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Summary of Annual Report for Publication

St. Lawrence Valley Society of Architects
SLVSA

The membership continues to seek out avenues to fulfil our mandate for the promotion of architecture to the public in partnership with other initiatives. Later in 2021 we hope to host a National Policy Workshop lead by Toon Dreessen for our local society with members of the public invited to participate.

In the early stages of the pandemic closures we were happy to see the OAA, the societies and members of our own society come together and support one another by providing helpful resources. The content included information on new ways of working from home using video conferencing, managing CA during closures, webinars to assist with ConEd requirements, and local municipal updates.

We believe we were one of the first societies to welcome the OAA President Kathleen Kurtin and Executive Director Kristi Doyle for a virtual visit on September 30th in lieu of the annual President's dinner. There were approximately 15 people in attendance which was lower than previous years, but the format did present an opportunity for more members on the outskirts of the society to join the conversation without having to drive to Kingston, where the society typically gathers.

The increased online structured learning opportunities provided by the OAA last year were helpful to the membership, as was the boost in the number of third-party courses. We hope that this format will continue, and we will continue to inform our members of opportunities that become available.

Respectfully,

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