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Message from the President

In the last newsletter, we invited members interested in serving on the OAAAS Board of Directors to put their names forward. We had one vacant position to fill and we were delighted, and encouraged, when seven of you, from across the province, expressed a willingness to serve your fellow members in this way. We were impressed by the strength of the applications and had a difficult time making a decision.

As a result of this process, Rick Mateljan of Stickland | Mateljan Associates, a design firm in Oakville, will be joining the Board of Directors. Rick has previous board experience,

including serving on local historical advisory committees.

We have also invited two of the other applicants to join our Committees:

- Jean Audette, who is a Lic.Tech. OAA working at Mitchell Architects in North Bay will serve on the Admissions/Exam Committee.
- Mark Howson, who is a Lic.Tech. OAA working at his own firm, Echelon Architectural Services Inc., in Ottawa will serve on the Marketing/Promotion Committee.

We welcome Rick, Jean and Mark to the OAAAS governing bodies and

sincerely thank all of you who put your names forward!

The success of this process has also led us to decide that we will use it for all OAAAS positions on the Board of Directors. Thus, early in 2013 we will begin the process to select four Board positions and look forward to having even more members step forward.

The OAAAS is still in transition to becoming the Technology Program of the OAA and it is interesting and a valuable learning experience to be involved in making important decisions about the future of our association.

David Mills of Mills & Associates is Recipient of the 2012 "Business Person of the Year"

The Oshawa Chamber of Commerce has selected David Mills of Mills and Associates Inc., Architects as the recipient of the 2012 Business Person of the Year Award. The OAAAS Board of Directors offered congratulations to David.

"Receiving the 2012 Business Person of the Year Award is a prestigious honour that is well-deserved. And while your peers in Oshawa have no doubt awarded it because of your skills as a professional architect and your great contributions to Oshawa, we are also beneficiaries of your wisdom and experience. We thank you for your volunteer service on the OAAAS Board of Directors. As we have made the transition to being the technology program of the Ontario Association of Architects, your commitment and input has been essential and much appreciated."

Message from the Executive Director

A couple of weeks ago, an OAAAS member who had just applied to the OAA to become a Licensed Technologist OAA was asked by his firm to outline the advantages for the firm of this step. I thought I would share with you how we answered the question.

- The certification attests that the member has met the rigorous criteria to qualify, including education, significant and varied work experience, and a challenging examination.
- The Lic.Tech.OAA designation is a professional qualification that confirms that the firm adheres to the highest professional standards.
- The firm has more flexibility in the deployment of its staff, since the Lic.Tech.OAA may stamp drawings that are within the scope of practice (which scope is greater than a holder of a BCIN).
- Like an OAA architect, the Lic.Tech.OAA has an obligation to ensure his/her knowledge remains current through participation in the continuing education program of the OAA.
- As a member of the OAA, the member has access to all benefits offered by the OAA, such as insurance discounts, reduced car rental rates, etc.



We have recently visited two of Toronto's largest architectural practices to speak with technologists. If you know of any firm we should visit let us know! I

enjoy speaking with potential members about the benefits of the OAAAS program and I would be happy to meet with principals to demonstrate how the architectural firm benefits as well.

Student Membership

Over the past year, OAAAS has welcomed its first student members and we expect that interest in our program will expand significantly in the coming years. This will be particularly the case with the launch this month of the OAAAS student awards, which will celebrate excellence across all community college architectural technology programs.

The rules for our student membership are these:

- A student may join after they have completed two semesters of a six semester program.
- The last date on which someone can join as a student is prior to the final class of their sixth semester.
- Student membership may continue for one year following that last class. At that time, the member will be reclassified as an OAAAS Associate Member. Any student member may voluntarily reclassify as an associate at any time after completing school, without paying an additional fee.
- OAAAS will accept cooperative work experience hours only from an OAAAS student member, and the hours will be calculated at 100 percent.

Garry Neil
Executive Director | Registrar

Interested in becoming a Licensed Technologist OAA by August 2013?

Becoming a Technologist OAAAS by November 1, will ensure that you are eligible to attend the 2013 OAA Admissions Course, being held in Toronto in May 2013. This course is the final pre-requisite to writing the Licensed Technologist OAA exam. Having successfully written the exam, you will be in a position to apply for your OAA licence by August 2013.

We highly recommend that recent **New members and Associate OAAAS** members take advantage of this fast-track opportunity and to submit your work experience hours to see if you qualify. **Submission deadline is November 1.**

OAAAS Welcomes New Members

Brian Abbey	Matthew Harris
Niloufar Baradaran- Dilmaghani	Christopher Janisse
Brian Caradonna	Jennifer King
Paul de Sousa	Ibn Feisal Peerbaccus
Kathleen Dorner	Matthew Philip
Cory Fukusaka	Siamak Shabahang
Christopher Grant	Christopher Warner-Smith
Francis Guanlao	Mehrdad Yasseri

How to Record & Submit Your Work Experience Hours

If you are new to this responsibility, do not worry, it is not as daunting as it seems. Submitting your work experience hours involves keeping track, logging and periodically submitting your newly accumulated work experience hours to the OAAAS Administrator in an OAAAS Experience Record Book. Once your hours have been calculated you will be sent a Summary Report that will outline and highlight the areas and specific hours that are still required to move to the next level of certification. For specific instructions, visit:

<http://www.oaa.on.ca/the+oaa/allied+organizations/oaas>, click on the OAAAS grey tab labeled: *EXPERIENCE*.

We recommend that you review the following documents to help you map out the number of work experience hours that you require for each level of certification and to assess under what specific categories these hours should be placed. These documents can be found in the OAAAS Program Guide.

[Categories and Experience Areas \(Page 10\)](#)

[Experience Area Description and Required Activities \(Appendix B\)](#)

New Members can also take advantage of a limited time opportunity to submit retroactive work experience hours accumulated prior to joining OAAAS. This must be done 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. We highly recommend that you respect your submission deadline once you begin logging hours, since it makes it easier for you and OAAAS. If you cannot, we ask that you please inform us.

Members have also found it beneficial to engage their supervising Architect or Licensed Technologist OAA early on in the process. This way they will have the opportunity to understand your future work experience requirements for purposes of completing your certification. Employee time sheets can also be very useful.

OAAAS Certificate Frame Available

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 on your office wall! Order form is available upon request.



Continuing Education Program Cycle 2012 - 2014

July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2014

Changes

Significant revisions have been made to the ConEd program. These changes have been implemented to harmonize the rules between provincial architectural associations. The changes are:

- The end of a two-year cycle will move from December 31 to June 30.
- The existing two learning categories, CORE and Self-Directed, have been eliminated and the program will simply require Structured and Unstructured Learning hours.

Revised ConEd Program

The Program is now based on a 2-year Cycle beginning July 1 of even numbered years. The reporting period runs from July 1 to June 30 biennially. To implement the transition, the current cycle will run from January 1, 2012 to June 30, 2014. The following ConEd Cycle will run for two years beginning July 1, 2014.

The following OAA website links provide the updates to the revised Continuing Education Program.

[Learning Activities Eligibility Criteria](#)

[Structured Learning](#)

[Unstructured Learning](#)

[Program Requirements](#)

The ConEd responsibilities for Technologist OAAAS and Licenced Technologist OAA ConEd have remained the same, but are now to be recorded in the following format:

Qualifications for 2 year Cycle	New ConEd requirements	Former ConEd requirements
Technologists OAAAS	15 hours of learning (minimum of 5 hours of structured learning)	4 CORE + 11 SD learning hours
Licensed Technologist OAA	35 hours of learning (minimum of 12 hours of structured learning)	7 CORE + 28 SD learning hours

How to log your ConEd Activities Qualifications for 2 year Cycle (hours)

1. Go to www.oaa.on.ca, click on Professional Resources, scroll to Continuing Education
2. Click on the grey TRANSCRIPTS button located on the left hand side. This will direct you to the OAA Member only Login page.
3. Type in your OAA username and password that were issued to you when you became a member. If you have a problem with your coordinates, please contact RommyR@oaaas.ca or coned@oaa.on.ca.

Please note that the 2010-2011 Continuing Education cycle is now closed for on-line entry. OAAAS Administration will now have to report these hours for you. Contact RommyR@oaaas.ca if you require this service.



2012 OAA Conference

The OAAAS was present at *The Music of Architecture - Architect As Conductor* OAA Annual Conference held in Ottawa from May 9 - 11. More than 950 people attended the three days of Continuing Education Sessions, Admissions Course, Tours and Social events. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet many of our members.



2012 Conference highlights can be viewed at:

<http://www.oaa.on.ca/news+%26+events/oaa+annual+conference/2012+conference+highlights>

The OAA Annual Conference 2013 will be held in Toronto from May 8 -10, 2013 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre & International Toronto Centre. So reserve this date in your calendar because it promises to be a conference not to be missed. The Conference theme will be Re-Imagining The Business of Architecture. For more details visit:

<http://www.oaa.on.ca/news+%26+events/oaa+annual+conference/conference+2013>



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.

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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