

OAAAS

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TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM OF THE OAA

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Survey of Licensed Technologist OAA Members

OAAAS is trying to learn more about our members who are licensed by the OAA. An individual who has moved through the OAAAS program and is now a Licensed Technologist OAA also retains membership in the OAAAS. We invite you to complete a brief survey which will be sent to you shortly via email. The results of this survey will be used by the Board of Directors as it develops a strategic plan for the next few years.

Individual responses are anonymous and will not be available to the OAAAS and the results will be used only in the aggregate. The survey should take you 15-30 minutes to complete. Thanks for your collaboration.

Call for New Marketing Committee Members

We have a vacancy on our marketing and awards committee and are looking for energetic individuals to join us. The committee is responsible for making recommendations to the board for implementation of our marketing plan, including our social media presence, and our awards programs. If you're interested in getting involved with the OAAAS, please contact the executive director, Garry Neil at garryn@oaaas.ca.

I wish you a happy holidays and all the best for the coming New Year.

Jeremiah Gammond, President OAAAS
Lic. Tech. OAA, Gammond Architectural Technology

New Board of Directors

We would like to welcome the following new Board of Director members:

Chris Oke - Lic. Tech. OAA. Chris is a graduate of Fanshawe College and is currently employed at AECOM Canada Architects Ltd. in Kitchener, ON.

Jean Audette - Lic. Tech. OAA. Jean is a graduate of Algonquin College and is currently employed at Mitchell Architects in North Bay, ON.



MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Important Notice to all Members **OAAAS is changing its dues invoicing cycle**

Beginning in January 2015, members will see a HUGE difference in their dues invoices. This is because OAAAS is adopting the OAA model of invoicing members for the calendar year, rather than using the anniversary date of joining as we do at present.

What will this mean for you?

For members who joined in January, there is no change. You will receive your regular invoice in January 2015 and your payment will be for the calendar year.

For members who joined in February through August, you will receive a dues invoice that is pro-rated for the number of months remaining in 2015. For example:

- Associate OAAAS with anniversary date of March 20 will be invoiced \$208.33 +HST (10/12 of \$250).
- Technologist OAAAS with anniversary date of July 15 will be invoiced \$187.50 +HST (6/12 of \$375).

For members who joined in September through October, you will receive the pro-rated invoice for the remainder of 2015 and will also have the option of paying your dues for the 2016 calendar year.

For members who joined in November through December, you will receive an invoice for the one or two months remaining in 2015 as well as for the 2016 calendar year.

Beginning January 1, 2015, new members will pay dues for the full calendar year if they join OAAAS before June 30. If they join after that date they will pay half dues for the remainder of the year. There is no pro-rating of dues for new members.

In December 2015, members will receive a dues invoice for the 2016 calendar year. Thereafter, all members will be invoiced in December for the following calendar year.

Why are we making this change?

Harmonizing our invoicing with the OAA system reduces the challenge for members moving to OAA licensure. There are also administrative advantages for OAAAS.

If you have any questions about the new dues invoicing process or the transition, please contact me at garryn@oaaas.ca.

Let me take this opportunity to wish each of you all the best for the holidays, and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Garry Neil
Executive Director | Registrar

2015 CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

<p>JANUARY 15</p> <p>Advanced Standing Program Application Deadline Fast-track Licensing Opportunity</p>	<p>Interested in becoming a Licensed Technologist OAA by August 2015? The Advanced Standing Program is intended to give qualified senior architectural technicians and technologists an opportunity to qualify for certification as a Licensed Technologist OAA based on extensive work experience in the building field. For more detailed information visit: Advanced Standing Program Guide</p>
<p>JUNE 19 and NOVEMBER 20</p> <p>2015 Examination Sessions</p>	<p>The 2015 OAAAS Examination Sessions will be Friday, June 19 and Friday, November 20. To register please contact RommyR@oaaas.ca. You must have attended the OAA Admission Course in order to be eligible to write the exam.</p>
<p>MAY 6 - 8</p> <p>2015 OAA Conference in Hamilton, ON</p>	<p>The 2015 OAA Conference, <i>Urban Renewal</i>, will be held in Hamilton ON, from Wednesday, May 6 to Friday, May 8, 2014 at the Sheraton Hamilton Hotel. For more detailed information please visit: OAA Annual Conference. You might also find the following Hamilton Spectator article very interesting on the redevelopment of the city of Hamilton. Waves of Change</p>
<p>MAY 6 - 8</p> <p>2015 OAA Admission Course</p>	<p>The 2015 OAA Admission Course will be held during the OAA Conference from May 6 to May 8, 2014 at Sheraton Hamilton Hotel. The OAA Admission Course is one of the mandatory requirements for licensing in Ontario and complements other components of the Licensed Technologist OAA and Intern Architect Programs. A Registration link will be e-mailed out to all eligible OAAAS Technologists who have not previously taken the Admission Course early in the new year.</p>
<p>MAY 7</p> <p>ConEd Session presented by OAAAS at 2015 OAA Conference</p>	<p>OAAAS is excited to announce that it is hosting its first ConEd Session, <i>Building Integrated Photovoltaics – Architecture In Partnership with the Sun</i>, during the 2015 OAA Conference. The session will be presented by internationally recognised artist, Sarah Hall who is well known for her artistic innovations and pioneering of new glass techniques.</p> <p>Building Integrated Photovoltaics (BIPV) is one of the most promising and elegant ways of producing on site electricity directly from the sun — silently, without environmental harm, pollution nor depletion of resources. Solar energy collection is integrated into the building envelope as part of the design of the building. While BIPV technology is incorporated into many new buildings in Europe, it is still an emerging practice in Canada. Learn more about it and see outstanding examples of this new way of building. For more information on Sarah Hall’s projects visit: www.sarahhallstudio.com/solar-photovoltaic.</p>
<p>MAY 8</p> <p>2015 OAAAS Student Awards Ceremony</p>	<p>OAAAS will be announcing the award winning students of the 2015 <i>OAAAS Students Awards for Excellence in Architectural Technology</i> on Friday, May 8, during the Networking Luncheon of the OAA Conference. For information on the students awards program visit: 2015 OAAAS Student Awards Guidelines + Entry Form</p>

JOIN US TO RECOGNIZE EXCELLENCE - 3rd ANNUAL AWARDS FOR STUDENTS IN ARCHITECTURAL TECHNOLOGY



Dear Member,

The Ontario Association for Applied Architectural Sciences is set to launch its 3rd Annual Student Awards. The awards presentation will take place at the 2015 OAA Conference in Hamilton. **We invite you and your firm to become a sponsorship partner in this upcoming celebration of excellence.**

OAAAS is the official technology program of the OAA, and it is our mission to promote and support the architectural technology profession, from student to the senior technologist level. Since its launch in 2013, the OAAAS Student Awards have showcased the important role technologists play in architecture, as well as highlighting the excellence of our colleges and students. In presenting the awards, we work in collaboration with the colleges.

As the awards are presented at a networking lunch during the OAA Annual Conference, sponsors enjoy excellent visibility within the profession.

In 2015, we plan to expand the awards program. **But to do this, we need your help to find new sponsors. We hope you will speak with your supervising architect to see if your firm will join us in this exciting endeavor.**

We offer four sponsorship opportunity levels:

Named Sponsor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Awards will be presented in your name. Your representative will present the Awards at the OAA Conference in 2015. 	\$5,000
Gold	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognition at awards ceremony. Logo on all publicity materials. Logo in OAAAS website until launch of 2016 awards. 	\$2,000
Silver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognition at awards ceremony. Logo on all publicity materials. 	\$1,000
Bronze	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognition at awards ceremony. 	\$500

For background information on the 2015 OAAAS Students Awards Program please visit: [2015 OAAAS Student Awards Guidelines + Entry Form.](#)

We look forward to hearing from you.

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HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR CONTINUING EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

2014 - 2016 Continuing Education Cycle

July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2016

Members registered as Technologists OAAAS or Lic.Tech.OAA are reminded that they are required to complete specific continuing education activities for every two year Continuing Education Cycle. It is the responsibility of the member to record their ConEd activity hours on their ConEd Transcript.

Transcript Link: [Transcripts](#)

To access your transcript all you need is your Username and Password that were issued to you when you first became a member. If you have a problem with your coordinates, contact RommyR@oaaas.ca.

Specific Continuing Education Responsibilities

Your specific continuing education activity hours are divided between Structured and Unstructured Learning. Review the following links to see what each type of learning activities entail.

[Structured](#)

[Unstructured Learning](#)

Technologist OAAAS members must complete **15 hours of learning** (minimum of 5 hours of Structured learning and 10 hours of Unstructured learning)

Licensed Technologist OAA members must complete **35 hours of learning** (minimum of 12 hours of Structured learning and 23 hours of Unstructured Learning)

We recommend that you also review the following links that will provide further information on the ConEd program: [Program Requirements](#), [Learning Activities Eligibility Criteria](#).

ConEd Activity Resources

If you are wondering what ConEd Opportunities are available to help you complete your ConEd activity hours, the following OAA website link provides a great resource on ongoing and upcoming Distance Education Modules, Education Sessions and Lunch & Learns: [LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES](#).

Course searches can be made by **Date, Location, Title and Type**.

OAAAS on LinkedIn - Update

OAAAS has recently revamped its visual presence on LinkedIn. One of the changes consolidates the OAAAS Group Page with the OAAAS Company Page. Current Group Page members will be receiving soon an invitation to join the new OAAAS Company Page. If you would like to connect with OAAAS on LinkedIn, please send us an invitation.



HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR WORK EXPERIENCE

If you are new to this responsibility, do not worry, it is not as daunting as it may seem. Submitting your work experience hours involves keeping track, logging and periodically submitting your newly accumulated work experience hours to the OAAAS Administrator in the [Experience Record Book](#) (ERB).

Once your hours have been calculated you will be sent a Summary of Hours Report which outlines the areas and specific hours that are still required to move to the next level of certification. For detailed instructions on how to fill out your Experience Record Book, visit the Program Guide: [OAAAS Program Guide](#), Section 4.3.

We also recommend that you review the following two documents:

Categories and Experience Areas Chart (Program Guide, Page 10) to help you map out the number of work experience hours that you require in each category and certification level.

Experience Area Description and Required Activities (Program Guide, Appendix B) to help you assess under what specific categories your experience hours should be placed.

New Members can take advantage of a limited time opportunity to submit an unlimited amount of retroactive work experience hours (these are hours accumulated prior to joining OAAAS). Doing so, can potentially give you a head start in reaching your Technologist OAAAS membership designation. This must be done within the first three months from the date you become an OAAAS member. We highly recommend that you respect your submission deadline date once you begin logging hours and if some reason you cannot, we ask that you contact us so that we can discuss your options.

Members should note that the Experience Record Book (ERB) has been revised to eliminate the 'Other' Column located on page two of the record book. Effective immediately, hours logged in this column will not be accepted. The most recent Experience Record Book (ERB) template can be accessed at: [Experience Record Book](#).



MEMBER PROFILE - CALL FOR SUBMISSION

OAAAS will be featuring a series of *Member Profiles* in upcoming newsletter issues, showcasing members career trajectories and highlights. Whether you work in a small or large firm or perhaps run your own firm, we want to hear from you. If you would like to share your career story with your colleagues, please submit a 300 - 400 word text describing your current professional standing, career highlights, future career goals and view on the architectural technology profession. Please include two images in JPEG format, min. 300 dpi. (of yourself and/or one of your projects.)

The OAAAS Newsletter is distributed to the OAAAS Membership, OAAAS and OAA Board of Directors, Ontario Colleges as well as featured on our website. Accepted articles will be included in the Newsletter at the Marketing Committees discretion.

Next submission deadline is Friday, Jan 16, 2015. Please email your submission to RommyR@oaaas.ca.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS + MISSION STATEMENT

The Ontario Association for Applied Architectural Sciences is an association for 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.

Our Mission

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.

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