OAAAS
Ontario Association for Applied Architectural Sciences

TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM OF THE OAA

Message from the President

The OAAAS is continuing its efforts to promote itself and the importance of architectural technology to the public and profession. We have developed and are progressively implementing a comprehensive marketing plan. We will continue visits to the community colleges and to architectural practices. We have upcoming presentations to staff of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and to various municipal building divisions. We're also intending to make presentations to the local architectural societies throughout Ontario, timed to coincide with the OAA President's annual visits.

We continue to receive positive feedback on our promotional video and will be implementing strategies to promote it further, including an increased social media presence.

The video is displayed on our website here: OAAAS Information Video

Please contact us if you would like to schedule an OAAAS presentation or lunch-and-learn for you and your colleagues!

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

Message from the Executive Director

Once a member completes the work experience hours, attends the OAA Admission Course and successfully writes the OAAAS exam, s|he is ready to apply to the OAA to become a Licensed Technologist OAA.

If you are now, or may soon be, in this fortunate situation, here is what you need to know about the process and timing of your OAA application.

The application form is available on the OAA website. Once you complete it, you forward it to the OAA Registrar's Office, along with a payment for the application fee and appropriate membership payment (half or full year's fee depending on whether your application is accepted before June 30 of any year). That's all you need to do.

When the OAA receives your application, they will request OAAAS to provide the membership package. This will include all of the relevant documents we have on file, such as your proof of citizenship, college diploma or transcript, work experience record book, exam notification and OAA Continuing Education transcript.

You should know that it takes 8-10 weeks from the date your application form is received by the OAA for the entire process to be completed. So, if you are eligible and wish to maximize your annual membership fee, you should submit the application no later than the first week in November and you should receive your license early in January. If you are ready to apply in the early part of the year, you may wish to consider applying by the end of the first week in May, in which case you would receive your license after July 1 and need only pay the half year

Garry Neil
Executive Director | Registrar

2 Designer Qualifications for Licensed Technologist OAA

In 2006, the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario applied for a judicial review of the newly introduced requirements in the Ontario Building Code for qualification, registration, and professional design. Subsequently, the OAA intervened in the court process. In 2007, the Divisional Court published its finding that various provisions in the building code did not apply to licensed engineers and, by analogy, likely did not apply to licensed architects. Thus, the court decided that professional engineers and architects were not required to be qualified and registered under the building code and that the *Professional Engineers Act* and *Architects Act* determine the scope of practice for, and relationships between, engineers and architects.

This means that professional engineers and architects are not required to be holders of a Building Code Identification Number (BCIN) and therefore not required to complete the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) examinations and registration process.

Because Licensed Technologists OAA <u>are</u> OAA members, this ruling extends to them. OAA Regulatory Notice 11 clarifies the applicability of the *Architects Act* to licensed technologists:

"The *Architects Act* and Regulation 27 under the *Architects Act* as well as OAA regulatory notices and other OAA information apply equally to the architect and the Licensed Technologist OAA. The Licensed Technologist OAA is bound by the same standards of practice and rules of conduct as an architect."

As such, the MMAH's qualification and registration system is not a requirement for a Lic.Tech.OAA to provide services to the public. Consequently, a Lic.Tech.OAA is not required to complete Schedule 1 (Designer Information) of a building permit application. A Lic.Tech.OAA is required to seal all drawings, as is an architect.

For more information refer to the MMAH website here: PEO Decision: Questions and Answers and to the OAA's Regulatory Notice 11 here: OAA Regulatory Notice R.11 or contact the OAA.

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

2 New Licensed Technologist OAA Members

We would like to congratulate the following members who recently achieved their Licensed Technologist OAA licence:

Gino Di Vizio	Kathleen Dorner
Andrew Fernandes	Kyle Heitzner
Alexander Josic	Blair Saj
Derek Scarpelli	Derek Towns
Samuel J.R. Wilson	

3 New OAA Contracts for Licensed Technologist OAA

This past summer, the OAA introduced OAA Document 900-2014: Standard Contract between Architect and Consultant and its accompanying guide. The contract is intended to be used as a contract between an architect and traditional consultants (such as engineers, landscape architects, etc.) and should be used when an appropriate prime contract is in place. Suitable contracts are OAA 600-2013 and OAA 800-2011. It is also suitable for use when the consultant is another OAA member, either an architect or Licensed Technologist OAA.

Along with OAA 900, a series of contracts for use by Licensed Technologists was also published, including the following:

- OAA 602-2014: Standard Form of Contract for Licensed Technologist OAA's Services
- OAA 603-2014: Standard Form of Contract for Licensed Technologist OAA's Services
- OAA 801-2014: Standard Short Form of Contract for Licensed Technologist OAA's Services, and
- OAA 901-2014: Standard Contract between Licensed Technologist OAA and Consultant

All of these documents and their accompanying guides can be downloaded for free from the OAA website's contract sections here: OAA Contracts

Note: the guides for the architect contracts (OAA 600, 601, 801, and 900) apply equally to the corresponding Lic.Tech.OAA versions.

Please contact the OAA Practice Advisors should you have questions regarding the use of these documents.

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

3 Call for Submissions for new Newsletter Feature:
'Member Profile'

Would you like to know how successful architectural technologists built their careers? We certainly would. We will be featuring a series of *Member Profiles* in the 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, let us know at RommyR@oaaas.ca.

We are looking to feature the following information:
- A description of your current professional standing
- Your career highlights
- Future career goals
- Your view on the architectural technology profession.

Please include:
- Two images in JPEG format, minimum 300 dpi. (One photo of yourself and one image of one of your projects.)
- Maximum 300-400 words

Submission deadline for the next issue is Friday, Jan 16, 2015.

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.

4 Member Article

Sureshni Fernando is a graduate of the Sheridan College architectural technology program and currently works at Kingsland + Architects, where she specializes on contract administration and specification writing. Her years of experience have given her the opportunity to work in both large and small firms, on projects ranging from industrial, commercial, corporate, retail, hospitality, pharmaceutical (GMP and NONGMP), to low rise apartment buildings and residential. Earlier in her career, she had the opportunity to work in Bermuda, on million dollar home projects. Her current career goal is to achieve her Licensed Technologist OAA Licence. This led her to attend the 2014 OAA Admission Course. The following article is her personal account of her experience.

Attending the OAA Admission Course - From a members perspective

The annual OAA Conference and Admission Course were held in Montreal this year, and the location was fitting as the topic of discussion was Heritage Architecture. The Conference has seminars and meetings of interest to architects and those closely related, such as the Licensed Technologists OAA. The Admission Course is a mandatory requirement for anyone who is looking to be licensed by the OAA, either as an Architect or Lic.Tech.OAA.

Even though the exam for architects and technologists is different, the topics of discussions are the same. The three-day Admission Course was jam-packed with a robust syllabus which engaged all attendees. It ranged from keynote speakers, to seminars which provided information specific to the practice of architecture, professionalism, regulatory matters, contract administration, legal issues and building codes, to name only some. During the Conference there are many social events organized by the OAA. Though they are not compulsory, I would highly recommend that you attend at least one social event, since it is a wonderful networking opportunity. The events are: opening reception, lunch with a keynote speaker, networking lunch where the OAAAS Student Awards are presented, the OAA Annual General Meeting, and the OAA Awards Banquet.

The opening reception was held at the beautiful Le Parquet Center in the CDP Capital building. The glass walled atrium set the stage, and provided an elegant charm for the event. After a long day of lectures, it was relaxing to enjoy the ambiance, some mouth-watering appetizers and cocktails. The reception was a great opportunity to network and mingle with new graduates and seasoned veterans. I must say that everyone was open and willing to share tips and their own experiences, many discussed their love of the field, or the opportunities available. A highlight for me was when I had the opportunity to chat with the OAA President Bill Birdsell. His kind words and encouragement were music to my ears.

For technologists, there is a special session of the Admission Course organized by the OAAAS. This was great opportunity to meet key people in the Association as well as colleagues attending the Admission Course. OAA Registrar Nedra Brown reviewed the OAA Policy Statement on the Licensed Technologist OAA. This is a key document, since it outlines the limitations, terms and conditions that apply to our license. OAAAS Executive Director|Registrar Garry Neil spoke about his vision for the future of the OAAAS as an organization. I found OAAAS President Jeremiah Gammond's address inspirational. He shared his thoughts about being a licensed technologist, and his own journey. His words gave the group hope for a better and brighter future for all members. I also enjoyed the round table discussion where colleagues discussed their future

goals and dreams. The *piece de resistance* was when Rommy Rodriguez presented our golden OAAAS lapel pins, symbolizing our accomplishments to this point in our career!

The Awards Banquet was held on the last day of the Admission Course. Held at the Le Grand Salon of the Fairmount Queen Elizabeth, this was a grand celebration of the accomplishments of OAA members. The dinner reception was filled with award winning designs which added to the already exquisite ambience. The dinner was exceptional and the presentation was quite fitting for the occasion. Ben Mulroney was MC for the night and he highlighted the variety of award categories and the accomplishments of the winners. The recipients are setting a very high standard not just in our own backyard but for the architectural community as a whole. I found it quite humbling to be amongst such amazing talent, and at the same time inspiring to take the first step, dreaming big and embracing these higher standards in my own professional life.

I have one piece of advice for all future Admission Course registrants. Please do make the effort to attend the functions, and enjoy meeting and networking with likeminded professionals from around the province!

By Sureshni Fernando, Technologist

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Important News for Members

CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM (ConEd)	**ConEd Cycle 2012-2014 ended on June 30, 2014** Members who did not report their ConEd activities by June 30 have the opportunity to report their hours manually by filling out the attached form and submitting it to the OAA Continuing Education dept. at oaaconed@oaa.on.ca. Members who did not complete their ConEd responsibilities by June 30, are currently recorded as non-compliant. Email RommyR@oaaas.ca for the **ConEd Cycle 2012-2014 Reporting Form.**
CONTINUING EDUCATION RESPONSIBILITIES	**Technologist OAAAS Members: 15 hours of learning** (minimum of 5 hours of structured learning) **Licensed Technologist OAA Members: 35 hours of learning** (minimum of 12 hours of structured learning) See the Structured and Unstructured Learning pages for more detailed information. The following links also provide further information about the ConEd program: Program Requirements, Learning Activities Eligibility Criteria. If you have any problems, please contact RommyR@oaaas.ca or oaaconed@oaa.on.ca.
Last 2014 OAAAS EXAM DATE	The next examination date will be Friday, November 21, 2014. To register please contact RommyR@oaaas.ca. You must have attended the OAA Admission Course in order to be eligible to write the exam.
NEW 2015 OAAAS EXAM DATE	2015 Examination dates are Friday, June 19 and Friday, November 20. To register please contact RommyR@oaaas.ca.
2015 OAAAS STUDENT AWARDS LAUNCH	OAAAS has launched its 2015 OAAAS Students Awards for Excellence in Architectural Technology. For the Awards Guidelines and Entry Form please visit: 2015 OAAAS Student Awards Guidelines + Entry Form
NEW PAYPAL PAYMENT OPTION	Members now have the option of paying their annual membership dues and other fees online, via PayPal. For details contact RommyR@oaaas.ca.
NEW EXPERIENCE RECORD BOOK (ERB)	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 revised Experience Record Book template is here: http://www.oaa.on.ca/the+oaa/allied+organizations/oaaas

5 New Members We would like to welcome the following new Members:		
	Dallas Bay	David Tandjung
	Alison Michelin	Pawel Trytek
	Yusra Niaz	Brandon Velez
	Melissa Shortill	Joseph Xerri

6 Submitting your work experience hours

Remember that you should submit your work experience hours approximately every 1000 hours.

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 OAAAS Experience Record Book (ERB).

Once your hours have been calculated you will be sent a Summary Report that outlines and highlights the areas and specific hours that are still required to move to the next certification level. For specific instructions, visit: http://www.oaa.on.ca/the+oaa/allied+organizations/oaaas, click on the OAAAS grey tab *Experience* tab.

We recommend that you review the documents **Categories and Experience Areas (Page 10) and the Experience Area Description (Appendix B)** to help you map out the number of work experience hours that you require for each certification level and to assess under what specific categories these hours should be placed. These documents can be found in the OAAAS Program Guide.

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.

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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