

## Technologist Annual Fees and OAAAS Integration with the OAA

## A Message from the OAA Executive Director

Hello,

As an OAAAS Technologist, you recently received an email from the Ontario Association of Architects (OAA) regarding payment of your annual renewal.

Last year, the Ontario Association for Applied Architectural Sciences announced it would be dissolved in 2022, with the technology program's operation fully integrated into the OAA. **OAA President Susan Speigel** and **OAAAS President Rick Mateljan** co-authored a message to members of the OAA community, offering the reasoning for the move and charting the path forward.

You will note the renewal form included mention of joining one of the many Local Architectural Societies throughout Ontario. These Societies work to raise the awareness, appreciation, and understanding of architecture within their communities. While participating can be a great way to get to know others in the wider architectural community and increase opportunities for dialogue, professional development, and networking, you are not required to join. Payment of this annual fee is optional. You can learn more about the Societies, including which one would be your local group, by clicking here.

As part of the full integration of the OAA Technology Program, I also want to draw your attention to the Association's Leave Policy and Financial Hardship Policy, inviting you to review them as you complete your renewal process. The OAA is currently in the process of amending the language to include Technologist OAAAS members—not only for these policies, but also in all of the Association's relevant programs and initiatives. You will also continue to receive email communications from the OAA as we work with the OAAAS Executive to ensure a seamless transition for Technologists.

If you have any questions regarding the renewal process, you can contact OAAFees@oaa.on.ca.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me directly at KristiD@oaa.on.ca.

Sincerely,

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