

OAA TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

1. MEMBERS NEEDED TO HELP RENEW OUR EXAMINATION

We are searching for members to assist OAAAS with a critically important task – to update the Lic.Tech.OAA examination.

What's involved? Most importantly, we need several members to participate in a question writing process that will be held at the OAA offices in late March. An outside professional will train you on how to write a good exam question and will oversee the whole process. You will then work individually and in groups to write and review questions to decide which ones should move forward for final review. Those who have participated before consider it a valuable learning experience, as well as an important contribution to OAAAS.

What kinds of questions are needed? The Board has decided that the priority is to have additional exam questions about the Building Code and interior design, so the exam writers will be asked to consider issues in these fields.

Will I receive compensation? Yes, we will pay a daily honorarium to the exam writers, cover travel expenses and provide lunch and refreshments.

If you are prepared to help or would like more information, please contact Rommy Rodriguez. We also need volunteers to join the committee which will make the final decisions about the exam questions. This work qualifies as self-directed learning for ConEd purposes and can also be a valuable learning experience. And, if you're keen, you can both write exam questions and join the review committee.

Deadline for submitting your expression of interest is **March 15.**

2. OAAAS NEWS AND UPDATES

On February 7, 2019, OAAAS held its annual meetings. Last year we changed our governance cycle and this is the first time these meetings have taken place at this time of year. The meetings involved election of our Board and officers for 2019, and approval of our Financial Statements.

We are delighted to welcome **Francis Guanlao** as the newest member of the Board of Directors. A graduate of Sheridan College, Francis is a Licensed Technologist OAA who works in project management at Toronto's RAW design. Francis is joined on the Board by **Rick Mateljan** (Strickland Mateljan Design Associates), who was re-elected as President, **Christina Facey** (Quadrangle) and **Jamie Kuhl** (ARCHAUS).

Jeremiah Gammond and **Magid Youssef** were elected as OAA Council members on our Board and we expect that two other OAA members will be elected at the March OAA Council meeting. In January, Rick Mateljan and Garry Neil made the annual presentation to the OAA Council. We expect that 2019 will be a big year. As OAA finalizes its new relationship with ARIDO, it is likely they will consider a range of issues that will affect Licensed Technologists OAA. We will keep you posted.

Come visit our revamped website: <http://oaa.on.ca/the%20oaa/allied%20organizations/oaas>.

And you can now follow us on Instagram and Facebook:

3. KEY DATES

2019 Examination dates: June 25 and November 19

OAA Conference: May 23-24: If you plan to attend, please come say hello at the OAAAS lounge.

Lunch-n-Learn Session: May 23

OAAAS Student Awards: May 24