

## Ontario Association of Architects

Meeting #163 Open

MINUTES

October 12, 2006

The one hundred and sixty third meeting of the Council of the Ontario Association of Architects, held under the *Architects Act*, took place on Thursday October 12, 2006 at the OAA Headquarters Building, Toronto, Ontario.

<b>Present:</b>	David Craddock	President
	Sean O'Reilly	Senior Vice President & Treasurer
	Michael Bulatovich	Vice President, Communications
	Louis Cooke	Vice President, Statutory Activities
	Allan Larden	Vice President, Practice
	Sheena Sharp	Vice President, Government Relations
	Lisa Bate	Immediate Past President
	Michael Brum	Councillor
	Jerry Chlebowski	Councillor
	Pawel Fielt	Councillor
	Paul Hastings	Councillor
	William Kachmaryk	Councillor
	Joanne McCallum	Councillor
	Elaine Mintz	Lieutenant Governor in Council Appointee
	Jeff Perry	Councillor
	Kevin Robinson	Lieutenant Governor in Council Appointee
	Andre Sherman	Councillor
	Michael Visser	Lieutenant Governor in Council Appointee
	Kristi Doyle	Director of Policy
	Gordon Masters	Director of Operations
	Hillel Roebuck	Registrar
	Tina Carfa	Executive Assistant, Executive Services
<b>Regrets:</b>	Amar Banerjee	Lieutenant Governor in Council Appointee
	George Teichman	Lieutenant Governor in Council Appointee

The President called the meeting to order at 1:25 p.m.

### AGENDA APPROVAL

5634. The President noted that the following items were added to the agenda:

- 5.1 Special offer to OAA members re. Autodesk
- 5.2 Bill 124, Fair Access to Regulated Professions Act

**It was moved by Bate and seconded by Perry that the agenda be approved as amended.**

-- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5635. The President welcomed the RAIC Regional Director, Ontario Southwest Randy Dhar and Chair, RAIC Syllabus Review Task Force, Ian MacDonald.

The President noted that item 4.2.b. RAIC Syllabus Program Review – Update would be dealt with first on the agenda since the guests were ready to present to Council.

### ***For Discussion***

5636. RAIC Syllabus Program Review – Update (*PowerPoint Presentation*)

MacDonald commenced his presentation to Council by reporting that a strategy for renewal and relevance of the RAIC Syllabus Program is underway and would be presented to Council.

Dhar added that MacDonald was asked by the RAIC Board to work on implementing the renewal which was based on the 2004 report for the RAIC Syllabus Task Force.

MacDonald provided a brief summary of his professional and educational background.

MacDonald recalled that the issue of the suspension of the RAIC Syllabus Program began with correspondence from the Alberta Association of Architects (AAA) who cited a lack of confidence in the program, claiming a detached relationship with the Syllabus program as well as concern over quality assurance aspects of the program. The AAA placed a moratorium on the acceptance of the program as an alternative for the required education. At that time, a legal opinion was sought by the RAIC and it was confirmed that they had ultimate jurisdiction over the Syllabus program i.e. ownership.

MacDonald noted that a task force was established in 2002 to review the Syllabus program. The recommendations that came back from the task force were as follows:

- Maintain and renew RAIC Syllabus and create relevance with the Canadian Education Standard;
- Establish new governance model including all major collateral organizations and stakeholders;
- Offer and service a renewed Syllabus program in both official languages;
- Explore institutional partnerships for program delivery;
- Explore sources of funding for the renewal process.

MacDonald reviewed the characteristics of the existing Syllabus program noting that most of the students are located in Ontario adding that the program is revenue neutral and on a subsistence budget.

It was noted by MacDonald that there is little in the way of contributions from industry and none from RAIC.

MacDonald explained the similarity of the program to that of the RIBA home learning program, noting that it is broken down into three levels: general; less general; and focused.

MacDonald reported that there is an 80-90% success rate in the program and that it is intended to follow the current Canadian Education Standard for admissions.

MacDonald recalled that problems were faced in the curriculum development in that the Syllabus program is similar to CES except for electives and general education.

MacDonald suggested that the current issue with the CACB may lie in how the credits are assigned and quality assurance.

MacDonald explained the current means of verification of program quality, indicating a clear need for quality control mechanisms for an institutional partner by means of an objective process.

The CACB/NAAB basic requirements for program accreditation were outlined by MacDonald as follows:

- Approved strategic plan
- Self assessment program
- Social equity
- Human resources (students, faculty, staff)
- Human resources development (staff quality)

- Information resources (library, CAD)
- Physical resources
- Financial resources
- Professional degrees and curriculum
- Student performance criteria

Outlined below by MacDonald was the program development strategy for the RAIC Syllabus:

- Enroll 200+ students
- Offer undergraduate and graduate level courses in design studies, technology, theory, history, praxis

MacDonald indicated that it is the intent of the RAIC to bring the Syllabus Program under the auspices of Athabasca University.

MacDonald explained the reasoning as to why Athabasca University was chosen, noting that it is a Canadian accredited university with an ability to offer the program in both official languages and is completely distance based.

Additionally, MacDonald explained that Athabasca is an experienced university that has a mission and academic policies that are consistent with the Syllabus program and that it has the opportunity to evolve the Syllabus program into a true national program in architecture.

MacDonald suggested that this approach was advantageous to RAIC in that it relieves its current administrative and financial burden as well as providing a vehicle to engage individuals in both official languages.

The President thanked MacDonald and enquired as to whether Council had any questions or comments.

A member of Council enquired as to what the outcome would be with respect to the current volunteers under the Syllabus program with the switch to a university setting.

MacDonald responded that the issue of volunteers is currently being examined.

An enquiry was made by a Council member as to what the status is with the current students enrolled in the Syllabus program and whether a transition plan has been established.

MacDonald responded that the same Syllabus program would be continued for the students currently enrolled in the program in accordance to their original arrangements.

A Council member enquired as to whether Syllabus students have been consulted on this renewal program and what the cost of the program will be.

MacDonald responded that the cost of the program has not been established but would be competitively priced.

Roebuck questioned whether the CES is the correct benchmark for this type of program given that the majority are working students as compared to a traditional school. The intent of the program is an 'apprenticeship' based format.

Roebuck also reminded that when the Syllabus program was put on hold in early summer there were a number of graduates who were left in a state of flux and enquired as to what is happening with them since they are not being accredited by the CACB.

MacDonald reported that the CACB applications are held in confidence and is therefore not certain as to their status.

Doyle noted that there had been some discussion in Montreal at a meeting held in early September that the Board would consider lifting the freeze on those students at their meeting in October.

A member of Council questioned as to whether other universities had been approached.

MacDonald responded that the distance education model is not necessarily offered by other schools, adding that of the current schools in the country, none have come forth expressing interest.

MacDonald added that Ryerson noted that they had a full schedule at the present time and were therefore not interested.

A member of Council enquired as to what the RAIC's commitment is with respect to timelines.

MacDonald responded that he would investigate and return with an answer.

A Council member reiterated that the model presented to Council was an 'educator's model' and does not match with the true intent of the Syllabus program; it is moving away from apprenticeship.

Dhar requested that OAA Council endorse the proposal as presented to Council by MacDonald. OAA Present Craddock indicated that the Council would not be prepared to do that having only heard the proposal for the first time that day.

Dhar suggested to Council that any further questions or concerns be forwarded to RAIC for a response.

The President thanked Dhar and MacDonald for their presentation.

The Open meeting broke and returned to session at 3:45 p.m.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

5637. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Draft Minutes of the July 6, 2006 Open Council Meeting.  
**(APPENDIX 'A')**

The minutes from the July 6, 2006 Open Council Meeting were reviewed by Council.

The President noted the report from Vice President Cooke at item N. In light of additional information gained re. the Inter-recognition agreement and the role of the Registrar in granting a licence to individuals who have received their NCARB certification via the Broadly Experienced Architect route, a member of Council requested that the minutes be amended on page 6, paragraph 2 as follows: "It was moved by O'Reilly and seconded by Bulatovich that Council not pursue the study of the issue of the Broadly Experienced Architects at this time."

**It was moved by O'Reilly and seconded by Bate that the minutes of the July 6, 2006 Open Council meeting be approved as amended.**

-- CARRIED (3 abstentions)

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

5638. There was no business arising from the minutes.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*For Review and Approval*

5639. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from Senior Vice President and Treasurer and Chair, PCS Review Steering Committee, Sean O'Reilly dated October 2, 2006, re. Final Report and Recommendations of the PCS Review Steering Committee. **(APPENDIX 'B')**

The Senior Vice President and Treasurer suggested that his covering memorandum was self-explanatory and presented the final report and recommendations of the PCS Review Steering Committee.

There was discussion around the suggestion that Council must continue to maintain a 'mandatory' element to the program given that it is mandated in the Act and Regulations. Members of Council agreed that a form of self-assessment by practices not unlike the current Practice Self Assessment Rating Form be used as a vehicle to achieve this. If there were concerns with that assessment, an on-site visit could be triggered.

**It was moved by O'Reilly and seconded by Kachmaryk that Council receive the Final Report of the PCS Review Steering Committee; and, that the recommendations be approved in principle, along with completion of a mandatory self-assessment by all Certificate of Practice Holders in a specified cycle; and that the revised policies and procedures around the PCS be subject to review by OAA Legal Counsel, John Brunner before returning to Council for final approval.**

-- CARRIED (1 abstention- Sharp)

5640. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from President, David Craddock dated October 3, 2006 re. Appointment of Representative to University of Toronto School Council **(APPENDIX 'C')**

Craddock noted that discussion with respect to the individuals being considered for appointment had occurred during the In Camera portion of the meeting.

**It was moved by Craddock and seconded by Bulatovich that Council approve the appointment of Karl Stevens as the OAA representative to the University of Toronto School Council, Faculty of Architecture, Landscape and Design for a four year term, effective immediately.**

-- CARRIED (7 in favour, 1 opposed, 6 abstentions)

5641. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from Chair, Communications Committee, Pawel Fielt dated October 5, 2006 re. Report on External Relations. **(APPENDIX 'D')**

The Vice President, Communications suggested that the memorandum was self-explanatory noting that it is for information only.

The report was received by Council.

5642. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from the Communications Committee dated October 2, 2006 re. Perspectives – Review of Mandate; Perspectives Publisher Interviews. **(APPENDIX 'E')**

The Vice President, Communications reported that the contract held with the current publisher is ending and it was determined by the Committee that it was not well served and as such, other potential publishers were sought out.

It was recalled by the Vice President that interviews had been held with several publishers and a comparison is attached in the package. It was added that the Committee was seeking some form of revenue to flow back to the OAA as part of the contract with a publisher.

As reported by the Vice President, Communications, the Committee is now looking for direction from Council to proceed with final negotiations with Naylor as the new publisher of *Perspectives* as outlined in the memorandum.

**It was moved by Bulatovich and seconded by Fiett that Council direct the Communications Committee to proceed with negotiating a *Perspectives* publishing contract with Naylor; and, that the final contract be presented to OAA Council for approval.**

-- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

A member of the Communications Committee suggested that *Profiles* be revived and could possibly take on a new role as a vehicle for communication to the membership.

A Council member enquired as to how Council would have control over the type of ads placed in *Perspectives* and possible legal implications.

Cooper confirmed that the OAA has had an informal agreement with the existing publisher that there is a review of the advertisements prior to distribution of *Perspectives* by the Editorial Committee.

A member of Council enquired as to the reason for the publication not to be available in an electronic format alternatively.

Cooper confirmed that there is revenue to be gained from the advertisers and that Naylor will be providing an e-version as well.

A Council member enquired as to whether the contract can be terminated solely under the condition that a breach of contract occurs.

Cooper confirmed that three months notice may be given to the publisher if Council wishes to terminate the contract.

5643. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from Director of Policy, Kristi Doyle dated September 26, 2006 re. Alternative Financing and Procurement – Infrastructure Ontario's New Delivery Models for Public Building Infrastructure. **(APPENDIX 'F')**

Doyle suggested that her memorandum was self-explanatory and fairly detailed, outlining the current Alternative Finance Procurement (AFP) situation in Ontario, adding that there has been an escalation in projects rolling out.

Members of Council considered the memorandum from Doyle as well as specific issues including the unknown nature of the roles and responsibilities of architects, unreasonable bid demands, and changing contract documents.

Doyle suggested that direction from Council be provided with respect to moving forward on this issue, adding that Infrastructure Ontario (IO) has made a formal offer to the OAA, Consulting Engineers Ontario (CEO) and Ontario General Contractors Association (OGCA) to establish ongoing liaison.

Doyle added that individuals are being asked to sign agreements that have not yet been finalized.

The Chair of the AFP Task Group suggested that this type of movement goes against the OAA's Vision of "Building Leaders" and is disconcerting.

The Chair noted that the contracts are all being presented in a large-scale format such as the hospitals and is pushing for more risk to rest with the bidders which Pro-Demnity Insurance Company (Pro-Dem) is against, adding that he believes that there is a blatant disregard for the architect's role in the contracts.

It was suggested by the Chair that Council become vocal immediately to the issue and perhaps consider aligning with CEO and OGCA.

A member of Council indicated that the current contracts that are being put forth to the consortiums are unworkable, adding that s/he believed that the IO does not understand the profession and their responsibility.

A Council member agreed, adding that the municipalities are also taking multiple projects and melding them into a single large-scale project. This bundling will likely trickle down to the municipal level which has already begun to affect the smaller firms.

It was recalled by a member of Council that in Britain, several large firms went under by pursuing those types of projects.

A Council member suggested that it may be in the interest of the OAA to get more engaged with Pro-Dem on this issue and that this should be considered in the context of further involvement with IO.

Doyle suggested that the Task Group be given direction to develop a strategy for further involvement which will include a budget.

A member of Council indicated that a notice should go out to the members, cautioning them against signing such a contract.

The Chair suggested that this issue currently only affects a few of the larger architectural practices but will likely escalate.

Doyle reported that there is a fine line in distinguishing what is considered to be collusion and what is not, noting that an organization cannot direct a group of their members to sign or 'not sign' an agreement. What the OAA can do is point out the risks and or issues to its members, including anything that contravenes current standards of practice.

Doyle added that the offer from IO to establish a liaison is part of the organizations' current stakeholder relations campaign to gain support from the industry, and cautioned that the OAA must consider carefully its strategy for involvement.

The Chair of the AFP Task Group indicated that this must be a priority for Council.

- **It was moved by Perry and seconded by Kachmaryk that given Council's agreement that this matter is a priority, the AFP Task Group be directed to develop a strategy, including budget, for dealing with Infrastructure Ontario and issues relating to AFP in Ontario; and, that the strategy include cooperation of other stakeholder groups, including Pro-Deminity Insurance Company.**

-- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Direction:** It was agreed that Vice President Sharp be added to the current AFP Task Group.

Perry left the meeting at 5:05p.m.

5644. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from Vice President Statutory Activities, Louis Cooke dated September 28, 2006 re. Intern Architect Program. **(APPENDIX 'G')**

Cooke report that an assistant for OAA Administrator, Admission has been placed into the draft budget for 2007, adding that his proposal is to eliminate the Intern Advisory Teams (IAT) and replace with staff review of the experience submission, which would likely expedite the internship process.

A member of Council enquired as to whether there was an existing appeal process for interns.

Roebuck responded that there was no appeal process related to review of experience.

The Council member further enquired as to whether there is a provision in the regulations that provides for an appeals process.

Roebuck responded that either an Applicant for licence or the Registrar can request that experience be submitted to the Experience Requirements Committee for a determination as to whether or not the applicant has met the experience requirements set out in the regulation for the issuance of a licence.

**It was moved by Cooke and seconded by O'Reilly that Council approve:**

- **the disbandment of the Intern Advisory Teams**
- **the review of the experience submissions from Interns to be conducted by Administrator, Admissions with any anomalies or "architectural" content issues to be reviewed by the Registrar; and,**
- **hiring of a new staff member as assistant to the Administrator, Admissions**

-- CARRIED (1 abstention)

5645. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from the BCDS Steering Committee dated October 2, 2006 re. Policies re. OAA Building Code Designation System (BCDS) Assessments. **(APPENDIX 'H')**

Doyle suggested that the memorandum was self-explanatory.

A Council member enquired as to whether workshops would also be offered twice yearly if the Assessments are to be offered similarly.

Doyle responded that the workshops would be offered to coincide with upcoming Assessments.

Visser left the meeting at 5:25p.m.

There was some discussion around the notion of offering a reduced rate for the Assessments and/or retakes based on the completion of the training sessions.

**It was moved by Bate and seconded by Kachmaryk that Council approve the following policies related to the OAA Building Code Assessments effective October 12, 2006:**

- **Allow one rewrite of each of the three OAA assessments at no charge, any additional rewrites will be at a cost of \$50.**
- **All completed BCDS Assessments will be destroyed 12 months after completion.**
- **OAA BCDS Assessments will be offered twice yearly, once in October and once in around March/April; exceptions to this can be made by OAA Council.**

-- CARRIED(3 abstentions)

Kachmaryk left the meeting at 5:30p.m.

5646. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from the ARE Task Group dated September 26, 2006 re. Proposal for a 'Made in Canada' Architect Registration Examination. **(APPENDIX 'I')**

The memorandum from the Task Group was reviewed in detail.

A member of the ARE Task Group reported that they met with the Ordre des Architectes du Quebec (OAQ) and the Alberta Association of Architects (AAA) in September to discuss the proposal for the new exam, including work plan, content and schedule.

It was reported by the member of the Task Group that the OAQ has hired an evaluation and testing consultant, who has already begun work with the OAQ fleshing out the learning objectives based on broad topic areas. During the September 21<sup>st</sup> meeting, there had also been discussion around budget and cost sharing between the three partners.



Doyle reported that she has received a draft budget from OAA which will need to be reviewed by each province's individual task group. The Senior Vice President and Treasurer indicated that a number will be included in the draft 2007 budget based on those budget discussions.

**It was moved by Sharp and seconded by Brum that Council accept the report and actions proposed by the ARE Task Group as outlined in their memorandum dated September 26, 2006; and that the Task Group be directed to make further contact with NCARB to notify them of the OAA's intentions to discontinue use of the NCARB ARE; and, request their feedback related to the impact on the Inter-Recognition Agreement.**

-- CARRIED (1 opposed, 3 abstentions)

A member of Council suggested that the members be immediately notified of Council's intention to pursue a 'Made in Canada' ARE. A notice would be placed in the next edition of e-bulletin as part of the Council highlights segment.

5647. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from the Council Conference Committee dated October 2, 2006 re. OAA Conference 2007. **(APPENDIX 'J')**

The President suggested that the memorandum was self-explanatory and referred members of Council to page three of the memorandum for consideration of the action items.

**It was moved by Craddock and seconded by O'Reilly that the draft schedule of events for the OAA Conference 2007 be approved as presented to Council on October 12, 2006.**

-- CARRIED (1 abstention)

Doyle clarified that this does not include the roster of Continuing Education sessions for the conference. These will be presented to Council for approval in December.

It was noted by a member of the Conference Committee that the original suggested title for the Conference has included the following tag line: "Beyond the Crisis", however the RAIC Board had approved the title without the tag line.

**It was moved by Craddock and seconded by O'Reilly that the proposed title and theme of the 2007 OAA Conference/RAIC Festival, "The next 100 years: Healthy Buildings, Healthy Communities" be approved as presented to Council on October 12, 2006.**

-- CARRIED (9 in favour, 3 opposed (Fielt), 2 abstentions)

Members of Council reviewed the draft memorandum which would establish the financial and operational arrangements between the OAA and RAIC for the 2007 event. It was pointed out that the budget was being finalized, however costs were considerably high for the convocation event, in particular the venue. Doyle noted that the OAA's conference planner was attempting to negotiate a reduced cost. It was noted that the event was an RAIC specific event, however the proposal was that the cost of the event be shared and that it be included in the delegate package.

**It was moved by Craddock and seconded by O'Reilly that the draft Financial and Operational arrangements for the OAA and RAIC Conference and Festival 2007 be approved as presented to Council on October 12, 2006, with the exception of the Convocation and Keynote speaker which will be subject to final approval by the Conference Committee based on budget.**

-- CARRIED (3 abstentions)

Mintz and Sherman left the meeting at 5:45p.m.

The President suggested that the remainder of the items in the agenda under 'Review and Approval' be carried forth to the next meeting of Council and that the items noted 'For Information' be received unless there are any comments or questions.

***For Information***

5648. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from Vice President, Government Relations, Sheena Sharp dated October 2, 2006 re. Bill 124 Task Group – Judicial Review Update. **(APPENDIX 'K')**

Noted for information.

5649. Report on Meeting under Memorandum of Understanding (*oral*)

Noted for information.

5650. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from Director of Policy, Kristi Doyle dated October 4, 2006 re. Association of Registered Interior Designers of Ontario – Proposed Practice Act Update and proposed amendments to Bill 121. **(APPENDIX 'L')**

Noted for information.

5651. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from Vice President, Government Relations, Sheena Sharp dated September 19, 2006 re. Building Advisory Committee (BAC) Update. **(APPENDIX 'M')**

Noted for information.

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Noted for information.

5653. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from Councillor, Andre Sherman dated October 2, 2006 re. Straw Bale Construction. **(APPENDIX 'N')**

Noted for information.

5654. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from Vice President, Communications, Michael Bulatovich dated October 3, 2006 re. Design Industry Advisory Committee Update. **(APPENDIX 'O')**

Noted for information.

5655. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from Vice President, Practice, Allan Larden dated September 29, 2006 re. Report from Vice President, Practice. **(APPENDIX 'P')**

Noted for information.

5656. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Report from London and Northern Ontario Societies of Architects. **(APPENDIX 'Q')**

Noted for information.

5657. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from Chair, Internationally-Trained Professionals Pilot Mentoring Project Advisory Committee, Jeff Perry dated September 28, 2006 re. Internationally-Trained Professionals (ITP's). **(APPENDIX 'R')**

Noted for information.

5658. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from Director of Policy, Kristi Doyle dated October 4, 2006 re. Update re. Strategic Issues Committee. **(APPENDIX 'S')**

Noted for information.

5659. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Ontario Association for Applied Architectural Sciences (OAAAS) newsletter dated August 2006. **(APPENDIX 'T')**

Noted for information.

5660. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Correspondence from Ryerson University to Councillor Paul Hastings dated July 31, 2006 re. Invitation to Participate in the Ryerson University Department of Architectural Science Program Advisory Council. **(APPENDIX 'U')**

Noted for information.

5661. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from Registrar, Hillel Roebuck dated September 28, 2006 re. Activities Under the Registrar: June 1-September 28, 2006. **(APPENDIX 'V')**

Noted for information.

5662. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Articles from Publications. **(APPENDIX 'W')**

Noted for information.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

5663. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from Director of Policy, Kristi Doyle dated October 11, 2006 re. "Fair Access to Regulated Professions Act" – The "new" Bill 124 and attached background information. **(APPENDIX 'X')**

Roebuck reported that he attended a meeting of the Ontario Regulators for Access Consortium (ORAC) at which there was considerable discussion around 'the new Bill 124'. Roebuck reiterated that the message from the government via this proposed legislation is that it wishes to make regulators more accessible to Internationally-trained Professionals (ITPs) and is looking to the regulators to assist ITPs in accessing the workforce, along with having a fair, open and transparent registration process.

Roebuck noted that the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration (MCI) would be requesting a report on the number of ITPs each regulatory body recognizes in the form of an annual audit, adding that the first set of statistics indicates that the OAA was ranked in 2004 as having 184 self-claimed architects entering the Province of Ontario. Of those ITPs who completed the Intern Architect Program requirements between January 1, 2004 – December 31, 2005, a total of 24 ITPs were licensed.

It was reported by Roebuck that the ORAC is in the process of drafting a letter on behalf of the regulators for submission to the Minister. Roebuck indicated that the OAA is being asked to 'sign-on' to that letter.

As noted in Doyle's memorandum, the bill received second reading on October 3, 2006 and will be referred to one of the standing committees, likely in the very near future.

Council was asked to consider whether it wishes to make a submission to the standing committee and/or request an appearance before the standing committee to make an oral presentation.

Doyle suggested that Council may wish to formally voice concerns which would be consistent with the information that was contained in the memorandum presented to Council on the bill at the July meeting.

A member of Council enquired as to whether the government be will directing regulators with respect to bringing ITPs into the fold, or will it be limited to suggestions and notices of deficiencies around registration processes.

Roebuck responded that one of the challenges is that much of this information will not be known until the regulations are drafted. Roebuck added that this is one of the issues being raised by ORAC as well as staff, that is, the lack of definition around a number of the elements which must be clarified and limited under the regulations.

**It was moved by Bate and seconded by Bulatovich that Council support a letter to the Minister re. Bill 124, Fair Access to Regulated Professions Act, in cooperation with the other regulators under the auspices of Ontario Regulators for Access Consortium (ORAC); and, that the OAA also make a formal written submission to the Standing Committee, as well as request a formal appearance before the Standing Committee.**

-- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Direction:** Due to the timing of the letter from ORAC, it was agreed that the letter would be subject to final approval by the President as well as the final submission to the standing committee.

Chlebowski and McCallum left the meeting at 6:00p.m.

5664. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from Vice President, Government Relations, Sheena Sharp dated September 25, 2006 re. Autodesk Meeting Update and attached background information.  
**(APPENDIX 'Y')**

The Vice President, Government Relations reported that she met with Autodesk representatives whom presented a proposal to offer a special rate to the membership.

It was noted by the Vice President, Government Relations that the majority of the membership currently uses Autodesk and suggested that the offer be put out to them and they can determine whether they wish to purchase the package or not.

A number of members of Council voiced concern around AutoDesk products and the notion of the OAA being seen as endorsing the company and/or product(s). There was discussion that the OAA should not get involved in the process.

Sharp noted that the OAA was not being asked to endorse AutoDesk or its products.

Doyle clarified that a mailing list would not be accessible to Autodesk under Privacy policies.

**It was moved by Sharp and seconded by Hastings that Council approve the proposal from Autodesk for a limited time offer to OAA members for the purchase of AutoCAD/Revit software, related subscription and training.**

-- MOTION DEFEATED (2 in favour, 7 opposed, 2 abstentions)

#### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

5665. The next regular meeting of Council is Thursday December 7, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at the OAA Headquarters in Toronto, Ontario.

A special meeting of Council will be held at the OAA on November 8<sup>th</sup> to consider the draft 2007 Budget.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**5666. It was moved by Bulatovich and seconded by Bate that the meeting be adjourned at 6:12 p.m.**

--CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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Date