

## Ontario Association of Architects

Meeting #284 Open

MINUTES

November 24, 2022

The two hundred and eighty fourth meeting of the Council of the Ontario Association of Architects, held under the *Architects Act*, took place on Thursday November 24, 2022 at OAA Headquarters, 111 Moatfield Drive, Toronto and virtually via Zoom.

<b>Present:</b>	Susan Spiegel	President
	Settimo Vilardi	Senior Vice President and Treasurer
	Paul Hastings	Vice President Regulatory
	Christina Karney	Vice President Strategic
	Jennifer King	Vice President Communications
	Natasha Krickhan	Vice President Education
	William (Ted) Wilson	Vice President Practice
	Farida Abu-Bakare	Councillor ( <i>virtual</i> )
	J. William Birdsell	Councillor
	Yan Ming (Pearl) Chan	Councillor
	Kimberly Fawcett-Smith	Lieutenant Governor in Council Appointee
	Lara McKendrick	Councillor
	Elaine Mintz	Lieutenant Governor in Council Appointee
	Deo Paquette	Councillor
	Clayton Payer	Councillor
	Greg Redden	Councillor ( <i>virtual</i> )
	Kristiana Schuhmann	Councillor
	Gaganjot Singh	Lieutenant Governor in Council Appointee
	Marek Zawadzki	Councillor ( <i>virtual</i> )
	Kristi Doyle	Executive Director
	Christie Mills	Registrar
	Tina Carfa	Executive Assistant, Executive Services

<b>Regrets:</b>	Michelle Longlade	Lieutenant Governor in Council Appointee
	Andrew Thomson	Councillor

<b>Guests:</b>	None
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The President noted a land acknowledgement which is a trailer for the movie *For Love*, directed by Matt Smiley and narrated by Shania Twain <https://youtu.be/Lnjib-DafW8> would be shared with Council as an acknowledgement and recognition of the indigenous land and its people.

The President welcomed staff in attendance at the meeting.

### DECLARATION RE CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The President called for declaration of any conflicts of interest.

### AGENDA APPROVAL

9493. The President reported that the following new items will be added to the agenda:

- 8.1 Revised Competency Standard
- 8.2 National Architecture Policy

**It was moved by Karney and seconded by Vilardi that the agenda for the November 24, 2022 open meeting be approved as amended.**

-- CARRIED

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

9494. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Draft minutes of the September 22, 2022 Open Council meeting.

The draft minutes of the September 22, 2022 Open Council meeting were reviewed.

**It was moved by Birdsell and seconded by Hastings that the minutes of the September 22, 2022 Open Council meeting be approved as circulated.**

-- CARRIED

## **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

9495. There was no business arising from the minutes.

## **ITEMS FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

9496. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from Vice President Communications, Jennifer King dated November 11, 2022 re. OAA Technology Program Integration Committee – Intern Technologist Annual Fee and attached background information. **(APPENDIX ‘A’)**

The Vice President Communications reported that it is being recommended that the fee for an intern technologist align with that of an intern architect.

**It was moved by King and seconded by Birdsell that the annual fee for an intern technologist enrolled in the OAA Technology Program be amended such that it be equivalent to the amount paid by an intern architect of 5 years or less effective December 1, 2022.**

-- CARRIED

9497. Appointments to Complaints Committee *(oral)*

The Vice President Regulatory reported.

**It was moved by Hastings and seconded by Paquette that Cameron Burns, Sam Morgan, and Jason Witalis be appointed to the Complaints Committee each for a three-year term effective January 1, 2023.**

-- CARRIED

**It was moved by Hastings and seconded by Krickhan that Amirreza Sadeghi be reappointed to Complaints Committee for a three-year term effective January 1, 2023.**

-- CARRIED

**It was moved by Hastings and seconded by McKendrick that Toon Dreessen be reappointed to Complaints Committee for a one-year term; and, be reappointed as Chair of the Complaints Committee for a one-year term, both effective January 1, 2023.**

-- CARRIED

9498. Appointments to Experience Requirements Committee *(oral)*

The Vice President Regulatory reported.

**It was moved by Hastings and seconded by King that Andrea Rebeca Buchsbaum and Giuseppe Iozzo be reappointed to the Experience Requirements Committee each for a three-year term effective January 1, 2023.**

-- CARRIED

9499. Appointments to the Practice Resource Committee (*oral*)

The Vice President Practice reported.

**It was moved by Wilson and seconded by Krickhan that Council approve the appointment of George Bitsakakis, Richard Hammond each for a three-year term; and, the appointment of Linda Vela to the Practice Resource Committee for a two-year term effective January 1, 2023**

-- CARRIED

**It was moved by Wilson and seconded by Paquette that Wendy Yu be reappointed to the Practice Resource Committee for a three-year term effective January 1, 2023.**

-- CARRIED

9500. Appointments to the Policy Advisory Coordination Team (*oral*)

The Vice President Strategic reported.

**It was moved by Karney and seconded by Krickhan that Council approve the reappointment of Toon Dreesen for a three-year term; the extension of John Stephenson's previous one-year appointment by two years; and, the appointment of Daniela Veisman for a one-year term all effective January 1, 2023.**

-- CARRIED

9501. Appointments to the Communications and Public Education Committee (*oral*)

The Vice President Education and Vice President Communications reported.

**It was moved by King and seconded by Krickhan that Council approve the appointment of the following individuals to the new Communications & Public Education Committee effective January 1, 2023:**

**Three-year term**

**Carl Knipfel  
Brigitte Ng  
Pearl Chan  
Kurtis Chen**

**Two-year term**

**Dana Seguin**

**One-year term**

**Christopher Johnson**

**And, that a call be issued to members at large for additional members to be appointed at the January meeting to round out the complement as per the approved terms of reference.**

-- CARRIED

9502. Appointment to the Interns Committee (*oral*)

Councillor Abu-Bakare reported.

**It was moved by Abu-Bakare and seconded by Birdsell that Council approve the appointment of Sameerah Aujaud to the Interns Committee for a three-year term effective January 1, 2023.**

-- CARRIED

9503. *Reference Materials Reviewed:* Memorandum from the Education Committee (under the Trust Fund) dated November 11, 2022 re. Scholarships for the Ontario College Architectural Technology Programs and attached background information. **(APPENDIX 'B')**

Members of the Education Committee reported.

**It was moved by Wilson and seconded by Paquette that Council approve the Criteria and Procedures for the Disbursement of annual awards to the Ontario College Technology Programs as recommended by the OAA Education Committee under the Trust Fund.**

-- CARRIED

9504. *Reference Materials Reviewed:* Memorandum from President, Susan Speigel, Vice President Education, Natasha Krickhan, and Manager, Education & Development, Ellen Savitsky dated November 8, 2022 re. Education 'Big Think' Roundtable Proposal. **(APPENDIX 'C')**

The Vice President Education reported.

A member of Council who is experienced in the field of education noted that they are not in support of the roundtable as they believed that the educational resource is not likely to be implemented and taught by the teachers in the classroom. It was noted that the mandatory provincial curriculum is robust and that there are many other professions which are also not included specifically in the already heavy curriculum.

The Vice President Education noted at a Committee meeting that a member shared the idea with a teacher at the school who expressed great interest.

A Council member noted that they also discussed this with a teacher who also expressed interest, especially for those interested in art.

It was suggested by a member of Council that it is a positive move to get educators and architects involved.

**It was moved by Krickhan and seconded by Hastings that Council approve a budget of \$3,000 for the 'Big Think' roundtable session on Grades K-12 architectural education in Ontario hosted by the OAA in winter 2023, and that the cost of the event be drawn from the policy contingency budget.**

-- CARRIED (2 opposed (Birdsell, Mintz))

9505. *Reference Materials Reviewed:* Memorandum from Vice President Regulatory, Paul Hastings dated November 8, 2022 re. Appointment of Life Members. **(APPENDIX 'D')**

The Vice President Regulatory reported.

**It was moved by Hastings and seconded by Birdsell that the following architects be appointed as Life Members:**

Medhat Abdou	Michael Mohelsky
Aquil A. Ali	Terry Montgomery
Tonu Altosaar	Peter R. Moy
James L. Berry	Colm P. Murphy
Mervyn Blumberg	Paul J. Nevins
David J. Bryden	Paul Durfee Oberst
Nancy C.P. Leung Chan	Ernest A. Patton
E. Lawrence Dodd	Ronald G. Perry
Mohsen El-Behairy	Paul David Reuber
Yechiel Erez	Mahendra N. Shah
Theodore F. Ferrant	Alkim Sonmezocak

Joseph M. Galea	Gerald H. Stein
Kay K. Ghahremani	James C. Strasman
Zak Ghanim	Harold Strub
Robert Gregoire	Hugh H. Taylor
Ian Hartley	Shashikant Taylor
Robert G. Hill	Gregory Z. Tomaszewski
Errol Hugh	Lennis W. Trotter
John Jackson	Christopher Wallace
Alan Jacoby	Winston K.M. Yeh
Paul V. Johnston	Nick Jokic
Rocco Maragna	Daniel F. McAlister
Curtis McQuire	Glen Meschino

-- CARRIED

9506. *Reference Materials Reviewed:* Memorandum from Vice President Regulatory, Paul Hastings dated November 8, 2022 re. Appointment of Life Members. **(APPENDIX 'D')**

The Vice President Regulatory reported.

**It was moved by Hastings and seconded by Vilardi that the following architects be recognized as Members of Long Standing:**

<b>Robert T. Grossmann</b>	<b>John Hackett</b>
<b>Wayne Murray</b>	<b>Robert J. Woodman</b>
<b>Stephen Propst</b>	<b>Stephen Bernatt</b>
<b>Salomon Wassermuhl</b>	<b>Mykola Wasylko</b>

-- CARRIED

9507. *Reference Materials Reviewed:* OAA By-laws, Revised 2022 and Schedule A to the By-laws. **(APPENDIX 'E')**

Doyle reported that revised By-laws and Schedule A to the by-laws has been printed and shared with Council which reflects the fee increase in the 2023 Budget as well as the changes to the list of OAA Standing Committees. This changed was approved by Council at the September meeting. Doyle noted that the by-law changes will be in force upon Council approval, however will be subject to ratification at the May 3, 2023 Annual General Meeting.

**It was moved by Karney and seconded by Vilardi that Council approve the OAA By-laws, Revised 2022 and Schedule A to the By-laws as circulated to Council on November 24, 2022.**

-- CARRIED

9508. *Reference Materials Reviewed:* Memorandum from Registrar, Christie Mills dated November 16, 2022 re. Use of the word 'architecture' in a business name and attached background links. **(APPENDIX 'F')**

Mills reported.

**It was moved by Vilardi and seconded by Birdsell that Council approve the request for the proposed business name and instruct the Registrar to prepare and send the written consent letter to the member.**

-- CARRIED

9509. *Reference Materials Reviewed:* Memorandum from Communications Committee dated November 10, 2022 re. OAA 2023 Conference – Keynote Recommendation. **(APPENDIX ‘G’)**

The Vice President Communications reported.

Missio noted that the keynote will be held virtually six weeks ahead of Conference.

**It was moved by King and seconded by Wilson that Council approve the Communication Committee’s recommendation of Spencer West as the Keynote Speaker for OAA Conference 2023.**

-- CARRIED

9510. Appointments to the Canadian Architectural Certification Board (CACB) *(oral)*

Doyle reported based on the report distributed to Council.

**It was moved by Vilardi and seconded by Wilson that based on the recommendation of the Canadian Architectural Certification Board (CACB) Standing Committee the OAA supports the following nominations for new Board members, to serve on the Canadian Architectural Certification Board:**

- **Baldwin Hum as ROAC representative, for a 3 year term;**
- **Shane Laptiste as one of the Joint representatives, for a 3 year term; and**
- **George Cotaras as one of the Joint representatives, for the 2 years remaining on the currently vacant position.**

-- CARRIED

9511. OAA Draft 2023 Operating and Capital Budget *(oral)*

The Senior Vice President and Treasurer reported noted that the draft budget had been distributed previously to Council and also discussed during the in camera meeting.

**It was moved by Vilardi and seconded by Wilson that Council approve the 2023 draft operating and capital budgets as presented on November 24, 2022.**

-- CARRIED

It was noted by the Senior Vice President and Treasurer that the Budget Committee is requesting that direction be given regarding the allocation of any year end surplus to the three reserve funds to ensure an appropriate level is reached and maintained.

A member of Council noted that the reserves will require a significant allocation of funds to them in future to reach the minimum requirement.

Doyle noted that funds may also be moved from the OAA’s unrestricted reserves to restricted at fiscal year end pending the amount available.

**It was moved by McKendrick and seconded by Vilardi that Council direct that any 2022 year end surplus be allocated to the OAA’s Restricted Reserve, in proportionate amounts to be agreed to between Senior Vice President & Treasurer and OAA Management staff.**

-- CARRIED

## **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

9512. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from Registrar, Christie Mills dated November 16, 2022 re. *Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act (FARPACTA)* – Canadian Experience Requirement (CER) Prohibition. **(APPENDIX ‘H’)**

Mills reported that she is working toward preparing an application for exemption under FARPACTA, specifically related to the removal of the requirements for Canadian experience. The draft application content will be presented to Council in January for review and discussion.

A Council member noted that the OAA needs to be prepared should the exemption request be denied.

It was noted by Mills that the exemption request should contain data-driven evidence to support the application as well as a clear public health and safety argument.

The report was noted for information.

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

9513. *Reference Material Reviewed:* President's Activities for the months of September-November. **(APPENDIX 'I')**

The report was noted for information.

9514. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Report from Executive Director, Kristi Doyle dated November 24, 2022 re. Executive Director Report to Council. **(APPENDIX 'J')**

Doyle noted that at the national meeting of the Regulatory Organizations for Architecture in Canada (ROAC) in Montreal, Becoming Architects in Canada (BAC) made a presentation. ROAC expressed support in working with BAC whose mandate is to advocate for interns. The Interns Committee may be interested in liaising with BAC, allowing for some work that would be considered advocacy to be handed off to them in order to ensure that the OAA remains focused on its regulatory mandate.

When asked, Doyle noted that the OAA could support this group in the form of in-kind assistance such as messaging. Special requests for funding a project may also be requested. The assistance of BAC would remove the duplication of work with the OAA committee and/or take on advocacy matters.

The report was noted for information.

9515. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from Vice President Strategic, Christina Karney dated November 15, 2022 re. Update on the Activities under the Vice President Strategic Portfolio and attached background documentation. **(APPENDIX 'K')**

The Vice President Strategic reported that discussions on housing affordability went well in the roundtable that was recently held to collect information.

A member of Council enquired as to whether a statement will be made in relation to the proposed Highway 413. It was also noted by a Council member that the plans include building into marshland and greenspace.

A Council member responded that the submission included general conceptual positions around the environmental impact of Bill 23.

Trotta noted that staff continues to review the documents as well as additional bills and is watching housing legislation closely. MPP Mike Schriener has introduced two private members bills requesting that fourplexes replace single family housing and low to mid rise be mandated around transit hubs.

The report was noted for information.

9516. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from the Communications Committee dated November 10, 2022 re. Communications Committee Update and attached background information. **(APPENDIX 'L')**

The report was noted for information.

9517. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from Vice President Regulatory, Paul Hastings and Registrar, Christie Mills dated November 24, 2022 re. Activities under the Registrar –September 8 to November 9, 2022 and attached background information. **(APPENDIX 'M')**

The Vice President Regulatory expressed some concern that individuals' names are published who have not yet been fined.

Mills responded that they are conferring with legal counsel to set out a defensible framework for published act enforcement matters. Such instances would typically be reserved for repeat offenders, matters that were not resolved via cease and desist or where there is a clear public interest concern.

The report was noted for information.

9518. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from Councillor and Chair, Interns Committee, Farida Abu-Bakare dated November 16, 2022 re. Interns Committee Update. **(APPENDIX 'N')**

Councillor Abu-Bakare noted that she was looking forward to the establishment of the mentor directory on the website.

The report was noted for information.

9519. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from Vice President Practice, Ted Wilson dated November 15, 2022 re. Report from Vice President Practice. **(APPENDIX 'O')**

The Vice President Practice reported that comments on the Ontario Building Code and National Building Code consultation will be due in early December. The Practice Advisory Services (PAS) staff is working diligently with the Sub-committee on Building Codes and Regulations (SCOBCAR) to draft the OAA's response.

The report was noted for information.

9520. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from the Vice President Education, Natasha Krickhan dated November 24, 2022 re. Report from Vice President Education and attached background information. **(APPENDIX 'P')**

The report was noted for information.

## **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

9521. *Reference Material Reviewed:* OAA Local Society Agenda and President's Powerpoint Presentation **(APPENDIX 'Q')**

The President reported that the visits this fall received great feedback. The visits took an open approach with the membership as well included a presentation from Pro-Demnity Insurance Company. Positive feedback was also received with respect to the actions that the OAA has taken over the past year to address climate action.

The report was noted for information.



## **OTHER BUSINESS**

9522. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from President, Susan Speigel and Senior Vice President and Treasurer, Settimo Vilardi dated November 21, 2022 re. Updated National Competency Standard and supporting background documentation. **(APPENDIX 'R')**

The report was presented to Council.

A member of Council enquired as to whether FARPACTA would have an effect on the revised Competency Standard.

Mills responded that it is distinct from FARPACTA as it sets out the national competencies for licensure.

**It was moved by Vilardi and seconded by Schuhmann that Council approve the National Competency Standard for the Architectural Profession in Canada as circulated to Council on November 24, 2022**

-- CARRIED

Zawadzki left the meeting at 1:50 p.m.

9523. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from President, Susan Speigel and Senior Vice President and Treasurer, Settimo Vilardi dated November 21, 2022 re. National Architecture Policy – Phase 2 & 3 Recommendations and supporting background documentation. **(APPENDIX 'S')**

Doyle noted the various recommendations being advanced to each of the architectural regulators on behalf of the national committee. One of the recommendations is related to funding. Doyle noted that the request to the OAA for Phase 3 funding of the Rise for Architecture project is \$8.60 per architect member which equates to approximately \$40,000.

It was noted by Doyle under recommendations, there is the potential for the ROAC to act as consultant to the federal government in the development of a national architecture policy. Should this opportunity arise there will be a request for funding and the provincial legislators are being asked to be ready to respond.

The Senior Vice President and Treasurer noted that should an RFP be issued by the government, questions to consider are what architects do and what the public believes architects do.

**It was moved by Vilardi and seconded by King that Council approve the following recommendations from Phase 2 of the Rise for Architecture project:**

- 1. That the OAA approve funding for the first year of the proposal for phase 3 (2023) be based on a per architect allocation of \$8.60 to be drawn from the Policy Contingency;**
- 2. That the OAA provide its support in principle of the final report and its recommendations; subject to further consideration by the Implementation Working Group;**
- 3. That the current Future of Architecture Sub-Committee be disbanded with the concurrent creation of the Implementation Working Group.**
- 4. That the Working Group enter discussions with the RAIC and CCUSA about formalizing their involvement during phase three of the project.**
- 5. That ROAC appoint the following ROAC members to the Implementation Working Group and approve the development of a Terms of Reference;**

**Farida Abu-Bakare** member of OAA Council

<b>Darryl Condon</b>	<b>AIBC Past-President</b>
<b>Kristi Doyle</b>	<b>OAA Executive Director</b>
<b>John Stephenson</b>	<b>OAA Past President</b>
<b>Mark Vernon</b>	<b>AIBC CEO</b>
<b>Jeremy Bryant</b>	<b>NFLDAA</b>

**6. That the Special Recommendations related to the potential for ROAC to act as Consultant, to the Federal Government, for the development of an Architecture Policy for Canada be endorsed. Should additional funds be required to support this initiative a special assessment will be invoiced to ROAC members.**

-- CARRIED

Council moved from open to in camera at 2:03 p.m.

Council returned to the open meeting at 2:05 p.m.

The President thanked outgoing Councillors Chan, Hastings, and Thomson on behalf of Council for hard their work and support during their tenure on Council and spoke in detail about each one's accomplishments and reflecting on their time on Council.

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

9524. The next regular meeting of Council is Thursday January 19, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. at the OAA Headquarters, 111 Moatfield Drive, Toronto, Ontario.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

9525. **It was moved by Mintz and seconded by Hastings that the meeting be adjourned at 2:10 p.m.**

-- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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President

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Date