



Ontario Association for
Applied Architectural Sciences

TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM OF THE OAA

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



I'm proud to announce that, in a major step forward, Licensed Technologists OAA will soon have a role in the governance of the OAA. After productive, collaborative meetings between OAA and OAAAS members and staff, the OAA Council has made substantive changes to the OAA Policy regarding Licensed Technologists OAA.

Beginning with the May 2017 Annual General Meeting, all OAA members, including Licensed Technologists OAA, may attend and vote on matters at the OAA Annual General Meeting. Beginning with the next election, all OAA members will be able to vote for positions on

Council. OAA Council also agreed to add a specific seat on Council for a Licensed Technologist and we hope to see this seat effective for this year's fall elections. I want to personally thank OAA President John Stephenson and Past-president Toon Dreesen for their hard work and commitment in proposing these changes.

With these changes, the OAA has clearly demonstrated that Licensed Technologists OAA are valued members of the association and that our contributions to the association are important. Lic.Tech.OAAs now have a presence on several OAA committees, including Practice Committee, Communications Committee, and Project Administration Resource Committee.

Additionally, we have made progress on other on-going proposals. We have OAAAS board approval for a significant revision to our admission process to make it more consistent with the process for Intern Architects. And, we're delighted to announce that our proposal to re-design the Lic.Tech.OAA seal has been received favourably by the OAA Council. In fact, it's now on temporary hold because the OAA Council is considering if both seals should be redesigned!

In January, Rommy and I made our annual presentation to OAA Council where we reported on our past work and discussed our plans for the upcoming year.

Finally, I'm proud to announce that our long-time administrator, Rommy Rodriguez, has been promoted to the position of Associate Director of the OAAAS. The board was pleased to make this change in recognition of her dedication to the OAAAS and to the ever-expanding role she has enthusiastically undertaken. It has been my pleasure to work alongside her for the past six years and I want everyone to know how important her contributions to the association have been.

Congrats, Rommy!

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

REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR | REGISTRAR



The first point of contact with OAAAS for most of you is Rommy Rodriguez, our hard working administrator, who joined us in 2008. In many respects, Rommy is the voice and face of OAAAS, particularly to the members, who deal with her about the application, dues, experience hours, the exam, ConEd, Admission Course, OAA application and virtually everything else involved in going through our process.

I am delighted to inform you that Ms. Rodriguez has been appointed as the OAAAS Associate Director effective immediately. While Rommy will continue to carry out the administrative work, this new position reflects the fact that she does far more than that. She liaises with the community colleges, runs our student awards, undertakes communications and marketing, interacts regularly with the OAA, represents us in various capacities, and develops new initiatives, including the Conference you will read about in this edition of the newsletter. She is a tremendous asset for OAAAS.

I know you will join with the Board of Directors and me in congratulating Rommy Rodriguez!

Regards to all,

Garry Neil, Executive Director | Registrar

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2017 RAIC/OAA Festival

ARCHITECTURE 150
OTTAWA, ON MAY 24 - 27

We invite all OAAAS members to attend what will surely be the most memorable event of the year - 2017 RAIC / OAA Festival of Architecture.

OAAAS members can register at the OAA MEMBER PRICE!

Click here to view the **Festival Website** for details.

OAAAS at the 2017 RAIC/OAA Festival of Architecture ARCHITECTURE 150

Over the past five years, the OAAAS and its members have played an increasingly active role in the OAA annual Conference. OAAAS is featured at an information booth, OAAAS Technologist members attend the OAA Admission Course, our Student Awards Program has centre stage during the Friday luncheon before a crowd of 400+ where we present the winning student with their awards, our Board of Directors conducts its Annual Meeting. Many members register for Conference events, including the Continuing Education sessions.

We encourage you to consider joining your colleagues this year in Ottawa May 24-27, 2017 for this exciting event.

If you do come to Ottawa, make sure to get a ticket for the Friday **Recognition Lunch**, where the OAAAS Student Awards will be presented alongside several RAIC and OAA awards. This event gives OAAAS an opportunity to talk about the important role technologists play in architecture, as well as to highlight the excellent work done by our community colleges and their students. And, as a very special event, we are organizing an **OAAAS Reception** on Thursday, May 25 from 5:00-7:30pm for all members and friends of OAAAS attending the Festival of Architecture. Overall, this is celebration you will not want to miss. Come and be a part of history!



The Royal Architectural Institute of Canada and the Ontario Association of Architects are hosting the Festival of Architecture to be held May 24-27, 2017 in Ottawa. This three-day Festival celebrates the theme of Architecture 150. As Canadians mark our country's 150th anniversary, we will pause to consider the role of architecture in creating our built heritage and expressing our culture. Architecture profoundly affects people; it forms the buildings and communities that Canadians call home, and it reflects the values of society. The work of architects contributes to well-being, quality of life and economic prosperity. As Canadians increasingly appreciate design, we seek to increase public awareness of the role of architects.

In 2017, as we celebrate the cultural legacy of past generations, we will look at how the architects of today and tomorrow will exercise leadership in creating livable and sustainable communities shaped by design excellence.

Don't miss this exceptional event to ignite the future of architecture while reflecting on our heritage and cultural past! [Click here](#) to view the Festival Website.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE
OAAAS RECEPTION

TAKING PLACE DURING THE
 RAIC|OAA FESTIVAL OF ARCHITECTURE
FOR MEMBERS & FRIENDS OF OAAAS

ON

THURSDAY, MAY 25

5:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

AT

THE CHÂTEAU LAFAYETTE

“THE LAFF”

42 YORK ST. @ BYWARD MARKET

OTTAWA, ON K1N 5S6

snacks, wine & beer to be served

PLEASE RSVP BY APRIL 25

TO

ROMMYR@OAAAS.CA

DUE TO LIMITED SPACE ONLY 50 PEOPLE WILL BE

ADMITTED, SO PLEASE RSVP EARLY.

THIS EVENING PROMISES
 TO BE A GREAT EVENT OF
 FELLOW MEMBERS,
 COLLEAGUES AND
 INDIVIDUALS GATHERING TO
 CELEBRATE THE
 ARCHITECTURAL
 TECHNOLOGY PROFESSION
 AND OF COURSE CANADA'S
 150TH BIRTHDAY!

HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!

CHÂTEAU LAFAYETTE AKA – ‘THE LAFF’

...OLDER THAN THE CITY OF OTTAWA WHICH WAS NAMED IN 1855

...OLDER THAN THE CHATEAU LAURIER, WHICH OPENED IN 1912

...OLDER THAN THE ORIGINAL PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, BUILT IN 1859 AND BURNED IN THE
 OTTAWA FIRE OF 1916 - COMPLETION OF NEW BUILDINGS IN 1927

...YOUNGER THAN THE RIDEAU CANAL WHICH OFFICIALLY OPENED IN 1832.

THE LAFF HAS BEEN SERVING OTTAWA BEFORE IT WAS EVEN OTTAWA – OVER 167 YEARS!
 OPENED IN 1849 AND ORIGINALLY NAMED GRANT'S HOTEL. THE LAFF IS ONE OF THE OLDEST
 INSTITUTION IN OTTAWA, SO WE THOUGHT HOW BEFITTING TO HAVE OUR 2017 RECEPTION
 HERE DURING THE
 RAIC|OAA FESTIVAL OF ARCHITECTURE 150!


2017**SAVE THE DATE****OAAAS CONFERENCE:
INNOVATIVE LEADERSHIP IN ARCHITECTURAL TECHNOLOGY
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2017**

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE **OAAAS CONFERENCE: INNOVATIVE LEADERSHIP IN ARCHITECTURAL TECHNOLOGY** AT TORONTO'S GEORGE BROWN COLLEGE.

THE DAY-LONG EVENT WILL CELEBRATE THE ARCHITECTURAL TECHNOLOGY PROFESSION. IT WILL HIGHLIGHT INNOVATIVE LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS, AND CONSIDER THE FUTURE OF BUILDING SCIENCES. THE SESSIONS WILL FEATURE HIGH PROFILE PRESENTERS FROM CANADA AND ABROAD, AND SOME OF YOU WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO DISCUSS YOUR OWN INNOVATIVE APPROACHES.

MEMBERS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRE-REGISTER FROM APRIL 1 TO MAY 21.
DUE TO LIMITED SPACE ONLY 200 PEOPLE WILL BE ADMITTED, SO PLEASE REGISTER EARLY. ATTENDANCE AT THE CONFERENCE WILL QUALIFY AS STRUCTURED LEARNING FOR PURPOSES OF THE CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM.

**PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!!
DETAILS COMING SOON**

George Brown College

September 30, 2017

NEW LICENSED TECHNOLOGIST OAA MEMBERS



Congratulations to the following members who recently received their Licensed Technologist OAA Licence:

Brian Abbey
Daniel Boulanger
Amber Cuthbertson

Juan Yi Dai
Aaron Gowanlock
Derek Ruddy

NEW OAAAS MEMBERS



We would like to welcome the following new OAAAS members:

Joseph Abela
Mark Bortolot
Charmaine Candelario
Enrique Fernandez
Michael Fik
Youngsang Kim

Kimberly Loi
Thinh Le
Julia Marquez
Navneet Monish
Kira Nightingale
Vincent Pezzano

Nicola Russo
Alam Shaheen
Kat Tot On
Valeria Valchuk
Tyler Young
Ahmed Zaki

2017 CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

April 1-May 21

Pre-registration for OAAAS Members attending the OAAAS Conference: Innovative Leadership in Architectural Technology Conference. **The Conference will be at Toronto's George Brown College on Saturday, September 30, 2017.**

May 24-27

The Royal Architectural Institute of Canada and the Ontario Association of Architects host the **Festival of Architecture in Ottawa**. OAAAS members can register at the OAA MEMBER PRICE! [Click here](#) to view the [Festival Website](#) for details.

May 25

OAAAS will host a Reception for OAAAS members and friends at The LAFF in Ottawa. A casual gathering, the evening will be a great opportunity to meet fellow members, colleagues and other and to celebrate the profession and Canada's 150th Birthday!

May 26

OAAAS Student Awards for Excellence in Architectural Technology will be presented in Ottawa at noon, during the Recognition Luncheon of the Festival of Architecture.

June 20

OAAAS examination date. Members must first attend the OAA Admission Course to be eligible to write the exam. To register, contact RommyR@oaaas.ca.

September 30

OAAAS Conference: Innovative Leadership in Architectural Technology. Organized AND hosted in partnership with Ontario's Community College Architectural Technology Programs.

November 21

OAAAS examination date. Members must first attend the OAA Admission Course to be eligible to write the exam. To register, contact RommyR@oaaas.ca.

December 1

Members will receive their Annual Membership Dues Invoice for 2018.

MEET OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBER

The OAAAS Board of Directors comprises individuals with highly successful careers who dedicate countless hours supporting the OAA Technology Program. We are delighted to welcome our newest member of the Board, Mr. Magid Youssef.

Through the past 23 years, Mag has been fortunate to work extensively on projects involving multi-disciplinary coordination with international firms, including university campuses, international airports and healthcare facilities, adding technical depth to his strong academic foundation. While working with Prof. Dr. AbdelHalim Ibrahim, a distinguished professor of architecture at Cairo University and winner of the Aga Khan Award, he thrived in an office culture that nurtured teamwork, collaboration, continuing education and research. This further strengthened and refined his skills.

Mag studied quality assurance management and obtained a CQM (Certified Quality Assurance Manager) from the ASQ in 2001. This gave him the tools and knowledge to manage QA/QC activities for several projects.

He also taught various courses at Centennial College and Durham College, and was fascinated by the level of work that architectural technologists can contribute to the profession.

He is currently a partner at 4 Architecture Inc. in Markham, working with a wonderful team of architectural technologists and interns. He appreciates mentoring staff and passing on the culture of teamwork, education and research, so that future generations will appreciate how architecture can build communities, improve quality of life and have a long lasting cultural impact.

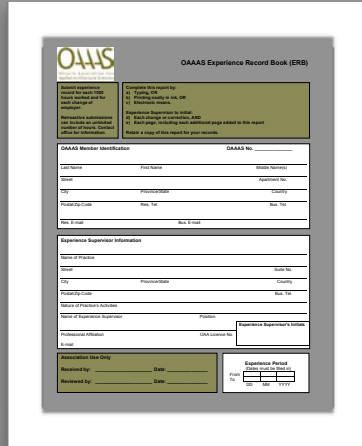
Mag decided that it was time to give back to the profession and improve the public's image and awareness of architecture by joining the OAA Council. He also chose to join the OAAAS board in order to strengthen the position of architectural technologists in the architectural workplace and structure their involvement in projects through value added contributions.

Welcome Mag!

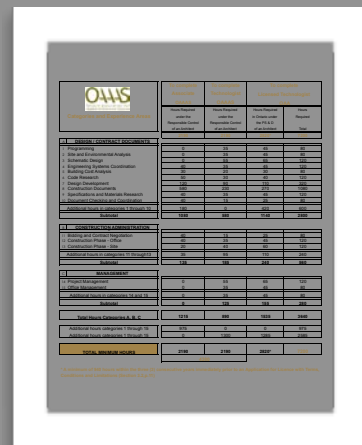


MAGID YOUSSEF,
OAA Architect
4 Architecture - Partner

DOCUMENTS FOR SUBMITTING WORK EXPERIENCE HOURS:



[Click for Experience Record Book](#)



Category + Experience Areas Chart
[Click here for PDF](#)

WORK EXPERIENCE HOURS

As soon as you join OAAAS, you should begin submitting your work experience hours. This involves keeping track and recording your newly accumulated work experience hours on the official [Experience Record Book \(ERB\)](#), having your supervisor sign, and mailing it periodically to the OAAAS office for validation and calculation, approximately every 1000 hours. To kick start the process, you may submit experience hours gained prior to joining OAAAS, providing the hours are submitted within three months of joining OAAAS.

Once your hours have been calculated you will receive a Summary Report that highlights the specific hours required to move to the next certification level. For complete instructions and necessary documents visit the [OAAAS Program Guide](#). See below and side bar for examples of the key documents that will assist you in reporting your work experience hours.

In total, a member is required to obtain a minimum of 7200 hours of experience in specified categories while working with or for an architect. Check the Program Guide for a description of the acceptable architectural employment situations and complete details.

Remember that a new member can submit an unlimited number of retroactive work experience hours, providing you do so within the first three months of joining OAAAS. See the Program Guide for details.

Instructions for Completing Experience Record Book - ERB
(Program Guide, Page 12)

Category Descriptions + Required Activities for
Work Experience Hours
(Program Guide, Appendix B)

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO SERVE ON THE OAAAS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The OAAAS is governed by a Board of Directors which is selected annually in consultation with the OAA. Four Directors must be OAAAS members, three Directors must be OAA architects and one Director is selected from OACETT. It is anticipated that there will be two vacancies for OAAAS members, the term of each appointment is two years.

If you are interested in contributing to the association in this way, please send a motivation letter and your current résumé to rommyr@oaaas.ca. It must be received no later than Tuesday, March 21, 2017.



ABOUT OAAAS

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.

2016 - 17 Board of Directors

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