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## Message from the President

After serving for six years on the OAAAS Board of Directors, the last three as your President, I have decided to step down at the next annual meeting. Membership organizations like OAAAS must have renewal in their leadership positions and it is one of the reasons we adopted a governance policy last year that includes term limits. New people bring fresh ideas, approaches and energy. Healthy democratic renewal strengthens an organization and can help members feel a stronger commitment to it.

I have enjoyed my time on the Board. I've learned a lot and faced different challenges than I do in my work. I like to think I have also made a difference, particularly by moving forward our transition to becoming the Technology Program of the OAA. While change of the kind we launched can be frustratingly slow, OAAAS is much stronger and more focused on the needs of technologists working in the practice of architecture than it was when I joined the board in 2007.

I wish my successors well.

I will be attending the OAA Conference in May. If you attend, please stop by the OAAAS display table and say hello.

**Roland Mech**  
**MAATO, ASCT, LEED®AP,**  
**Licensed Technologist OAA**



**The OAA Annual Conference 2013** will be held in Toronto from May 8 -10, 2013 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. So reserve this date in your calendar because it promises to be a conference not to be missed.

The Conference theme is **Re-Imagining The Business of Architecture**. Be inspired by a new approach to the business of architecture. Gain insight into how you might apply new tools, and new processes, and a new way of thinking--opening you up to the opportunities available today. Come and be part of it! For more information visit: [www.oaa.on.ca/news+%26+events/oaa+annual+conference/conference+2013](http://www.oaa.on.ca/news+%26+events/oaa+annual+conference/conference+2013).

### Message from the Executive Director

I should first highlight the decision of the President to step down from the Board of Directors. Roland has done a great job in the past six years. His vision of the future of OAAAS was clear from the beginning and he worked hard to turn that vision into reality. Perhaps he did not get as far as he wanted, but the changes he led will continue to unfold in the next few years. All members owe you a big THANK YOU Roland!

### Advanced Standing Program

I am delighted to report that OAAAS has a new and improved Advanced Standing Program. The purpose of the Program is to provide a route to membership for experienced technologists, working in architecture, who are unable to complete the regular membership route for reasons such as:

- The technologist has only a two-year diploma
- The technologist may be unable to complete work experience record forms because the architect for whom they worked has retired, or the firm has closed.
- The technologist may have significant experience working in architectural practices but is now providing services directly to the public with a BCIN.

The core requirement is for a candidate to have a combination of work experience and appropriate academic certification totaling 12 years (minimum academic requirement is a two-year diploma and maximum is a four-year degree).

The candidate will then demonstrate their work experience by submitting documentation on five projects on which they have worked during their career, at least three of which must have been done under the personal supervision and direction of an OAA-licensed architect. The total work experience will need to be equivalent to the 7200 hour requirement in the regular program, including in all of the experience categories. The work experience component of the application will be confirmed in an interview process.

Successful candidates must attend the OAA Admission Course and pass the Licensed Technologist OAA examination.

If you would like more information about this program, please contact me at [GarryN@oaaas.ca](mailto:GarryN@oaaas.ca).

**Garry Neil**  
Executive Director | Registrar

### OAAAS STUDENT AWARD for TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE in ARCHITECTURAL TECHNOLOGY

In celebration of the OAAAS 10th Anniversary, we have launched the *OAAAS STUDENT AWARD for TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE in ARCHITECTURAL TECHNOLOGY*. The OAAAS Student Award will be presented annually to an exemplary architectural design project which illustrates / demonstrates a student's achievement of technical excellence in Architectural Technology. The awards are being organized in partnership with 11 community colleges.

Students will enter the competition based on an existing fifth or sixth semester design project as agreed with each institution. An award will be presented to each winner at the college-level. The college-level winners will be adjudicated provincially. The inaugural awards will be announced and presented at the 2013 Conference of the Ontario Association of Architects.

Our objective is to showcase the best work from the province's architectural technology students, demonstrate the important role technologists play in the architectural field, highlight the excellence of Ontario's educational institutions, and raise awareness of the OAAAS program among students and teachers.

### New Licensed Technologists OAA Members

Camelia Dilski	Bryan Northey
Derick Choo Mang	Jonathan Young
Pawel Miczan	

### In Appreciation

OAAAS would like to thank the following firms which supported their employees as they worked to achieve OAA Licensure as Licensed Technologist OAA (Lic.Tech.OAA):

- IBI Group**
- Ava Janikowski Architect Inc.**
- Trevelyan Architect Inc.**
- Scott Morris Architects Inc.**

### OAAAS Welcomes New Members

Christina Angelucci	Paulina Omes
Allen Babakhani	Carlos Paez
William Broomfield	Aidrian Perida
Alan Chakota	Taylor Pietrobon
Patrick Cuss	Nick Racanelli
Sonny Eastman	Oscar Ramos Martinez
Margarita Goyzueta Zuleta	Derek Scarpelli
Kilsoo Kim	Caroline Schaeffer
Wesley Kovalou	Derek Towns
Po Lung Lai	Nicolas Valletero
Chi Man Lee	Braden Walker
Stacy-Ann Matthews	Jesse Wilson
Greg Obrzut	

## 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 is now on LinkedIn!

**Members should expect to receive their Member-Only invitation to join the OAAAS Group Page shortly. Please stay tuned.**

## Continuing Education Program Cycle 2012 - 2014

July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2014

### Changes

Significant changes were made in 2012 to the OAA ConEd program. These changes were implemented to harmonize the rules between provincial architectural associations. The changes were:

- The end of a two-year cycle moved from December 31 to June 30.
- The former learning categories, CORE and Self-Directed were eliminated and the program now simply requires **Structured and Unstructured Learning hours**.

### New 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 now runs 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 information on the current Continuing Education Program.

[Learning Activities Eligibility Criteria](#)

[Structured Learning](#)

[Unstructured Learning](#)

[Program Requirements](#)

The ConEd responsibilities for Technologist OAAAS and Licensed 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	<b>15 hours of learning</b> (minimum of 5 hours of structured learning)	4 CORE + 11 SD learning hours
Licensed Technologist OAA	<b>35 hours of learning</b> (minimum of 12 hours of structured learning)	7 CORE + 28 SD learning hours

### How to log your ConEd Activities (hours)

1. Go to [www.oaa.on.ca](http://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. Click on Cycle 2012-2014.
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](mailto:RommyR@oaaas.ca) or [coned@oaa.on.ca](mailto: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](mailto:RommyR@oaaas.ca) if you require this service.

## UPCOMING CCET LECTURE SERIES - SPRING 2013

**Thursday, March 28, 2013 - 6:30 to 8:00PM****“The Trend Towards Historical Preservation in Toronto”****A Symposium & Discussion with:**

Matthew Garnet, Principal, Renaissance Fine Homes  
 Frank Vitale, Principal, Renaissance Fine Homes  
 Joe Mihevic, Councillor, City of Toronto (Ward 21)  
 Michael McClelland, Principal, E.R.A. Architects,  
 Former Head, Heritage Toronto

**Lecture Location****George Brown College****CCET @ Casa Loma Campus****146 Kendal Avenue, Toronto****Room E321**

**Lectures qualify for OAA ConEd Structured Learning.  
 Participants may request a Certificate of Completion at  
 the conclusion of each lecture presentation.**

**Tuesday, April 9, 2013 - 6:30 to 8:00PM****“BIM: From an Architect’s Perspective”  
 An Introduction to the Realities of the Marketplace****A Presentation By:**

Russell Fleischer, Partner, Turner Fleischer Architects  
 Viorel Iosif, Turner Fleischer Architects

Covering the following topics:

BIM Overview

BIM Tools (software, hardware, concepts)

Upstream BIM Model Integration

Early design analysis

Material take-off

Navisworks timeliner (construction scheduling)

Detailing the model

BIM to fabrication (Signage)

Facility Management

Navisworks Clash Detection



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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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