Cote Menard	Nami Da Silva
Jeffrey De Decker	Santos Dolormente	Samuel Hakemi	Ryan Johnson
Sylvain Lafond	Jacek Przygodzki	Harold Quibell	Tony Ranalli
Donna Reinhart	Phillip Sharron	Alexander Smyth	Charlie Tonin
Larry Silva	<i>WELCOME!</i>		



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OAAAS CERTIFICATE FRAME



For Immediate Release
July 7, 2011

The Ontario Association of Architects (OAA) announced that the Ontario Association for Applied Architectural Sciences (OAAAS), an association of technologists working in the architectural profession, has become the technology program of the OAA effective July 1, 2011.

“The new structure and membership criteria we are announcing today represent a maturing process for how technologists are recognized by the architectural profession in Ontario,” said Sheena Sharp, OAA President. “Technologists work collaboratively with architects in many of the province’s architectural practices. The OAAAS process provides an opportunity for suitably qualified technologists to become Licensed Technologists OAA, enabling them to provide some limited architectural services, but more importantly, acknowledges their significant contribution to the profession in Ontario” said Sharp.

Membership in OAAAS is open to any graduate of an Ontario community college three-year architectural technology program, or equivalent. To move through the OAAAS process, the candidate must acquire a sufficient number of hours of work experience under the supervision of an architect, in defined experience categories, attend the OAA Admission Course and pass the OAAAS examination. This rigorous process ensures that the public interest is protected.

OAAAS was originally launched in 2002 as a partnership between the OAA and the Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists (OACETT). The partners have agreed that OAA will take over sole responsibility effective July 1, 2011. Rod MacLeod OACETT President added: “What we set out to accomplish in 2002 was to establish a focused program to recognize our members who are working specifically in the building design field and who wished to achieve recognition as a Licensed Technologist OAA. This new structure continues to accomplish that objective and we are pleased to offer our ongoing support to OAAAS and the OAA.”

Roland Mech, OAAAS President thanked the OAA and OACETT for embracing the new vision put forward by the OAAAS Board of Directors. “This is the right step for the OAA and OACETT. As a Licensed Technologist OAA, I know as well that this is the right step for technologists who work in the practice of architecture in Ontario.”

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The Ontario Association for Applied Architectural Sciences (OAAAS), is dedicated to the certification of technologists working in the architectural field. Through OAAAS, a qualified professional can become a **Licensed Technologist OAA** and member of the Ontario Association of Architects (OAA).

Launched in 2003, the OAAAS establishes the education, experience and examination requirements for three categories of building designers: **Associate OAAAS, Technologist OAAAS and Licensed Technologist OAA**. The OAA Council has established the scope of practice and the terms of the limited licence.

