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ASSOCIATION *of* ARCHITECTS | NSAA

80TH
A N N U A L G E N E R A L M E E T I N G
APRIL 26TH, 2012, WAEGWOLTIC CLUB, HALIFAX, NS

CELEBRATING 80 YEARS

NOTICE OF 2012 ANNUAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE
80TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
NOVA SCOTIA ASSOCIATION OF ARCHITECTS
WILL BE HELD

9 AM, THURSDAY, APRIL 26th, 2012

AT THE WAEGWOLTIC CLUB

6549 COBURG RD., HALIFAX, NS

**The Nominating Committee has submitted the following
nominations for 2012/2013 NSAA Council:**

President: Leif-Peter Fuchs

Councilors: Jennet Bowdridge, Craig Mosher, and Troy Scott

Remaining on Council:

Dean Collier; Spyro Trifos; Chris von Maltzahn;

Linda Garber, Public Rep.; Ronald Burdock, Past-President

Diane Scott
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AGENDA

**80TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
WAEGWOLTIC CLUB
6549 COBURG RD., HALIFAX, NS**

Thursday, April 26th:

- 7:30 A.M.** RAIC Breakfast – **Club House**
- 8:30 A.M.** AGM Registration – **Multipurpose Room**
- 9:00 A.M.** NSAA Annual Meeting Call to Order
- Approval of Minutes of 79th Annual Meeting
- Presentation of 2011 Financial Statements
- Treasurer’s Report and Presentation of 2012 Budget
Appointment of Chartered Accountants for 2012
- Receive Reports of Representatives of Other Groups
- Election of Officers and Councillors for 2012/2013 Term
- Business Arising from Minutes and Reports
- Business Meeting Adjournment
- 11:45 A.M.** Luncheon – **Club House**
- 1:00 P.M.** Continuing Education Session (Part 1) – **Multi-Purpose Room**
Brian Watkinson Presenting “Setting the Right Fee”
- 4:30 P.M.** President’s Reception – **Club House**

Friday, April 27th:

- 9:00 A.M.** Continuing Education Session (Part 2) – **Multi-Purpose Room**
Brian Watkinson Presenting “Setting the Right Fee”

2011 - 2012 COUNCIL

Ronald Burdock	President
Leif-Peter Fuchs	Vice-President
Barbara MacDonald	Secretary-Treasurer
Mark Atwood	Registrar
Dean Collier	Councilor
Spyro Trifos	Councilor
Chris Von Maltzahn	Councilor
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NSAA COMMITTEES 2011-2012

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CONVENER – L.P. Fuchs

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RESPONSE COMMITTEES

CONVENER – M. Atwood

Public Awareness Committee

C. Mosher (Chair) 902-429-5490
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S. Mannell
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S. Fitzgerald
D. Garrett
G. Fry (Intern)
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D. Scott-Stewart (Ex. Dir.)
J. Martell, (Admin. Asst.)

Stoddard House Committee

CONVENER – C. von Maltzahn

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N.S. Building Advisory Committee

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J. Thomson

Royal Architecture Institute of Canada

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Canadian Architectural Licensing Authorities

R. Burdock, NSAA Rep

D. Scott-Stewart, Exec. Dir.

President's Report

Another circuit of the sun has been coursed since our 79th Annual General Meeting and you are due an update on what your Association has been doing in the interval. I don't expect that there have been any non-busy years in recent times but the list of things to cover for 2011 seems particularly long.

School of Architecture

We continue to build on the vital relationship between the profession and the School of Architecture at Dalhousie University. Both the School and the NSAA realize that the aims of each organization are best met when the transition from student to practitioner is as seamless as possible; it is a "continuum of care". To that end, we are working with the School on a number of points of mutual interest.

NSAA was very pleased to participate in two major events at the School this past year; 50:50 Vision of Halifax, the celebration in late October marking 50 years since the School of Architecture opened in 1961; and, in January, the Atlantic regional exhibition of entries for Migrating Landscapes, Canada's submission to the 2012 Venice Biennale. Both events were well attended and resulted in some thought-provoking explorations regarding the future shape of Halifax and the ways in which culture, personal experience, and context influence the design process and, in turn, the built landscape.

Related to these two special events is the next iteration of the Keystone Awards, the first of which took place in the fall of 2010. Though no particular timetable was set, it was anticipated that the Keystones would take place every two years, so we would be due for a repeat appearance late this year. Because of the upcoming maternity leave of a key member of the support staff at the School, Dean Christine Macy has expressed a preference to postpone the second Keystone Awards until that staffer's return. As a result, Dean Macy has offered the School's assistance with any upcoming NSAA initiatives. This is perfectly timed to coincide with planning for the 2013 Festival of Architecture which the NSAA is co-hosting with RAIC in June of 2013 and the planning committee is looking forward to working with the School to help make the Festival a memorable one. (St. John's will be a tough act to follow but we can do it!)

It has been brought to our attention that students entering the School of Architecture are not typically eligible to receive either an entrance scholarship or a graduate scholarship. This is because they enter the program at an undergraduate level in at least their third year of university study. The result of this Catch 22 is that some promising candidates, whom the School would be eager to admit but who face financial hurdles, have chosen to attend another university where they could receive a scholarship. Council has therefore voted to allocate \$2,000 annually for a scholarship to be awarded to a student entering the Bachelor of Environmental Design Studies program. The details of the gift agreement and the eligibility criteria for this new scholarship are being discussed with the School.

A place on NSAA Council is reserved for a representative of the School of Architecture, a chair which has been unoccupied for the past two years. We recently received a request to consider Susan Fitzgerald as a candidate for the post and Council is very happy to accept that nomination. As a recent member of Council and present coordinator of the School's professional practice program, Susan will be an excellent representative.

We are also pleased to extend a warm welcome to Diogo Burnay as the new Director of the School of Architecture. Diogo is a graduate of the Technical University of Lisbon and the Bartlett School of Architecture at University College London, and is a founding partner of the firm CVDB Arquitectos in Lisbon. A more detailed introduction can be found at http://architectureandplanning.dal.ca/images/forms/director_announcement.pdf

Interior Designers of Nova Scotia

NSAA has been approached by IDNS about the possibility of sharing office space and administrative support staff on a cost-shared basis. IDNS are in the process of defining what their specific needs are and we will have further discussions with their president and council about possible arrangements.

Border Incursions

The Executive Director and President have met with and had other discussions with the Association's legal counsel regarding contraventions of the Architect's Act by non-architects representing themselves as architects or engaging in the practice of architecture in the province. These contraventions have been on the part of unlicensed graduates of architecture, intern architects, previously licensed architects and practitioners from other jurisdictions who are not licensed or ineligible for license in Nova Scotia. In most cases, a phone call reminding the party involved of the stipulations of the Act has been sufficient. In one case, our lawyer had a Cease and Desist letter served to the person involved, though that attempt was not successful. To be pursued.

Procurement and Fees

The Procurement and Fees Committee has met a number of times over the winter to examine the means to bring NSAA's suggested fees in line with other Atlantic provinces. After lengthy examination of guides and commentaries on guides in place in other jurisdictions, the committee has formally recommended rescinding the 1992 NSAA Conditions of Engagement in its entirety and endorsing the use of the RAIC *2009 A Guide to Determining Appropriate Fees for the Services of an Architect*. This has also led directly to the Continuing Education session being offered in conjunction with this year's AGM. (Copies of the RAIC Guidelines will be distributed to all members attending the meeting.)

Lieutenant Governor's Design Awards in Architecture

By the time you receive this report, the entries for both the 2010 and the 2011 design awards will have been reviewed and decisions regarding the disposition of awards will have been made. As a result of the change of office of Lieutenant Governor, it was not possible to obtain a suitable date to present the 2010 awards during the tenure of Her Honour the Honourable Mayann E Francis. The ceremony to present the awards for both years will take place at Government House in early June and will be presided over by His Honour Brigadier-General the Honourable John J Grant. Those projects receiving the awards will be on display at the Waegwoltic Club for all members to view.

Changes to the Intern Architect Program

Along with the 10 other provincial and territorial regulators, NSAA approved changes to the IAP which will have the effect of reducing the number of hours of required experience from 5,600 to 3,720. This reflects the elimination of the 1,880 hours of Discretionary Experience. These changes took effect on January 1, 2012 and the previous system will be phased out by June 30, 2012. Current interns will have until June 30th to decide whether to stay with the old program of 5600 hours (necessary if one wishes to write the AREs) or to transfer into the new program. Details of how these changes affect presently-enrolled and newly-enrolling interns are included in the information package that was e-mailed to all members in the summer of 2011 and again in November.

Examinations for Architecture in Canada

For the candidates who wrote the ExACs in Nova Scotia in 2011, the pass rate was 100%. This compares extremely favourably to the national pass rate of 73.1%. But, of course, we knew that all of our candidates are above average!

Broadly Experienced Foreign Architect Program

The BEFA Pilot program is now up and running all across the country and the first candidates are 'in the system'. Full details are contained in the report from national BEFA Task Force Chair Dave Edwards which is appended to this Annual Report. Therese LeBlanc is a member of the Task Force. George Cotaras and Leif-Peter Fuchs currently serve as BEFA assessors. It is anticipated that the BEFA Program will be launched in September 2012.

Mandatory Continuing Education

We continue to see improvement in the rate of Con Ed reporting and compliance year over year. The details of this are given in the accompanying Continuing Education Committee report. As discussed in that report, the National Committee on Continuing Education Harmonization has recommended a number of adjustments to the Con Ed requirements of the 11 jurisdictions across the country to bring all systems into closer alignment. One of these is to have everyone operate on a 2-year cycle, running from July 1 to June 30. NSAA has chosen not to accept this particular recommendation. It is felt that the improvement we have seen in continuing education compliance is due in part to the shorter cycle giving less time to get out of phase. And, although the July-to-June reporting period does allow time to verify compliance

before the deadline to renew registration on January 1, concerns were raised that it creates a 6 month disconnect between the Con Ed cycle and the registration period to which it relates. Neither situation is ideal and we continue to look for ways to improve the system.

Website

Phase 1 of the development of the new NSAA website is almost complete. Our web developer, Cossette East, has advised that the Content Management System, which will allow NSAA to easily make regular updates to the site's content, is complete. Their only remaining task is to complete the browser compatibility testing. Overall, the project is 95% complete. The site content will be developed as a group effort by members of Council, members of the Public Awareness Committee & NSAA staff. Stay tuned for the great unveiling!

Affiliated Professions

Discussions are underway with APENS and CENS about revitalizing the rapport among the three associations. The acts that govern the practices of architecture and engineering allow for a Joint Practice Committee, which has not yet been struck. We will also investigate the possibility of extending an invitation to IDNS to have a seat on that committee.

What we did not get done

Stoddard House and NSAA Offices: There has been a changeover of the Stoddard House Committee. After a number of years of dedicated service, John Doucet had indicated in 2010 that he would like to concentrate on other activities and Mark Archibald has agreed to take over the chairmanship of the committee. Necessary maintenance on the building has been and will continue to be undertaken. The working group to examine improvements to the NSAA offices has been formed but has not met. One of the tasks I am assigning to the new Past President (i.e. 'me') will be the re-convening of this group to see that the revitalisation of the Association offices is put in motion.

Forms: Since the proclamation of our new Act in 2008 we have been in need of new forms to reflect the requirements and language of the Act. Work will begin shortly to correct this situation. (Another duty for the PP.)

Executive Director's Retirement

A few of our members (I don't have the statistics at hand, but I know who does!) will be able to recall a time before Diane Scott was Executive Director of the NSAA. For those of us who have been members for less than 37 years, however, the only person we have ever known in that role is Diane. I think that it is accurate to say that none of the executive directors of the other architectural associations across Canada comes close to matching that record of service. In recognition of this, it was Council's distinct pleasure early this year to present Diane with a Long Service Award.

Diane has now indicated that she would like to retire. In fact, she has been suggesting this for some time but I don't think she ever really took herself seriously; there always seemed to be too many other things to do. Nevertheless, certain imperatives have aligned to make this the last year of Diane's full-time employment with us. Diane has yet to make a decision regarding the actual date of her retirement but it will be some time in the calendar year 2012. She has agreed to assist in the transition to a new Executive Director. As you can imagine after 37 years, there will need to be a considerable "brain dump". The next steps in the preparations for Diane's departure will be to update her job description and engage an executive search firm to help us identify potential candidates for her position. We all hope to be able to design a seamless and painless transition.

Thanks

The regular round of Council terms also sees the departure of Mark Atwood and Barbara MacDonald from the Council table this year. Their respective contributions as Registrar and Secretary-Treasurer, and as members with two very different modes of practice, have been of tremendous value to our discussions.

Leif-Peter Fuchs's term as Vice-President also comes to an end with this year's AGM. His eagerness to be involved with so many aspects of the Association's work made him a natural choice for VP upon Stacey Hughes's departure in 2011. As you will have seen in the Nominating Committee's report, Leif has agreed to stand for President for the upcoming term and, should he be elected, I am comfortable that we will be in good hands.

It is possible that no-one will be happier to see the conclusion of this year's AGM than Therese LeBlanc. (In fact, she is so relieved she is in Hawaii!) As Councillor, President and Past President, Therese has served the Association for 9 uninterrupted years. During my term as President, she has done her best - usually successfully - to keep my elbows out of the soup and to make sure that I knew the background to whatever matter was before us. Her continued involvement with the Association through the BEFA program is deeply appreciated.

Chris von Maltzahn, Spyro Trifos and Dean Collier will be returning to Council to complete their terms. Linda Garber, our public member of Council, is also returning to complete her three year term which wraps up at the end of December.

To all departing and returning members of Council, on behalf of the Association and from me personally, thank you for your dedication to our profession and to the public interest we are charged to protect.

Thanks are due also to all committee chairs and members. Participation in the affairs of the Association is entirely voluntary but we depend on it for everything we do. Without you, the work of the Association would not get done and your fellow members are deeply grateful that you are here for all of us.

Volunteering for the Association is such terrific fun that everyone should have a chance to participate. In fact, we need everyone to participate! “Ask not what your Association can do for you...”

And, of course, to Diane and Jeremy, who make all of this possible, who remind us of that we have to do (like writing annual reports) and remind us again when we haven't done it, thank you from all of us. Unless they have seen it from the inside, many members may not fully realize how much work goes on at the Association office over the course of the year. (There is so much that it has taken me more than 2,500 words just to summarize it!) NSAA, with 160 resident members and an equal number of out-of-province members, is firmly in the middle of the pack of Canadian architectural regulators and yet we are supported by fewer staff than some associations with equivalent or even smaller memberships. Some of that is due to great volunteers but maybe having someone on staff for 37 years helps too!

I also want to thank the members of the NSAA for the trust they placed in me as President of this Association. It has been a fascinating, fast-paced, and sometimes even frantic two years but I have enjoyed every moment of it. I have had the opportunity to travel and to meet practitioners from all across Canada, who share our passion for the practice of architecture, and they are as diverse and amazing a group of people as you will find anywhere. As Past President, I am looking forward to being able to do some of the things I would have liked to have done as President but time did not allow, particularly the renewal of Stoddard House as a place for the promotion of architecture and the architectural profession.

Next year we host the entire country at a celebration of architecture, the RAIC Festival of Architecture, and our friends and colleagues from across Canada are expecting a ‘proper’ East Coast good time. Our membership has seen a recent jump in the number of new, young members and our province faces some tantalizing opportunities along with some real challenges; these are exciting times. Let's show our guests what can be done with all of this talent, enthusiasm and promise!

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Burdock NSAA, MRAIC
President, Nova Scotia Association of Architects

NSAA Procurement Committee Report for 2011

This report discusses the work of the NSAA Procurement Committee during 2011.

On 13 December 2011, George Cotaras and Dennis Ramsay met with DTIR and members of CENS to discuss a perceived “deterioration in Architectural and Engineering consultant service quality” and a “lack of quality of product” as observed by DTIR’s Building Design Group. DTIR noted they have been using the “median pricing” guideline as developed over the past few years for Prime Consultant selection, however CENS observed that Engineering Sub-Consultants are not selected in the same manner as part of this current process. This discussion led to the request for the meeting.

CENS noted that a significant portion of Architectural Firms are requesting “give us your lowest price” when receiving proposals for Engineering Services (this for projects over \$100K in fees), and recommended that DTIR request a Fee Breakdown for Team Members be included with the Architectural response to the RFP. The NSAA suggested that if a Fee Schedule like the one used in NL can be adopted by the NSAA and CENS, then the fee shopping issue might be solved. (The NL Fee Schedule has a total fee and a breakdown for Architectural, Structural, Mechanical, Electrical and Civil).

Regarding the perceived “deterioration in Architectural and Engineering consultant service quality”, both the NSAA and CENS advised DTIR to enforce the terms of their Contract with the Prime Consultant when faced with Engineering Sub-Consultant comments such as “we’ve exhausted our fee and can no long provide services for this project”. DTIR indicated they have experienced no sense of improvement in the quality of work since the proposed Fee Schedule has been adopted, and in some cases the quality and performance is less than before. Specifically, DTIR’s concern related to the Consultant Quality Assurance process, and in some cases they have requested a 3rd party Quality Assurance review and sign-off. Their major issue is a lack of coordination between disciplines.

It was agreed that the NSAA and CENS would re-convene and prepare proposals for a follow-up meeting with DTIR that would address:

- a. “Fee shopping” as experienced by CENS members (including Sub-Consultant inability to meet DTIR contractual requirements);
- b. Methods to ensure better project coordination between disciplines and overall improvements in project quality assurance;
- c. Means to address Sub-Consultant evaluations.

The Committee met on numerous occasions between November 2011 and March 2012 to address the new RAIC Guide to Determining Appropriate Fees for the Services of an Architect. The Guide had previously been endorsed by Council and would supersede the approved 1992 Guide to the Conditions of Engagement and Payment of Fees for Professional Services.

The Committee decided to request the membership to endorse the RAIC Guide to Determining Appropriate Fees for the Services of an Architect (pages 1-35 inclusive) including Appendices A through I inclusive. It was agreed that the document would be distributed to the membership at the AGM, and a motion would be made at the AGM to rescind the 1992 Guide and replace it with the new RAIC Guide.

The motion is as follows:

“Be it resolved that the NSAA rescind the 1992 Guide to the Conditions of Engagement and Payment of Fees for Professional Services, and in its place endorse the use of the RAIC Guide to Determining Appropriate Fees for the Services of an Architect 2009 in its entirety including Appendices A through I”.

Moved by Dennis Ramsay, Seconded by Syd Dumaresq.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dennis Ramsay, Chair

Committee Members:

George Cotaras

Syd Dumaresq

Peter Connell

Ron Burdock ex-officio

Public Awareness Committee Report

Web Page Development

The Public Awareness Committee has been busy for the past several months selecting a consultant to develop the new NSAA webpage. The winning proponent was selected from 5 invited participants, with Cossette East identified as the winning firm.

The committee has been working with Cossette to define what we like and don't like about the current webpage, what are the key messages and content we need to convey to our members and visitors to the site. Our new site has been built around many guiding principles, including demonstrating a higher level of graphic content, a clean and intuitive interface and useful information and forms available to all NSAA members.

All existing content and has been reviewed for accuracy, relevance and a number of others factors. Web page design could not begin without a complete understanding of the desired content and structure.

The site design has been underway for a number of months and the basic structure is now complete with mostly placeholder images and text. Cossette is currently developing the Content Management System which will allow NSAA staff to begin feeding material into pre-designed templates and begin populating the site with all of our content and images. The great advantage of the CMS is that it will allow NSAA staff to keep the site fresh and populated with current material, news, articles and images without having to resort to 3rd party services or HTML programming. The site has been designed with all devices in mind, including tablets and phones. The site does not use Flash and can be viewed on any IOS (Apple) device. The site will automatically scale to work with the computer, tablet or Smart-phone you choose to view it on.

To view the current site layout (with placeholder images and text), please visit:

<http://74.81.212.219/>

This temporary site has been set up for member viewing and will be discontinued when the site goes live. It works with all browsers including Firefox and Explorer.

Lieutenant Governor's Design Awards Display System

The portable display system that has served the NSAA for over 30 years has finally gone to its reward. It has been replaced by a much better new system that will be used to display all future award winners. The system needs an owner...someone who will look after it, insure it is in good working order and deployed at the events or venues where it is required. The Public Awareness committee will find someone willing to undertake this responsibility.

Craig Mosher, Committee Chair

Members: Craig Mosher (Chair), Ron Burdock, Diane Scott, Susan Fitzgerald, Mark Atwood, David Garrett, Dean Collier, Jennet Bowdridge, Greg Fry, Gary Hanley, and Jeremy Martell

Lieutenant Governor's Design Awards in Architecture

Since 1986, the Nova Scotia Association of Architects has held its annual architectural design awards competition to recognize outstanding architectural design by its members. Over the years, five Lieutenant Governors have served as Patron to this Award.

Last year there was a problem scheduling the presentation of the 2010 Award winners as the Lieutenant Governor Mayann Francis term of office was coming to an end in the fall of 2011 so it was decided that the presentation of the 2010 Award winners would be combined with the 2011 Award winners that were judged earlier this week.

The presentation ceremony and reception for the Lieutenant Governor's Design Awards in Architecture has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 5th at 2 pm at Government House, where his Honour Lieutenant Governor Brigadier-General J.J. Grant will present the Medals and Certificates to the designers and their clients of the award winning projects.

I would like to thank those who served on the Jury for the 2010 awards: Noel Fowler, NSAA / Noel Fowler, Architect, David Garrett, NSAA / David F. Garrett, Architect and Diogo Burnay / Director, School of Architecture, Dalhousie.

Thanks must also be given to those who served on the Jury for the 2011 Awards: George Rogers, FRAIC / MacFawn and Rogers Architects, Carol Rogers, MRAIC / PWGSC and Eugene Pieczonka, FRAIC / Lydon Lynch Architects.

There will be change in the timeline for the 2012 Awards. The call for entries for the 2012 design awards will be issued the first week in January 2013. It will be critical to register, with payment for each entry, by the first week of February 2013. This will help us anticipate the scope for jury duty and the exhibition. This registration may take the form of a note to the NSAA by the stated registration date, listing the entrant's name, and the project name and location. Please don't forget the registration fee. The submission of projects will be the first week of March which will allow the jury time to review and judge the projects before the Annual General Meeting. Please take time to review your recent work and consider your submissions.

I would like to thank Tina Smith and Ramzi Kavar for their work on the committee over the past two years.

Please see the attached lists of the 2010 and 2011 entries and award winners

Gary R. Hanley, FRAIC
Chairman of the Jury

Nova Scotia Association of Architects
Lieutenant Governor's Design Awards 2010

Lieutenant Governor's Medal of Excellence

Mackay- Lyons Sweetapple Architects Ltd Martin Lancaster House, Nova Scotia's Atlantic Coast

Award of Merit

Susan Fitzgerald, NSAA, MRAIC	Fuller Terrace Live, Halifax
Lydon Lynch Architects	Seaport Farmer's Market
Mackay- Lyons Sweetapple Architects Ltd	UPEI, School of Business, Charlottetown PEI
with Collaborating Architects - N46 Architects	

Citation

MacKay-Lyons Sweetapple Architects Limited	Cliff House, Nova Scotia's Atlantic Coast
Fowler Bauld & Mitchell Ltd	Mona Campbell Building, Dalhousie
WHW Architects Inc	Ecole Secondaire du Sommet
WHW Architects Inc.- Architect of Record	Kings Mutual Century Centre – "Apple Dome"
with Collaborating Architects - MJM Architects	

Honourable Mention

Gabriel Prost Architect Shed(s)auna, Halifax

This Year's Submissions

Gabriel Prost Architect	Lake House, Aylesford, NS
WHW Architects Inc.	Alderwood Long Term Care Facility
Steven Mannell Architect	Theriault Cottage, Linden, NS
Fowler Bauld & Mitchell Ltd	Oxford P-12 School, Oxford, NS
Archibald & Fraser Architects	Antigonish Town & County Library
Keith L. Graham, NSAA, FRAIC	Holy Family Church, Amherst, NS
William Nycum & Associates Ltd.	Windsor Elms Village
William Nycum & Associates Ltd.	Hennessy House, Wolfville
William Nycum & Associates Ltd.	Addition to Annapolis Royal Nursing Home
Harvey & MacKenzie Ltd., Architects	Saint Benedict RC Church on Dunbrack
Mackay- Lyons Sweetapple Architects Ltd	Bowler House
Mackay- Lyons Sweetapple Architects Ltd	Leahy House
Kenneth J. Dacey & Assoc. Architects Ltd.	Willow Lofts, Truro
Richard Doucette / PWGSC (Concept Design)	Canadian Coast Guard Maritime Headquarters
Shore Tilbe Perkins + Will	Central Nova Scotia Civic Centre, Truro
With Collaborating Architect – JDA Architects	

Members of the Jury

Noel Fowler, NSAA	Noel Fowler, Architect
David Garrett, NSAA	David F. Garrett, Architect
Diogo Burnay	Director, School of Architecture, Dalhousie
Gary R. Hanley, NSAA, FRAIC	Chairman of the Jury

Nova Scotia Association of Architects
Lieutenant Governor's Design Awards 2011

Lieutenant Governor's Medal of Excellence

Mackay-Lyons Sweetapple Architects Limited Two Hulls House

Award of Merit

Mackay-Lyons Sweetapple Architects Limited Leahey II House
WHW Architects Inc.- Architect of Record Queens Place Emera Centre, Liverpool, NS
With Collaborating Architects – MJM Architects

Citation

Michael Napier Architecture Theatre Lofts
Michael Napier Architecture VIC

Honourable Mention

WHW Architects Inc. Life Sciences Research Institute
GF Duffus & Co. Ltd. Conservation of the Facades of
1887 and 1873-77 Granville Street, National Historic Site, NSCAD University

This Year's Submissions

Solterre Design Inc. Ironstone Residence
WHW Architects Inc. Life Sciences Research Institute
WHW Architects Inc. Holman Grand Hotel, Charlottetown, PEI
WHW Architects Inc.- Architect of Record Alderwood Long Term Care Facility, Baddeck, NS
with Collaborating Architects – Montgomery Sisam Architects
WHW Architects Inc.- Architect of Record Tideview Terrace Long Term Care Facility, Digby, NS
with Collaborating Architects – Montgomery Sisam Architects
WHW Architects Inc.- Architect of Record Queens Place Emera Centre, Liverpool, NS
With Collaborating Architects – MJM Architects
Omar Gandhi, Architect Cedar in Three Textures
Fowler Bauld & Mitchell Ltd Kings County Academy
Michael Napier Architecture Theatre Lofts
Michael Napier Architecture VIC
Studioworks International Inc Schmidt Residence
Mackay-Lyons Sweetapple Architects Limited Leahey II House
Mackay-Lyons Sweetapple Architects Limited Two Hulls House
Mackay-Lyons Sweetapple Architects Limited Sunset Rock House
GF Duffus & Co. Ltd. Conservation of the Facades of
1887 and 1873-77 Granville Street, National Historic Site, NSCAD University

Members of the Jury

Carol C. Rogers, MRAIC PWGSC
Eugene Pieczonka, FRAIC Lydon Lynch Architects
George W. Rogers, FRAIC MacFawn and Rogers Architects
Gary R. Hanley, FRAIC Chairman of the Jury

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Diane Scott
Executive Director

The statistics of membership changes recorded in 2011 are as follows:

The following new Licensed Architects were admitted during 2011:

Bowes, Christopher
Eaton, Deborah
Felix, Jean Paul
Fry, Gregory
Lorenz-Luca, Iliah
MacEwan, Monique
Tufts, Keith
Van Den brink, Vincent

The following Licensed Architects resigned in 2011:

Bednarski, Leszek
Northcott, Robert

The following Licensed Architects reclassified to Retired Architects in 2011:

Gaudet, Ronald

The following Retired Architects resigned in 2011:

Hettema, William
Sykes, James

The following new Licensed Architects (Reciprocity) were admitted in 2011:

Bourbeau, Claude
Brook, Calvin
Burgess, Mary Jane
Burton-Brown, Michael
Caracristi, Paul
Feldman, Mark
Flynn, Dwayne
Grotsky, Kenneth
Koenka, David
Lemay, Alain
McLeish, James
Michaud, Viateur
Patriquin, Martin
Pillon, Renzo
Stevens, Karl
Surtel, Paul
Teramura, Allan
Weselake, James
Woolf, Jeremy

The following Licensed Architects (Reciprocity) resigned in 2011:

Aitken, Brian
Burdette-Moulton, Harriet
Farrow, George
Farrow, Tye
Grey, J. Michael
Lipinski, Andrzej
Mitchell, David
Noseworthy, Frank
Poizner, Martin
Rankin, Alex

The following Licensed Architects (Reciprocity) reclassified to Associate in 2011:

Dabrus, Richard
Gregersen, Brian

The following Associate Members resigned in 2011:

Han, Robert
Hazell, Charles
Irwin, Stephen
Jerry Coviensky
MacKenzie, Peter
Marcus Scoler
Taylor, Jill

The following new Intern Members were admitted in 2011:

Bourque, David
Malcolm, Evan
McCarthy, Devin
McEwan, Michelle
Persaud, Christina
Richard, Jacquelyn
Soliman, Rimon
Turner, Robert
Wang, Zhe
Zhang, Bo Hua

The following Intern Members resigned/were removed from the register in 2011:

Casapu, Claudiu
Inkpen, Stephen
Jannasch, Emanuel

The following Student Members were admitted in 2011:

Bolen, Alexandra

NSAA Continuing Education Committee Year End Report

The NSAA membership continues to improve on their participation in, and recording of, continuing education opportunities. The following is a summary of last year's activities as recorded by the NSAA:

Number of Completed Transcripts:

(Minimum of 8 Core Hours and 27 Self Directed Hours Logged):

On or Before January 1st, 2012: 60

On or Before February 1st, 2012: 136

On or Before April 1st, 2012: 143 (97 % of all expected Transcripts)

Of the Transcripts Submitted:

Average Number of Core Hours Logged: 16.7 Hours

Average Number of Self Directed Hours Logged: 38.4 Hours

Average Number of Total Hours Logged: 55.1 Hours

The present 1 year cycle is 01 January, 2012 to 31 December, 2012. Members are required to achieve 35 hours of learning in this 1 year cycle (8 CORE learning hours; and 27 Self-Directed learning hours).

Members will again be required to submit their transcript along with their Application for Licence Renewal by the close of the cycle – December 31st, 2012. All transcripts will be reviewed for general compliance with the requirements of the MCEP. A random audit may be conducted in order to ensure accuracy of reporting and relevance of reported activities. Members must maintain supporting documentation for all educational activities completed during the Cycle for a period of two years after the end of the Cycle. Members may be required to submit such documentation to the NSAA upon request.

The Continuing Education Harmonization Task Force, which was comprised of administrative staff from each provincial/territorial association, was struck to review further opportunities to harmonize continuing education across Canada and find a collective voice among regulators before sharing it with the RAIC.

The following suggestions were presented for the jurisdictions' considerations:

- To adopt a two-year cycle ending June 30;
- To eliminate the types of learning activities (i.e. core and self-directed) and require instead that members obtain 70 hours of learning in specific categories;
- To continue with any method of reporting deemed appropriate by the respective associations; and
- To develop an "equivalency option".

Most of these suggestions have been adopted by the majority of provincial and territorial Associations. The NSAA was one of the few exceptions.

The NSAA council and Continuing Education Committee felt that the present program has been well accepted by the membership and that it would not be in the memberships best interest to make fundamental changes at this time. We will continue dialogue with the task force and look forward to presenting opportunities to further harmonize continuing education across Canada to the membership as they develop.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan O'Reilly, Committee Chair

Committee Members:

Jennet Bowdridge

Stacey Hughes

Therese LeBlanc

Darrell Spencer

Dan O'Reilly

Diane Scott

Jeremy Martell

Reports from Other Groups

Nova Scotia Building Advisory Committee Report

The Nova Scotia Building Advisory Committee, established by the NS Building Code Regulations, under the Building Code Act of 1989, has the following functions:

- to provide the Minister with advice and assistance concerning the Act and Regulations;
- to provide liaison between the Minister and the NRC or other bodies concerned with construction standards;
- to hear appeals respecting technical requirements of the NS Building Code;
- to respond to matters referred to it by a judge; and
- to perform other duties and functions referred to it by the Minister.

Members of the Committee represent the various Associations and groups that are involved in the building and construction sector, including APENS, the Interior Designers of Nova Scotia, the NS Home Designers Association, Disabled Persons Commission, the Union of NS Municipalities, UDI, CANS, and the NS Building Officials Association. Meetings of the full Committee are held monthly, with ad hoc working groups meeting as special needs require.

While the most consistent role of the Committee is the review and coordination of revisions and errata to the National Building Code and Plumbing Code, other issues arise as well. Current activities include;

- Finalizing the new Letter of Undertaking for Interior Design
- Review of the percentage of residential units required to be fully barrier free, based upon concern that the requirement is onerous for developers and may be ineffective in achieving greater housing opportunities for the physically challenged.
- Investigation of building visitability issues (primarily residential) for the physically challenged
- The review of tracking alternate compliance acceptance through the use of registration on the property deed.

A more immediate issue resulting from the recommendations made in the recent New Homeowner Protection study by Novus Consulting, is the review of the use of the *Letter of Undertaking*, the *Inspection Commitment Certificates*, and the *Certification of Field Review of Construction* (Schedule A, A1 to A8 and A9) documents. The intent was to determine if their use meets their intended function; to have professionals inspect buildings at appropriate times to determine general compliance with design. The study was also to identify regulatory or other improvements that could be made to assure the quality of design and construction in the province.

Recently, the National Research Council released the National Energy Code for Buildings which replaces and updates the Model National Energy Code for Buildings. Generally, the new Code achieves a 25% energy performance improvement over the MNECB. The Building Advisory Committee has been asked to review the NECB and to provide advice for its adoption by the Province, with any modifications it deems appropriate, and a review of any implementation impacts that may affect the design, construction and regulatory community. A public consultation process will be conducted, likely this Fall.

The Committee continues to conduct hearings requested by the public as an appeal to decisions made by the Authority Having Jurisdiction regarding code compliance issues.

If you have comments or concerns you wish to express about these or other Code issues, please forward them to me or Mr. Ted Ross, Building Code Coordinator – Labour and Advanced Education - e-mail: rosstg@gov.ns.ca

Respectfully submitted,

Rob McLaren,
NSAA Representative to the Committee

Nova Scotia Building Code Training and Certification Board

The Nova Scotia Building Code Training and Certification Board ensures that the Building Code Act and Regulations requiring municipalities to employ Municipal Building Officials is met. The Board consists of ten members including the NSAA, with an Executive Committee and Review Committee.

At the Annual General Meeting last September, Brenda Seymour replaced Frank MacFarlane representing the Municipal Development Officers Association of Nova Scotia, Richard Harvey replaced Doug Foster representing the Nova Scotia Planning Directors Association and Jamie Gills replaced Jim Donovan representing the Nova Scotia Building Officials Association. Reappointed members serving their second term include Gary Ruitenbergh representing the Association of Professional Engineers of Nova Scotia, Don Landry representing Tech Nova and John Thomson of the NSAA. The Executive Committee consists of Chair-Ted Ross, Vice Chair-Jennifer Watts, Secretary Treasurer- John Thomson with Members Mannie Withrow and Jamie Gillis. Michelle Landreville replaced Jack Leedham as Registrar.

Following routine housekeeping during the Annual Meeting open discussions were held on a number of topics including:

- Timely training for Level 1 Inspectors
- Challenge exams as a routine offering
- New courses proposed for qualification requirements
- Upcoming Audit of Training Provider
- Appropriate Diplomas for Recipients

The Executive Committee has met three times last year and the following was discussed:

- Review of proposal from Audit Facilitator
- Shared Services with Nova Scotia Building Officials Organization
- Additional courses to meet current Building Code requirements

The Registration Committee has met electronically throughout the year to grant Level 1 and Level 2 Qualification and Certification.

It is anticipated that the Board will continue to meet in a similar manner throughout the coming year with the Annual General Meeting tentatively scheduled for mid-June, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

John Thomson
NSAA Representative and Secretary Treasurer

RAIC Representative Report

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The RAIC has been quite active this past year, progressing on some projects and starting new initiatives.

It has been teaming up with the Interior Designers of Canada to jointly present IIDEX NeoCon in Toronto and introducing the Architecture Canada Expo as part of the IIDEX trade show. It thus expects to build the architectural dimension of the show and raise awareness of the key role architects play in the design and development of liveable cities and communities.

This is a complement to our annual Festival of Architecture to which you are all invited, on June 13 to 16, in St-John's, Newfoundland for our gathering themed: Deep Roots in a New Energy City. RAIC has partnered with the Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Architects to present the Festival.

RAIC remains committed to promoting sustainable design approaches and has introduced a series of case studies on projects that meet or exceed the current targets of the 2030 challenge. These are featured on the website <http://2030.raic.org/indexe.htm>.

In 2012, RAIC is launching its first on-line learning offering to allow easier access to continuing education. In the fall, a course in Core Sunlighting should be available.

Other activities have been the Venice Biennale – Migrating Landscapes –, the Sustainable design tour of Copenhagen and the Veronafiore/Marmomacc scholarships.

As the national advocacy voice for Canadian architects, RAIC engages in government relations on an ongoing basis, notably through our participation in the Federal/Industry Real Property Advisory Council which brings together senior representatives from the key federal departments involved in procurement along with the national associations representing architects, engineers, interior designers and contractors. This is an important forum for surfacing and addressing issues relating to procurement practices, security clearances, insurance/liability issues, sustainability, joint project works and government structuring with respect to Real Property services. Provincial and territorial regulators are always invited to submit their concerns so that they can be addressed at that level.

Finally, the Syllabus Renewal process is underway with RAIC's partnership with Athabasca University. Technical courses are offered and studio modules are being updated and expected to be launched in September. This will allow students in remote areas to join the studios through internet-based software. Along with in-office work experience this will lead to licensure to practice architecture.

As you can see, RAIC is very active to promote the profession. We welcome questions and suggestions from members and look forward to welcoming new members to be part of Canada's National Community of Architects.

And all this to promote our objective of convincing everyone that "*Architecture matters*".

Edmond Koch, FRAIC, AANB, OAQ
Atlantic Region, RAIC Board Member

Status Report on the BEFA Program - Pilot #2

Subsequent to our report to you in Calgary, the Task Force has held a second pilot. This was the first time using the new CACB on-line self-assessment tool that had been agreed to in November 2011,

the CACB officially made its self-assessment tool available to foreign-trained architects recommended by regulators. By December 16th, 8 candidates had completed their portfolios: 1 AAA; 2 MAA; 1 NSAA, 2 OAA, 1 OAQ and 1 SAA. At that point, assessors, who had participated in the first BEFA pilot in Vancouver in March 2011, were given access to the SharePoint site to become familiar with how to navigate and use its features.

At the beginning of January, the CACB assigned these assessors to interview Panels composed of 3 members: a Chair and a National and a Regional representative. Assessors had access to the complete portfolio of their candidate and assessed their competencies without seeing each other's comments and rating. Following these individual reviews, the Panels together evaluated and determined, via e-mail and conference call, which candidates were ready for interview. The 4 candidates selected represented the following jurisdictions: 1 AAA, 1 MAA, 1 OAA and 1 SAA. As you can appreciate, this was accomplished inside a very tight timeframe and the Task Force appreciates the time devoted by assessors to ensure that we could invite successful candidates for interview in Ottawa on January 23, 2012.

Around these interviews, BEFA Task Force hosted another training workshop for provincial/territorial assessors. It was a two and one half day session involving 32 architects. BC architects served as assessor-trainers and Panel Chairs and the workshops covered the background on the BEFA program, CACB BEFA process, the new CACB assessment on-line SharePoint environment, interview techniques and the application of the Matrix in the interview process. Participants watched, via video conferencing, Panels review a candidate portfolio and determine what areas of competency needed further clarification and probing and the line of questioning. Subsequently, they then watched the 2-hour interview with the candidate and the deliberations of the Panel following the interview. Two candidates will be recommended for licensure and two candidates will be provided with remedial action. After the Panels had made their decision there was a broad and in-depth discussion with the Panels and with the trainees. As well, participants and candidates all filled in feedback questionnaires.

To date, we have had 27 assessors participate in training over the 2 Pilots:
3 AAA; 4 AANB ; 1 AAPEI; 1 AIBC; 1 ALBNL; 1 MAA; 2 NSAA; 2 NWT; 4 OAA; 5 OAQ and 2 SAA.

We will take what we have learned in this Pilot and apply it to the last Pilot to be held in Montreal on March 17-19,2012. At that time we want to ensure that some French candidates are ready to proceed to interview and assessors who participated in the January training have the “hands on” opportunity to review a candidate file.

Presently, we have 24 candidates in the system being encouraged to complete their portfolios by February 10th. We will be able to give you a more in depth status report at the Roundtable in Winnipeg.

A survey was supplied to assessors and candidates to review the process from their perspective, These results and the Task Forces review of the process the Task Force is undertaking the development of a marking guide that will assist the assessors in the development of the criteria and responses to be received from the candidates. Your Task Force is meeting on the Friday before the Round Table in Winnipeg and will report more fully during the morning session.

Dave Edwards, Chair
BEFA Task Force

Nominating Committee Report

NSAA Nominating Committee Report
2012-2013

The following names are being put forward to serve on Council of the Nova Scotia Association of Architects for the 2012/2013 Term of Office:

President: Leif-Peter Fuchs

Councillors: Jennet Bowdridge (1st year)
 Craig Mosher (1st year)
 Troy Scott (1st year)

Respectfully submitted,

Therese LeBlanc, Chair
Eugene Piczonka
Paul Frank

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