

December 31, 2023

The London Society of Architects (LSA) is home to just over 70 members of the Ontario Association of Architects (OAA) from Bruce, Huron, Perth, Middlesex, Oxford, Elgin, and Haldimand-Norfolk counties, totalling approximately 17,500 square kilometres in area and spanning from the shores of Lake Huron to the north and west, to Lake Erie to the south. This works out to approximately one LSA member for every 250 square kilometres of southwestern Ontario served.

The London Society of Architects kicked off the year 2023 with an annual general meeting and election for all positions. Several new positions were created with the intent to emerge from the Covid-19 doldrums with rapid re-engagement of members and the public. There was evidence of pent-up enthusiasm for events and in-person activities as the event was well attended with multiple members vying for most positions.

This spring the vice-chair and I represented the LSA at the OAA annual conference and meeting of society chairs in Sudbury where new initiatives as well as new and old grievances were shared. Notably, the OAA is working on a local society *tool kit* which will help share knowledge and resources to achieve among other things a more level playing field between the densely-populated, well-funded societies, and those more geographically dispersed. The conversation continued this fall at the local society visit with OAA president Settimo Vilardi. This visit was virtual and shared between the LSA, the Niagara Society of Architects, and the Northern Ontario Society of Architects. Although calls were heard for the next local society visits to be in person and local, the OAA reported it has already scheduled the next one to be virtual as well.

Ongoing work includes the new LSA website www.londonsocietyofarchitects.ca which is in construction and anticipated to launch in the winter of 2023. In anticipation of the new website, the LSA also commissioned the design of a new logo. The LSA spring/summer mixer was an opportunity for the membership to gather and fete the career of long serving and celebrated member Gail Lamb. Picking up after Covid, the LSA has re-engaged with Museum London where a renewed lecture and film series is generously hosted. This fall 2023 the film, *Tadao Ando, From Emptiness to Infinity*, and lectures by Paul Dowling, and Ian MacDonald were well attended by members of the LSA and the general public. Working through post-Covid kinks, at least one of these lectures should be available very shortly for public viewing on the LSA YouTube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZnxnAVZHiCPkKhSL2eKc> w.

New initiatives include a London Society of Architects Emerging Professional group, which held their inaugural meeting this fall as a mixer before attending the Ando film. They continue to meet for architectural tours and to share the resources and experiences that make the early years of professional life memorable, convivial, and survivable. The LSA has also announced its willingness to participate in the 21st century by launching an Instagram page where LSA events, activities and initiatives are posted alongside curated posts for related design and cultural events in the community. Our Instagram page will host the LSAs first ever *Member Profile* feature where LSA members are encouraged to submit an image of a project completed in 2023. Submitted images will be posted publicly in early 2024 as a celebration of member achievements and contributions to the architecture of the Region.

Looking forward to 2024, we have an exciting line-up for the film and lecture series with dates to be determined. Our Member Profile initiative will ideally serve as a springboard to a physical exhibition of LSA member work. This may be part of an OAA funded special project, though we are working on support of participation in Nuit Blanche and broader participation in Jane's Walk and Doors Open as well. We are looking forward to receiving our *Society Tool Kit* from the OAA and hope it contains supports for facilitating LSA affiliate memberships within the broader community and receiving corporate sponsorship for greater event and activity outreach.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Tim Wickens', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tim Wickens, OAA, MRAIC

Chair, London Society of Architects

London Society of Architects

Balance Sheet

As of October 31, 2023

	Oct 31, 23
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
London Society of Architects	17,126.90
Total Chequing/Savings	17,126.90
Total Current Assets	17,126.90
TOTAL ASSETS	17,126.90
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	25,754.01
Retained Earnings	-6,698.34
Net Income	-1,928.77
Total Equity	17,126.90
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Accrual Basis

London Society of Architects
Profit & Loss
 November 2022 through October 2023

	Nov '22 - Oct 23
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
OAA - Society Dues Income	6,630.00
Total Income	6,630.00
Expense	
Contract Services	
Accounting Fees	271.20
Total Contract Services	271.20
LSA - Receptions	6,639.08
Operations	
Printing and Copying	71.42
Operations - Other	1,350.00
Total Operations	1,421.42
Maintenance Fee - BMO	72.00
Other Types of Expenses	
Lunch Expenses - Meetings	155.07
Total Other Types of Expenses	155.07
Total Expense	8,558.77
Net Ordinary Income	-1,928.77
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