



NEWSLETTER

August 2005

OAAAS Board of Directors

The affairs of OAAAS are managed by a Board of Directors that has an equal number of Directors nominated by the Founders, the **Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians (OACETT)**, and the **Ontario Association of Architects (OAA)**. The Founders appointed the 2005/2006 OAAAS Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting held on June 22, 2005. The Board consists of four OACETT members and four OAA members.

The 2005/2006 OAAAS Board of Directors is represented by:

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Richard Baker, Dipl.Tech, B.Arch., OAA, MRAIC, NCARB (St. Catharines)

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William E. (Gene) Stodolak, B.Tech., Dipl.T., C.E.T., A.I.C., Associate OAAAS (Hamilton)

The Board of Directors, at the Annual Meeting, showed special appreciation to retiring director Domenic Cristofaro, Dip.Arch.Tech., B.Sc.Arch., B.Arch., OAA for his extended service on the OAAAS Board, including inaugural President for the 2003/2004 term and Treasurer for 2004/2005. Domenic, of Amherstburg, devoted considerable time and effort to the formation of OAAAS. The

Association thanks him and his family for all he has done for so many years. Domenic, we all wish you the very best.

Richard C. Baker, Dipl.Tech., B.Arch., OAA, MRAIC, NCARB

Profile of the 2005/2006 OAAAS President

Since 1992, Richard Baker has been a partner of Baker and Elmes Architects. Prior to that he was President of Flemming/Baker Architect Limited from 1984 – 1992 and Partner of D.E. Flemming and R.C. Baker Architects from 1981 – 1984.

Richard obtained his B. Arch. from the University of Virginia in 1968, and his Dip.Tech. from Ryerson University in 1966. He attended the University of Wisconsin School of Engineering (Extension Division), in 1973 and 1975.

Richard's professional affiliations include being a member of the Ontario Association of Architects (OAA), a member of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada (MRAIC), a Registered Architect - Commonwealth of Virginia, and is a holder of the National Council of Architectural Registration Board's Certificate (NCARB).

Richard's professional involvement has been extensive. He has been a member of the Ontario Association for Applied Architectural Sciences Board of Directors since 2002 and was appointed President in June 2005 for the 2005/2006 term. Richard has been serving as a Board Member, Niagara Ina Grafton Gage Foundation since 2001. Previously he was a Member of Council, Ontario Association of Architects from 1994 to 1999, and served as Vice-President from 1997 to 1999. Currently Richard is Chairman of the OAAAS Examination Committee that is responsible for the development of the Licensed Technologist OAA examination.

Richard has an impressive civic volunteer track record that includes:

- 🏡 St. Catharines Promotion Task Force, 1999
- 🏡 Participant (Stakeholder Group) City of St. Catharines Strategic Planning Process 1994 – 1995
- 🏡 Member, Ad Hoc Advisory Committee for the City of St. Catharines re Port Dalhousie Harbour Study, 1984 to 1989
- 🏡 Chairman, Niagara Society of Architects, 1986 - 1987.
- 🏡 Member, Mayor's Development Review Committee, City of St. Catharines, 1987
- 🏡 Director, Dalhousie Yacht Club, St. Catharines, 1979 - 1988, Commodore 1990-91
- 🏡 Past Director Fauquier Non-Profit Housing Corporation, Warrenton, Virginia

Richard published the *Local Economic Impact of Construction Activities in the Niagara Region, 1996*, and the *Brock University, School of Physical Education Recreational Facilities Design Course, 1983*.

Licensed Technologist OAA Examination

The inaugural examination for the Licensed Technologist OAA will be offered in the fall of 2005, the exact date in October has yet to be determined. The OAAAS Examination Committee is spending considerable time developing the pool of questions that are necessary to ensure they are relevant for the limited scope that applies to Licensed Technologist OAA, with topics closely linked to the additional requirements for technologists. Also, there is a process yet to be completed that will determine if the questions have sufficient breadth, and quality, and that there are adequate graphics/scenarios.

In the next month or so, OAA members will field test the final pool of questions for the Licensed Technologist OAA exam.

It has been determined that the length of the exam will be two half-days, to be written over one day. The testing will be divided according to topics, and candidates will be required to demonstrate a high standard of competency. The exam will be a multiple-choice format, targeted proportionately to have 80% multiple-choice questions, and 20% questions that include formats with set(s) of, working drawings, and scenarios (also with multiple-choice questions/answers).

Exam candidates will have access to a reference list that includes the manuals and documents used in the exam.

Since 2003, approximately 80 architects and members of OACETT have participated in the writing, pilot testing, review and retesting of exam questions. The completion of this examination, along with other defined requirements, will result in an individual being eligible for licensure by the Ontario Association of Architects as a Licensed Technologist OAA.

As soon as the OAAAS Exam Committee has established the final details of the fall Licensed Technologist OAA exam, those eligible to write will be notified immediately. If you are interested in writing the inaugural exam, please drop a note to Sherrie Machan, Admissions Co-ordinator, 416-621-9621 ext.234; fax 416-621-8694, smachan@oacett.org, we would appreciate hearing from you.

Bill 124 - Changes to the Building Regulatory System

The Implementation Date for Bill 124 Extended

As you know by now, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing announced its decision to extend the implementation period of the regulatory changes under Bill 124 to January 1, 2006.

The Building Code was amended to extend the implementation period of the building regulatory changes from July 1, 2005 to January 1, 2006 for certain key elements, specifically:

- Qualification requirements for building officials and designers;
- Registration requirements for designers (i.e. staff and insurance);
- Time frames for the review of building permit applications; and
- Commencement of the first reporting period for the annual municipal building permit fee report.

The implementation period has not been extended for all changes; so please refer to the Ministry's Fact Sheet at www.obc.mah.gov.on.ca

Effective July 1 – Common Building Permit Application Form

Although the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing extended the Bill 124 qualification period until January 1, 2006, there are still changes that came into effect July 1. The use of a common building permit application form will be mandatory for all municipalities in Ontario. The Minister originally approved the common application form in July 2003. As a result of input from stakeholders and regulatory amendments since July 2003, the Minister has approved an updated version of the form. The forms can be downloaded at http://www.obc.mah.gov.on.ca/userfiles/HTML/nts_4_24327_1.html

Over the last few months, OAAAS members have enquired about Bill 124 and how it relates to them specifically. Please remember that once you qualify as a Licensed Technologist OAA, you are in fact an Architect (with terms, conditions, and limitations), and you will qualify to be on the OAA Registry.

For current information on Bill 124, please refer to the OAA website at www.oaa.on.ca or, if you have a specific question on how Bill 124 affects you as an OAAAS member, you may contact the Ontario Association of Architects (OAA) directly to obtain the answers to your questions concerning Bill 124.

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Survey

OAAAS members have expressed interest in sharing work related information and benefits with fellow association members. Please let us know if this is something that would be of interest to you. What are the questions you would

want to see on the survey? Should salary range of the three OAAAS levels be on the survey? Are your work place benefits up to par? Are you making use of the OACETT and OAA benefits? (Please refer to the respective websites for details on member benefits) www.oacett.org and www.oaa.on.ca

Of course, with any survey information you provide, your privacy will be respected.

Membership Recruitment

Do you know someone that would be interested in becoming a member of OAAAS? We have a comprehensive package that we would like to send to them. This information is also available on the OAA and OACETT websites.

Joining OAAAS is a wise move for building designers; it offers recognition in the architectural field that one cannot obtain elsewhere. If you are in a firm or company that has employees that would benefit from OAAAS membership, please contact me and I will be pleased to arrange a meeting to discuss OAAAS membership with you and your colleagues. Also, you may wish to contact Sherrie Machan, Admissions Co-ordinator, 416-621-9621 ext.234, fax 416-621-8694, smachan@oacett.org

Congratulations to Mira Aleksova-Simjanoska, D. Arch. Eng., OAA with Abacus Architects Inc., winner of the OAAAS draw at the OAA Conference in June. Mira now owns an OAAAS sweatshirt. Conference attendees who stopped by the OAAAS information booth were asked to leave their business card in order to be eligible for the draw.

Construct Canada

November 30 - December 2, 2005
Metro Toronto Convention Centre, South Building, Toronto

The 16th annual edition of Construct Canada is a large annual exposition of products, technologies and systems for the design and construction of all types of buildings.

The Show, sponsored by the Toronto Construction Association and supported by 17 associations, includes a related major conference on trends and issues for architectural, engineering, and construction professionals. There will be over 1,050 exhibits, 21,000 attendees, and 200 seminars and presentations.

Interested in being a seminar leader? OAAAS members are invited to submit seminar proposals on topics of interest and major issues that affect their profession. As a presenter, you will be allowed 45 minutes, which will be followed by a question and answer period. Please give this your consideration and let me know if you are interested in being a seminar leader on November 30 or December 1.

To obtain additional information on the seminar program and exposition and to receive a free pass to the show and technical demonstrations visit www.constructcanada.com.

Interesting Website for Building/Architectural Professionals

A member informed me about an interesting website that may be of interest to you and your employer <http://www.argo-icc.com/>

There is a product demo on PlanWell BidCaster offered by Argo-ICC Reprographics Ltd. Check it out, it's state-of-the-art. For more information about this product, please contact Larry Kennedy at 905-706-4857.

Summer

I hope that you and your family have a safe, pleasant and enjoyable summer,

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