



Northern Ontario Society of Architects

2023 Activities Report

January 12, 2024

NOSA Chair: Amber Salach

Number of Current Members: Total of 60 Members; comprised of 42 Licensed and Retired Architects, 18 Intern Architects and Student Members

Refer to the Appendix for the 2023 NOSA Financial Report.

1. OAA Special Funding: Designing with Dignity Competition

NOSA requested funding for Designing for Dignity in the North: Student Competition – Completed

Excerpt from competition invitation:

To engage in this celebration of architecture, Architects from across Northern Ontario have organized a competition reflecting on the theme of the conference.

NOSA invited students from secondary schools across the North to submit a creative work reflecting on the conference theme. There were no limitations to the creative possibilities. The competition was intended to generate submissions focused on what it means to design with dignity in northern communities, building on the core themes of climate action, diversity, equity and inclusivity being championed by the OAA.

The jurors consisted of:

- Local Artist: **Gillian Schultze**
- Graphic Designer at Studio 123: **Christian Pelletier**
- Director, Laurentian University Indigenous Sharing and Learning Centre: **Mary Laur**
- Director, Laurentian University McEwen School of Architecture: **Tammy Gaber**

22 art pieces were submitted from high school students throughout Sudbury.

Four Finalists were selected, and the prizes were distributed as follows:

1. Grand Prize – “Accessibility is for Everyone” – \$1000.00
2. Honourable Mention – “Photography Collage” – \$500
3. Honourable Mention – “Greener Cities” – \$500
4. Honourable Mention – “Beaten Path” – \$500

Please refer to the appendix for the winning submissions.



**Designing for Dignity
in the North**

A Creative Competition and Exhibition

NOSA
NORTHERN ONTARIO
SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS

NOSA welcomes all OAA members and conference participants
to view the exhibition entries at the McEwen School of Architecture
for the duration of the conference.

To inspire young and creative minds.

Detail from a student submission

DISABILITY IS THE OPPORTUNITY
TO DO THINGS DIFFERENTLY.

OAA Conference 2023 – invitation to exhibition entries.



Photo of winning students.



2. McEwen School of Architecture Endowment Fund/Bursary and Student Award

NOSA provided 3 financial donations to students at the McEwen School of Architecture

1. NOSA MSoA Student Awards No. 1 - \$400.00
2. NOSA MSoA Student Awards No. 2 - \$400.00
3. NOSA MSoA Architecture Endowment Fund - \$1000.00



Photo of one of the recipients of NOSA 2023 MSoA Award.

3. Annual OAA President's Joint Visit with London, Niagara Local Societies

The OAA President's session was held virtually via Zoom on October 17th, 2023 with not only NOSA, but with the London and Niagara Society of Architects. Approximately 20 NOSA members joined the annual event.

OAA President, Settimo Vilardi provided an overview of work that is being carried out by the OAA, and discussion was opened up to provide feedback on OAA initiatives.



The agenda was as noted below:

- 1.0 Welcome and Introductions
- 2.0 Recognition of Traditional Lands
- 3.0 Highlights and Outcomes of June Society Chair's Meeting in Sudbury
 - 3.1 Brief Remarks by OAA President, Settimo Vilardi
 - 3.2 Progress of Strengthening the connection between the OAA and the local societies – what the OAA does and what the local societies do
 - 3.3 Introducing the Society Tool Kit – objectives and elements – feedback on priority items
- 4.0 Sharing and networking between societies
- 5.0 Updates for Pro-Demnity Insurance Company CEO, Bruce Palmer
- 6.0 Open discussion among the groups and general updates.

4.0 OAA Special Funding: Public Lecture

- 4.1 Key sponsor and organizer of public lecture with the McEwen School of Architecture Lecture Series.
 - NOSA virtually hosted architect Todd Saunders principal with Saunders *Architecture* from Norway on March 3, 2023.

Following the success of our sponsorship of previous public lectures in collaboration with McEwen School of Architecture (MSoA), NOSA is sought funding to host another public lecture in the spirit of contemporary architecture in Northern Climates. The particular initiative is a two-fold event for the local architects, architecture students and the community at large. Renowned Canadian born architect, Todd Saunders has recently completed a book entitled, **SHARE: Conversations about Contemporary Architecture.**

Please note, the in-person event is still being scheduled for Spring 2024.

5.0 NOSA Branding

NOSA hired recent MSoA Graduate and Intern Architect, Braeden Martel to design a new Logo. Options have been vetted through and Chair, Amber Salach will be putting the 2 top logos to vote to all NOSA members. Given that the Conference is being held in Sudbury and NOSA will be involved in the events, a new identity was deemed necessary.

This initiative was put on hold and will be resumed in 2024.

Please refer to the appendix for the new NOSA identity options.



6.0 OAA Conference 2023 – Sudbury, ON



6.1 NOSA Chair, Amber Salach and OAA Councillor and NOSA Liaison, Ted Wilson worked closely with the OAA to assist with guidance on the agenda, events, locations and building case studies for the conference.

6.2 **NOSA Event**

The Northern Ontario Society of Architects hosted an evening of networking, socializing among architects across Ontario, with complimentary music and drinks at Sudbury’s Crosscut Distillery on June 21st, in celebration of the 2023 Conference.

The event was sold out and a huge success!

