

NOVA SCOTIA
ASSOCIATION *of* ARCHITECTS | NSAA

81st

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

JUNE 5TH, 2013, THE HALIFAX MARRIOTT HARBOURFRONT, HALIFAX, NS

NOTICE OF 2013 ANNUAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE
81ST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
NOVA SCOTIA ASSOCIATION OF ARCHITECTS
WILL BE HELD

1:00 PM, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5TH, 2013

IN NS BALLROOM C

AT THE HALIFAX MARRIOTT

HARBOURFRONT HOTEL

1919 UPPER WATER STREET, HALIFAX, NS

The Nominating Committee has submitted the following nominations

for 2013/2014 NSAA Council:

Councillors:

Greg Fry; Ramzi Kavar; Ron LeLievre; and

Chris Von Maltzahn (to fill One-Year Term vacancy)

Remaining on Council:

Craig Mosher; Troy Scott; Paulette Anderson, Public Rep.;

Susan Fitzgerald, Dalhousie Rep.; Leif-Peter Fuchs, President;

Ron Burdock, Past-President

Margo Dauphinee
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AGENDA

**81st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
THE HALIFAX MARRIOTT HARBOURFRONT HOTEL
1919 UPPER WATER STREET, HALIFAX, NS**

Wednesday, June 5th, 2013:

12:00 P.M. AGM Registration

12:30 P.M. Luncheon

12:45 P.M. Presentation of Certificates to New Licensed Architects

1:00 P.M. NSAA Annual Meeting Call to Order

..... Approval of Minutes of 80th Annual Meeting

.... Presentation of 2012 Financial Statements

.... Treasurer's Report and Presentation of 2013 Budget

.... Receive Reports of Representatives of Other Groups

.... Election of Officers and Councillors for 2013/2014 Term

..... Business Arising from Minutes and Reports

.... New Business

.... Business Meeting Adjournment

2012 - 2013 COUNCIL

Leif-Peter Fuchs	President
Spyro Trifos	Vice-President
Craig Mosher	Secretary-Treasurer
Dean Collier	Registrar
Jennet Bowdridge	Councillor
Troy Scott	Councillor
Chris Von Maltzahn	Councillor
Ronald Burdock	Past-President
Linda Garber	Public Representative

NSAA COMMITTEES 2012-2013

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(Chair) L. Fuchs, President 902-422-3000
C. Mosher, Sec-Treasurer
S. Trifos, Vice-President
R. Burdock, Past President
D. Scott-Stewart, Executive Director

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

(Chair) R. Burdock 902-429-5490
T. LeBlanc
E. Pieczonka

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Professional Regulation Committee

(Chair) D. Goodspeed 902-422-1557
J. Thomson

Architect/Engineers

Executive - NSAA/ENS/CENS

DTIR Procurement

D. Ramsay 902-429-5490
G. Cotaras
S. Dumaresq
P. Connell

NSAA BOARD OF EDUCATION

CONVENER – S. Trifos

Continuing Education

(Chair) D. O'Reilly 902-429-5490
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S. Hughes
J. Bowdridge
D. Spencer
D. Scott-Stewart, Executive Director
J. Martell, Administrative Assistant

NSAA REGISTRATION BOARD

CONVENER – D. Collier

Board of Registration

Dean Collier, Registrar 902-722-4146

T. LeBlanc

G. Cotaras

C. Young

S. Keating

M. Grunsky

T. Scott

D. Scott-Stewart, Executive Director

J. Martell, Administrative Assistant

RESPONSE COMMITTEES

Public Awareness Committee

(Chair) C. Mosher 902-429-5490

M. Atwood

L. Steele

S. Mannell

D. Collier

S. Fitzgerald

D. Garrett

G. Fry

R. Burdock, (Past-Pres.) Ex-officio

D. Scott-Stewart (Executive Director)

J. Martell, (Admin. Asst.)

Stoddard House Committee

CONVENER – C. von Maltzahn

Mark Archibald

D. Scott-Stewart, Executive Director

R. Bonardelli & S. Esber, Condo Unit #2

Intern Architect Committee

C. Young (902) 429-6860

S. Keating

D. Scott-Stewart, Executive Director

NSAA REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER GROUPS

N.S. Building Advisory Committee

R. McLaren

N.S. Building Officials Association

J. Thomson

Royal Architecture Institute of Canada

E. Koch, AANB, Representative for Atlantic Region

Canadian Architectural Licensing Authorities

L. Fuchs, NSAA Rep.

D. Scott-Stewart, Exec. Dir.

President's Report

Introduction and Highlights

The last year has been an eventful one for the NSAA, the foremost items being the preparations for the 2013 RAIC Festival and Diane's retirement from the Executive Director position after 37 years.

I would like to reiterate our welcome to Margo Dauphinee as our new Executive Director. We are very happy to have found Margo and look forward to working with her. I also want to reiterate our congratulations to Jeremy Martell on his new position of Membership Coordinator. This new position provides Jeremy the opportunity to continue his path of growth within the NSAA. There is a brief outline of the search process for a replacement near the bottom of this report. I also want to thank Diane who has agreed to remain available to help with the transition and take on any special projects which may come up.

Membership Statistics

At the end of 2012, NSAA had a total of 395 members. This number consisted of 155 resident Licensed Architects, 144 out of province Licensed Architects, 5 Associate Architects, 13 Retired Architects, 54 Interns, 23 students and 1 Honorary Member – Diane Scott-Stewart.

Currently for 2013, NSAA resident Licensed Architect membership has increased to 161.

Internship in Architecture Program

The new Internship in Architecture Program has been in force and adopted across the country since last year. All provinces, including BC, are now fully on board and administer the ExAC exams. Early in 2012, NSAA received notification that 100% of our Interns passed their 2011 ExACs. In November, 7 in province Interns and 1 out of province Intern wrote the exams, with an 86% pass rate. Since last year's AGM, 11 Nova Scotia Intern Architects have completed the requirements of the Internship in Architecture Program.

Professional Regulation

Several issues relating to professional registration have come up over the last year.

Most recently council has started to deal with copyright. This resulted from reports of two instances where clients demanded copyright and moral rights to the Architect's work. There is currently no clear direction from the NSAA on how to respond to such client demands, and we are trying to create some clarity about the issues. We have begun to collect publications and other resources on the topic from Nova Scotia and nationally, and engaged McInnes Cooper to clarify to the NSAA the rights of our members. This work may result in some continuing education sessions, general guidelines to the membership, or revisions to our By-laws or Code of Ethics. So far we have received a draft guide which we will review over the next while.

In another ongoing issue, very recently a handful of cases have been brought to our attention where the title “Architect” is being used by persons not licensed in Nova Scotia. Some of these cases have not been addressed yet. Where they have, our experience has shown that most cases are resolved with a phone call and a follow up notice. There has however been an instance where the employer of an intern and that employers' relationship to an architect is not clear. It is important for mentors of interns to be aware and ensure the intern is working under the direct supervision of an architect.

There has been some discussion among council about the fact that the NSD/TIR has excluded architects from the last RFP for a SOA for interior design if they are not registered with IDNS. We are gathering facts and opinions on the matter and if necessary will ask for a direct discussion with the department.

Complaints Committee

It has been another quiet year for the complaints committee, so quiet in fact that we only realized after a recent complaint that we do not have enough members on the committee to form a panel. We have since added at least one new name to the committee, and hope to add more in the near future. Our chair was able to resolve the recent complaint without launching the full complaint process.

Procurement and Fees

The RAIC fee guide has been in place for a year now. The NSAA procurement committee together with APENS has met with NSD/TIR to discuss fee awards and distribution among consultants. There is disagreement on behalf of NSD/TIR about the quality of service provided by architects, while engineers feel that, as sub-consultants, they are not benefiting from the median fee method of award. Discussions continue.

Stoddard House

We have seen a change of ownership of the upper condo this year, Bonardelli Retail Solutions Inc sold the unit to law firm Garson MacDonald.

The NSAA has the right of first refusal and consequently, Mr Bonardelli offered the NSAA the opportunity to purchase the upper condo at the asking price before putting the unit on the open market. We engaged a real estate professional in order to estimate the market value of the property relative to the asking price, found the asking price to be too high, and passed on the offer.

The change of ownership does not immediate affect the NSAA. The new owner has informally expressed interest in purchasing the NSAA's condominium unit and leasing it back. Our present position is that we are not considering to give up our ownership of the condominium.

Recent work on the building includes replacement of the exterior fire escape stair from the top unit, and a refinishing of the NSAA areas including new wood flooring, some removals and fresh paint. All administrative functions will now be on the upper floor.

Lieutenant Governor's Awards

We have seen another year of great submissions, the total number for the 2012 awards is 24. The awards will be presented by His Honor Brigadier-General The Honourable John James Grant, CMM, ONS, CD (Ret'd) later this year. In the meantime submissions can be viewed at the Festival of Architecture.

NSAA Website

The website is finally online. We now have control over maintenance and can update the pages directly anytime. At present the content is limited to membership and contact information. Additional content is being prepared which includes background information for the general public on architects and the important role they play in the building process and educational and governance material for members.

Continuing Education

After experiencing some difficulties in the past the Mandatory Continuing Education Program has run very well in the last year as evidenced by the 2012 Continuing Education Report, and the requirements are now being met by all members on time with rare exceptions. There have been some suggestions to move to a 2 year cycle or change the start of the cycles to July 1 in order to synchronize with other provinces. In consideration of the fact that it took some years for the program to become established, council decided not to make administrative changes at present. An updated "How To" Manual outlining how to register continuing education hours has been sent to all members and will also be available on the website.

In order to demonstrate support to our interns and their continuing education we are sponsoring 8 interns selected by a draw to attend this year's Festival of Architecture continuing education sessions. We hope to continue this initiative in the future.

RAIC Festival

After many months of anticipation, we are now only a few short hours away from the opening of the 2013 RAIC Festival. Brian MacKay-Lyons will give the public lecture at the opening reception and kick off what will be an exciting and content-rich 4-day in celebration of architecture: "Value of Beauty, Integrity in Architecture". Other speakers include Ed Feiner, Director of the Perkins+Will Design Leadership Forum and Heather Dubbeldam, recipient of the 2013 RAIC Advocate for Architecture Award. Frank Ching, recently retired Professor Emeritus at the University of Washington, will be giving sketching sessions on location. There are four continuing education streams: Architecture as a Craft, Understanding Place, Defining Integrity, and Ecological Architecture/ Sustainable Urbanism. Social events include the Thursday's RAIC College of Fellows and Syllabus Convocation with Keynote Speaker and Cocktail Reception, Friday's Presidents' Dinner and Awards Gala as well as the Liquid Lounge and Live Music taking place at Dalhousie, and Saturday's Closing Party Maritime Lobster Dinner.

Countless hours of work and great collaboration between RAIC, NSAA, Dalhousie University Faculty of Architecture and Planning as well as local planners Agenda Managers went into the organization and execution of the event. There are too many committees and committee members to name, so I want to send a big thank you out to everyone that committed time and energy.

Dalhousie University Faculty of Architecture and Planning

We continue to foster our relationship with Dalhousie University Faculty of Architecture and Planning on several levels.

We now exchange members on each others governing boards with Susan Fitzgerald sitting on NSAA council and Ron Burdock sitting on the Faculty of Architecture and Planning Steering Committee. This arrangement provides us regular channels of communication and insight in the affairs and concerns of each others' organization. NSAA also has a representative, John Crace, who is sitting on the Review of the Dalhousie Deanship of Faculty of Architecture and Planning.

Dalhousie University's School of Architecture and Planning, and RAIC worked together with us in the organization of the 2013 RAIC Festival of Architecture. This partnership included collaborating on the theme, speakers, continuing education, volunteer commitments, and event planning.

The NSAA presented 3 awards at this year's Convocation Tea, the Ojars Biskaps Award, the NSAA Scholarship and the NSAA Prize.

The NSAA Ojars Biskaps Award is given to an incoming MArch student whose Year 4 BEDS portfolio integrates academic knowledge, design practice, and the use of drawing for architectural inquiry and expression. This year's recipient is Caitlin Biggar.

The NSAA Scholarship is awarded to a student entering the final year of the MArch program who is a native of Nova Scotia or has been a permanent resident for some years, and who plans to enter the architectural profession upon graduation. This year's recipient is Matthew Bishop.

The NSAA Prize is awarded to a graduating student who displays an outstanding awareness of the architect's responsibility to society in scholarly and design work. This year's recipient is Matthew Kennedy.

Dalhousie University has identified a need for financial support to students entering the B.E.D.S. program. Students cannot qualify for entrance scholarships because it is a 3rd year program, but do not qualify for graduate scholarships either. We have increased the scholarship funds in the proposed 2013 budget to help fill this need.

Keystone Awards

The Keystone awards are another area of cooperation between the NSAA and Dalhousie University. Seeking to recognize excellence in contributions to the quality of the built environment the nominations are open to all architects and those involved in the design, development and construction industry in Nova Scotia. Nomination categories include architects' innovation in design, project management or technology or their community involvement, advocacy, or leadership as well as associated professions: clients, developers, engineering teams, instructors and remarkable students. A portion of the proceeds from these awards will support bursaries for architecture students in financial need, a legacy created from the 2010 awards.

We are also considering to team up with a partner charity to share the publicity and goodwill. We have broadcast a call for suggestions, and as a result have decided to approach Habitat for Humanity to explore potential opportunities for cooperation.

CALA/ CACB

The NSAA continues to work with the other regulators on national initiatives through CALA and the CACB. After serving on the BEFA task force for a number of years, Therese LeBlanc is now serving as the Secretary-Treasurer on the CACB Board of Directors. Due to the increased workload of the board it has been proposed to add 3 members.

The BEFA (Broadly Experienced Foreign Architect) program was officially launched in the fall of 2012, and for the first time offers a competency-based assessment path for foreign architects to gain licensure in Canada. Architects are at the forefront nationally in this respect, no other Canadian profession provides a similar program. The NSAA has three members who participated in the BEFA training and are part of the national pool available to form assessor panels. As a result of the program, the NSAA has been able to welcome Atlantic Canada's first successful BEFA candidate into the profession this spring. As signatories to the BEFA program, the NSAA is also participating in an observer role in the development of Nova Scotia Fair Registration Practices Act.

Other CALA initiatives include the International Relations Committee's (IRC) work toward Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRA) with international jurisdictions. The most advanced of these is the MRA with the US regulator, where an agreement with NCARB is in the final draft stages. The basis of mutual recognition will be proof of licensure, 2000 hours of licensed experience, and good standing with the home jurisdiction. One outstanding issue is NCARB's demand to except members who entered the profession through the BEFA program.

There is also an MRA with the Architectural Council of Europe currently in draft stage, to be finalized in conjunction with the Canada Europe Trade Agreement (CETA). The basis of recognition will be an accredited degree in architecture, a license in the home jurisdiction, and the completion of at least 12 years of combined education, training and practice, with at least 5 years of licensed experience.

Discussions with the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation jurisdictions are also underway, but they have not progressed past the early exploratory stages.

Another ongoing topic of discussion at CALA are the associations' different Codes of Ethics., The question has been raised why there are such wide variations in content, and whether it would be desirable to have greater consistency across the country. There is no great urgency to the issue, but the provincial associations have come into greater alignment over the last years and this appears to be another area where there are unnecessary differences.

Lastly, planning for a Validation Conference involving CCUSA and the provincial regulators to be held in the fall of 2014 has begun.

Search for Executive Director and New Membership Coordinator Position

Further to the initial remarks in this report, here is a brief outline of the search process we conducted. It has been a very long time since we last underwent a transition like this. To assist in the process, we engaged Fairwinds Training and Development and began by developing position descriptions, including one for a new position Membership Coordinator. The consultant next prepared and conducted the candidate search, reviewed applications and dealt with the first round interviews to finally present us with a selection of three candidates for interview. They then developed detailed pre-interview assessments and assisted our interview panel in the preparation for the three interviews, and were present to observe and facilitate our final candidate interviews.

Upcoming Items

A few items we hope to tackle over the coming year include a review of our policy manual, by-laws and Code of Ethics to reflect the new act and regulations. We will also complete our review of copyright and moral rights and their relevance to NSAA members and make recommendations. Also on the to do list are the completion of the Stoddard House renovations and the formal establishment of a joint practice committee Engineers Nova Scotia.

Thanks

I want to start off this round of thanks with Jeremy, Diane and Margo, whose tireless efforts and patience keep our association running. Margo has probably just begun to realize what she got herself into with trying to manage a large group of architects, but is taking it in strides. Thanks are also due to all of our councillors, a dedicated group including a public representative and a Dalhousie University representative.

This year council is seeing the departure of several councillors whose two-year terms are ending. Unfortunately, we are also losing Jennet due to personal commitments. We understand how difficult it can be to find the time to volunteer, and really appreciate the time and contributions everyone makes.

I also want to recognize all the board and committee members- this has been a particularly busy year for us, and nothing could have been achieved without the massive amount of hours and creative effort required to make things happen. We also should not forget to recognize the intern mentors and others helping to guide and shape the next generation of architects.

December 2012 saw the end of the term of our first Public Representative. Linda Garber brought a fresh perspective and valuable insights to the table. Her background in law meant she could help us work with the new act and regulations in a way that was much more informed and assured than we would have been able to on our own. Our new public representative Paulette Anderson brings extensive experience on professional boards with her and promises to be an equally valuable contributor to council.

Finally, I would like to thank the membership for putting the trust in me to serve as President of the association. I would not have been able to perform the duties without the support of Diane, Ron, Therese and the other experienced colleagues. It has been a great experience so far, and I hope to have the opportunity to step it up in the coming year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leif-Peter Fuchs, President

NSAA Procurement Committee Report

This report discusses the work of the NSAA Procurement Committee during 2012.

In December 2011, George Cotaras and Dennis Ramsay met with DTIR and members of CENS to discuss DTIR's concern over "deterioration in Architectural and Engineering consultant service quality" and a "lack of quality of product". Following this meeting, CENS met occasionally with DTIR during 2012 to address these issues. These meetings were organized by DTIR and CENS, and it was not until March 27, 2013 that NSAA was requested to participate.

This most recent meeting focused on proposed revisions to the Standing Offer Agreement to allow its use by the MASH Sector. Prior to May 2011 when the "Public Procurement Act" came in effect, the MASH Sector was not obligated to use a Qualifications-Based-Selection (QBS) process for procurement of professional services. The Act now requires that all provincial public sector entities and suppliers acquiring goods and services conform to the procurement guidelines stated in the "Procurement Process: Architects and Professional Engineering Services" Revised August 20, 2009.

Prime and sub-consultant performance remains a topic of discussion despite the use of median-based fees and the expectation that the quality of product and service would increase as a result of higher fees. DTIR acknowledges 1) that the difficulty with quantifying performance is there are no key performance indicators currently in place, and 2) they have not been diligent in completing their internal evaluation forms. Both CENS and the NSAA have agreed to work with DTIR to propose recommendations for post-performance evaluation.

Sub-consultant evaluation at the RFP stage remains an issue. While selection of the prime consultant follows a QBS process, a similar process is not in place for the selection of sub-consultants. CENS previously noted that a significant portion of architectural firms continue to request "give us your lowest price" when receiving proposals for engineering services, and recommended that DTIR request a fee breakdown for team members be included with the architectural response to the RFP. The NSAA previously suggested that if a fee schedule similar to the one used in NL was adopted by NSAA and CENS, then the fee shopping issue might be solved.

It was agreed that the NSAA and CENS would re-convene on a regular basis in 2013 to prepare proposals for follow-up meetings with DTIR that would address:

- a. Consultant performance and evaluation;
- b. "Fee shopping" as experienced by CENS members;
- c. Methods to ensure better project coordination between disciplines and overall improvements in project quality assurance;

Respectfully Submitted,
Dennis Ramsay, Chair

Committee Members: George Cotaras, Syd Dumaresq,
Peter Connell, and Ron Burdock ex-officio

NSAA Public Awareness Committee

Webpage Development

The Public Awareness Committee has been busy again this past year, working hard to finalize the Association's new website. Though there have been a few small technical difficulties that have slowed down the process, there have been several advancements made on the development of the website. In the autumn of 2012, the old NSAA website was taken off-line, and the homepage for the new website was uploaded. Since then, the Committee has been working hard with our developer, Cossette East, to draft and finalize each individual section for a final unveiling. Currently, the membership/firm list has been uploaded for public viewing.



As expected, the site will be media rich, user-friendly, and informative for both the membership and the general public. It has been tested to operate properly on a variety of devices and web browsers. The Content Management System (CMS) has also made it easy for the NSAA in addressing changes, edits, and fine-tuning.

As the website will be ever-evolving, we ask that the membership let the Association know of any concerns or suggestions you may have for the website. If any of the members have photos of projects they would like to display on their firm profiles, we ask that they send them to the attention of Jeremy Martell, NSAA Membership Coordinator, at jmartell@nsaa.ns.ca as high resolution jpeg files.

The Public Awareness Committee asks the membership to stay tuned for further announcements on the website, as we expect more updates in the coming months, and to visit www.nsaa.ns.ca to see the website throughout its evolution.

Sincerely,

Craig Mosher, Chair

Committee Members:

Ron Burdock, Susan Fitzgerald, Mark Atwood, David Garrett,
Dean Collier, Jennet Bowdridge, Greg Fry, Gary Hanley,
Diane Scott, 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.

The jury this year met and reviewed 24 entries of outstanding projects for the 2012 design awards. The presentation ceremony and reception for the Lieutenant Governor's Design Awards in Architecture has been scheduled for July 23th at 2 pm at Government House, where his Honour Lieutenant Governor Brigadier-General J.J. Grant will present the Medal and Certificates to the designers and their clients of the award winning projects.

The AGM last year was the first use of the new much improved portable display system that replaced the tired old system that had served the NSAA for over 30 years. The NSAA is still looking for an eager volunteer to look after responsibility of looking after and setting up the new panel boards.

I would like to thank those who served on the Jury for the 2012 awards: Dan Goodspeed, FRAIC / Kassner Goodspeed Architects Ltd., Ramzi Kawar / Architect – Knowledge and Development Assoc. Ltd., Cristina Verissimo / CVDB Arquitectos, Lisbon, Portugal and Holly Simon, M.Arch. / 2013 graduate of the School of Architecture.

We look forward to next year's awards. 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.

Please see the attached list of the 2012 entries and award winners. The projects will be on display at the NSAA AGM and RAIC Festival of Architecture.

Gary R. Hanley, FRAIC
Chairman of the Jury

Nova Scotia Association of Architects Lieutenant Governor's Design Awards 2012

Lieutenant Governor's Medal of Excellence

WZMH Architects NS Power Corporate Headquarters
& Fowler Bauld & Mitchell Ltd. Collaborating Architect

Award of Merit

Solterre Design Inc. Solterre Concept House
Fowler Bauld & Mitchell Ltd. Dr. William D. Finn Centre for Forensics Medicine
Mackay-Lyons Sweetapple Architects Sliding House
Mackay-Lyons Sweetapple Architects Sunset Rock
WHW Architects Inc. Colchester East Hants Health Centre, Truro, NS
& Farrow Partnership Healthcare Planning Consultant

Citation in Architectural Design

Omar Gandhi, Architect Shantih, Hunts Point, NS
Nycum and Associates Brigadoon Village, Camp for Children w/ Chronic Illness

Honourable Mention

WHW Architects Inc. White Point Beach Resort
Fowler Bauld & Mitchell Ltd. Cabot Links Lodge

Entries

JDA Architects Wood Street Centre, Truro, NS
Exp. Architects Inc. Metro Transit Dartmouth Bridge Terminal
Soltaire Design Inc. Ghegin LeBlanc Addition
Solterre Design Inc. Valley Waste Regional Management Head Office
WHW Architects Inc. Bluenose Academy, Lunenburg, NS
GF Duffus and Co. Ltd. 22 Nicholas Street, NB
Omar Gandhi, Architect Moore Studio, Hubbards, NS
Omar Gandhi, Architect Oxford Street Porches, Halifax, NS
Omar Gandhi, Architect Cedar in Three Textures, Liverpool, NS
Nycum and Associates Baton Rouge Restaurant Renovation
Nycum and Associates Community Living Initiative, Transitional Mental Health Housing
Kenneth J. Dacey and Associates Apple Store, Halifax Shopping Centre
Mackay-Lyons Sweetapple Architects Bowler House
Mackay-Lyons Sweetapple Architects UPEI School of Nursing
& BGHJ Architects Collaborating Architects

Members of the Jury

Cristina Verissimo CVDB Arquitectos , Lisbon, Portugal.
Dan Goodspeed, FRAIC Kassner Goodspeed Architects Ltd.
Ramzi Kavar, MRAIC Architect, Knowledge and Development Associates Ltd
Holly Simon, M.Arch. Graduate of the Dalhousie School of Architecture, 2013
Gary R. Hanley, FRAIC Chairman of the Jury

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

The statistics of membership changes recorded in 2012 are as follows:

The following Members passed away in 2012:

Sperry, H. Drew

The following new Licensed Architects were admitted during 2012:

Blouin, Richard

Clark Kevin,

Crawford, Chris

Gandhi, Omar

Gilman, Sheena

Hindle, Jesse

Kawar, Ramzi

Mandeville, Jonathan

Rodriguez-Machado, Samantha

The following Licensed Architects resigned in 2012:

Cook, Anthony

Day, Robert

The following Licensed Architects reclassified to Retired Architects in 2012:

Adams, Scott

Emmett, John

Stark, Lee

The following Licensed Architects were struck for non-compliance in 2012:

Dacey, Kenneth

Gale, Mark

MacNeil, Kenneth

Miller, J. Douglas

The following Licensed Architects were reinstated upon evidence of compliance in 2012:

Dacey, Kenneth

Miller, J. Douglas

The following new Licensed Architects (Reciprocity) were admitted in 2012:

Aube, Michel

Berube, Isabelle

Bugbee, Stephen

Chapman, James

Cote, Martin

de Grandpre, Jean-Marc

Dion, Nathalie

Doerschlag, Christopher

Giard, Eric

Grenon, Francois

Groen, Jason-Emery
Hancock, James
Hazell, Charles
Ionescu, Petre Cornel
Lemay, Alexi
Levy, David
Limmert, Richard
MacLeamy, Patrick
McMillan, Peter
Michaud, Viateur
Miologos, John
Naylor, Christopher
Patel, Dipesh
Renaud, Manon
Stavert, Aaron
Taylor, Jill
Tayona, Nova
Watson, Stuart
Widawsky, Warren
Ziegler, Richard

The following Licensed Architects (Reciprocity) resigned in 2012:

Abdou, Medhat
Allard, Mario
Arseneau, Arthur
Bachman, Merle
Calnitsky, Ed
DiMare, Dario
Fish, David
Gallant, Michel
Laurin, Line
Lemay, Alain
Lussier, Yves
McMillan, Peter
Michaud, Viateur
Radulescu, Gabriela
Yazar, Hatice

The following Licensed Architects reclassified to Associate in 2012:

Prost, Gabriel

The following new Intern Architects were admitted in 2012:

Bawazir, Gamal
Braithwaite, Peter
Cook, Michael
Cormier, Justin
Ellis, Jon
Johnston, Gregory

NSAA Continuing Education Committee Year End Report

The NSAA membership continues to improve on their participation in, and recording of, continuing education activities. The following statistics and information summarize our performance for the 2012 Cycle as recorded by the NSAA: NSAA provided members with notices of numerous Con Ed opportunities in 2012 and assisted in the organization of a 2-day presentation by B. Watkinson at last year's AGM.

In 2012, Nova Scotia Licensed Architects committed themselves to 8172 hours of Continuing Education, an average of 56 hours per member (over 20 hours in surplus of the minimum requirement per member!).

By January 24th, 2013, 129 out of 146 renewing Resident NSAA licensed architects had submitted their 2012 Con Ed transcript which translates into 88% of the membership compliant prior to the due date for renewal. By March 8th, 2013, 96% of Resident NSAA licensed architects (140 out of 146) submitted compliant transcripts. On this date, a random sampling of 25% of the members' transcripts was audited by the Continuing Education Committee with 94% being deemed compliant. By April 16th, 2013, 100% of our renewing membership was compliant with Continuing Education.

For this year, the current one-year cycle is January 1st, 2013, to December 31st, 2013. During this cycle, members are required to achieve 35 hours of learning which is split into 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, 2013.

All transcripts will be reviewed for general compliance with the requirements of the Mandatory Continuing Education Program. 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 post-cycle. Members may be required to submit such documentation to the NSAA upon our request.

Also, the NSAA Council has approved the proposed "How to and FAQ Guide". This information will be uploaded as a downloadable PDF on our website under the Educational Resources section. This information will also be helpful to Continuing Education providers to determine what content or activities are acceptable for credit under the NSAA Mandatory Continuing Education Program.

The Continuing Education Committee recognizes that the year end can be very busy and we strongly encourage all members to continue logging their credits quarterly so as to avoid the year end taxation of time and memory.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan O'Reilly, Committee Chair

Committee Members: Jennet Bowdrige, Stacey Hughes, Therese LeBlanc,
Darrell Spencer, Diane Scott, Jeremy Martell

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 National Research Council (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 as referred to the committee by the Minister.

Members of the committee represent the various associations and groups that are involved in the building and construction sector, including the NSAA, ENS, 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 when required.

Regular activities include the review and coordination of revisions and errata to the National Building Code and their adoption into the Nova Scotia Building Code Act and Regulations. Hearings are also conducted regarding appeals of decisions made by Municipal Building Officials in their interpretation and application of the NS Building Code.

A current issue is the review and revision to the Letter of Undertaking and Field Review of Construction Certificates. In 2011, Novus Consulting was asked to review the use of the Letters of Undertaking (LOU's) in the design and construction of buildings in Nova Scotia. The reason for the review was:

- to determine if the LOUs meet the goals of the intended mandate,
- to identify regulatory or other improvements which could be made to ensure compliance with design and construction and thereby assure consumers that their investment is protected,
- to ensure that there is a robust and transparent process to identify and prosecute offenders under the Building Code Act and/or to take reasonable disciplinary action under the professional bodies' respective legislative mandates.

Novus Consulting met with the various stakeholders in the design and construction sector and submitted the Review of Obligations Under Letters of Undertaking Building Code Act Professional Engineers Act Architects Act Final Report.. The report indicated on page 12 that “there is no universal problem with LOU's”, and “on the whole the system works quite well”. However, page 12 of the report also noted that the challenge remains that this does not always happen. “The nature and complexity of building methods and the construction industry leaves opportunities for uninformed or unscrupulous participants and is the major cause of the problems that were noted.”

In the report, there was a series of recommendations made to improve the LOU process:

- In the LOU preamble, paragraph 4 should additionally require inspections to occur at intervals appropriate to the size and complexity of the building, not just the stage of construction.
- The Owner and Prime Consultant should submit to the AHJ a schedule of appropriate times for field reviews.
- The Prime Consultant should submit a list or summary of areas or elements for field review that would be included as a schedule in the LOU.
- There is a need for a clear, concise summary of the administrative process that every municipality should provide to owners undertaking a project.
- There is a considerable need for continuing education for all participants in the LOU process.
- There should be a guide to the LOU and Field Review process, for use by the professions and other participants.
- AHJ's should more consistently reject non-compliant LOU deliverables and permit application documents.
- The professional associations should make their complaint processes visible and accessible, including the results of complaints.
- Building Officials must be more willing to notify or file a complaint to the professional associations.
- Inter-disciplinary continuing education in building science.
- Improved identification of component and systems for on-site testing.
- The requirement for building envelope inspection by a qualified specialist should be mandated, perhaps to include a new Field Review of Construction Certificate.
- Review the options and suitability for a new building warranty program.
- Establish a monitoring body to review and report on the outcomes of the implementations of the above recommendations.

The Nova Scotia Building Advisory Committee will be reviewing the Report and its recommendations. The committee intends to prepare its own recommendations for revisions to the LOU's and submit them to the Minister and the public for review by the end of this year.

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

I have had the distinct pleasure representing the NSAA on the Committee for the past dozen years and I extend my best wishes to the future NSAA representative on the NS Building Advisory Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Rob McLaren, NSAA Representative
Nova Scotia Building Advisory 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 are met. The Board consists of ten members including the NSAA, an Executive Committee and a Review Committee.

The current board includes one new member, Joseph Janega, Town of Port Hawkesbury, who was nominated by the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities in response to the resignation of Jennifer Watts earlier this year. The remainder are reappointed members:

- Ted Ross of Labour and Advanced Education,
- Mannie Withrow and Jamie Gillis representing the Nova Scotia Building Officials Organization,
- Don Landry representing Tech Nova,
- Brenda Seymour of the Nova Scotia Development Officers Association,
- Richard Harvey of the Planners Association of Nova Scotia,
- Gary Ruitenbergh representing the Professional Engineers of Nova Scotia,
- Nigel Collinson of the Nova Scotia Home & Builders Design, and
- John Thomson of the NSAA.

As Secretary-Treasurer, I, along with Jamie Gillis, Mannie Withrow and Ted Ross as Chair, comprise the Executive Committee. Michelle Landreville is the Registrar, a paid staff position.

The Executive Committee has met several times during the past year. Also, electronic communication has been extensively used by both the Executive and Review Committees. The Annual General Meeting was held May 13, 2013. Thirteen diplomas have been issued in 2012 for qualification/certification of Building Officials, CB0 I and CB0 II.

The major focus of the Board in the past year has been an extensive audit of the accredited training provider of building officials, the Nova Scotia Building Officials Association. This audit was received and reviewed by the Executive Committee. It was then forwarded to the training provider on April 8, 2013. It included an in-depth review of current course content, delivery and administration procedures and made recommendations for specific areas and practices. The responses from the training provider were discussed in detail by the Board on May 13, 2013, prior to Annual General Meeting and their conclusions will be forwarded to the training provider.

Respectfully submitted,

John Thomson
NSAA Representative
Nova Scotia Building Code Training and Certification Board

RAIC Representative Report

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Architecture Canada |RAIC values its important relationship with the Nova Scotia Association of Architects and we appreciate the important work done in this province to advance architecture.

To highlight some of the important programs of Architecture Canada |RAIC, I would like to take this opportunity to report on some of the activities we have accomplished over the past year on behalf of architects and architecture.

New Atlantic Canadian Fellows

First, I would like to congratulate the new Fellows from your Association: Philip Dumaresq, Sydney Dumaresq, Marie-Thérèse LeBlanc, Steven Mannell and Robert Ojolic, as well as three other Atlantic Region members: Ole Hammarlund (AAPEI), Malcolm Boyd (AANB) and Donald Sterritt (AANB). It is the first time that this many members of the Atlantic Region have become Fellows in one year and I want to thank the nominators for their great work and show of support.

Partnerships

Architecture Canada |RAIC teamed up with the Interior Designers of Canada (IDC) to jointly present IIDEX Canada in Toronto in September of 2012. IIDEX Canada is the pre-eminent design showcase in Canada. By getting directly involved with the show, such as in the selection of keynotes and organization of continuing education sessions, Architecture Canada |RAIC enhanced the architectural dimension of the show and raised awareness of the key role architects play in the design and development of liveable cities and communities.

2012 also saw the official launch of the Broadly Experienced Foreign Architects (BEFA) Program. The program, delivered through the Canadian Architectural Certification Board, enables BEFA candidates to use a sophisticated on-line self-assessment tool to evaluate their competencies vis-à-vis the Canadian Standards of Practice before coming to Canada. As administrator of the funding provided by Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC), Architecture Canada |RAIC has been pleased to support this progressive and forward-looking project – which will help ensure renewal of the profession in the years ahead and uphold Canadian professional standards. The confidence the federal government has shown in Architecture Canada |RAIC's ability as a national voice for Canadian architects is greatly appreciated.

Building on the relationship we have developed with HRSDC through this project, we recently submitted a funding request for a new initiative. Led by the provincial and territorial regulators, this initiative will explore the possibility of Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRA) with the regulators of the member states of the European Union and the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation zone. It will also renew the long-standing MRA with the United States and the Tri-National Agreement with the U.S. and Mexico.

The annual Festival of Architecture continues to be presented across the country in partnership with provincial and territorial regulatory bodies. This year we will be here in Halifax, June 5 – 8 working in partnership with the NSAA. The theme is Value of Beauty – Integrity in Architecture and I hope to see many of you there.

In 2012, planning also began for the 2014 Festival of Architecture which will be in Winnipeg.

Advocacy

Architecture Canada |RAIC continues to produce the magazine – *Architecture*. For the first time, the May 2013 issues will feature our very own awards. We hope everyone will take pride and distribute copies to clients in order to highlight the excellence found in our profession.

As the national advocacy voice for Canadian architects, Architecture Canada |RAIC engages in government relations on an ongoing basis. We are a participant in the Federal/Industry Real Property Advisory Council (FIRPAC), a body that brings together senior representatives from key federal departments involved in procurement, and along with the national associations representing architects, engineers, interior designers and contractors. FIRPAC 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 have often supported our work by notifying us about issues when they first arise in a specific region. Architecture Canada |RAIC welcomes this information as it helps us respond in a timely manner.

Architecture Canada |RAIC also continues to work to support concerted action across the industry. In this capacity, we were one of the founding members of the Institute for BIM in Canada (IBC), along with the Association of Consulting Engineering Companies (ACEC), the Canadian Construction Association (CCA), Construction Specifications Canada (CSC), and representatives from key clients such as various federal and provincial departments engaged in procurement. IBC's mission is to promote a coordinated approach to the implementation of Building Information Modeling (BIM) in the built environment. In its first year, IBC has: launched a website; published an environmental scan of BIM technologies currently in use in the industry; and conducted and published results of a survey of the current state of use of BIM in Canada. In this time, BIM has become the Canadian Chapter of Building Smart International, ensuring that Canada will have a voice in the development of standards for implementation of BIM worldwide.

Similarly, we have Architecture Canada |RAIC representatives on the Canadian Construction Documents Committee (CCDC) contributing to updating contract documents.

Continuing Education

A core activity of the Architecture Canada |RAIC is the development and delivery of leading-edge Continuing Education courses for architects.

Last year Architecture Canada |RAIC launched its first eLearning course that offered members with greater flexibility and reach in terms of accessing continuing education. The first module in a multi-part continuing education series on the use of pre-cast concrete was introduced mid-year as part of a partnership with the Canadian Precast Concrete Institute.

In the fall, we added a Core Sunlighting course in association with the British Columbia Institute of Technology using virtual classroom technology. Participants enjoyed a learning management system from the comfort of their desk and on their own timetable. It was surprisingly easy to navigate and anyone – even those who have never tried it, can experience online learning. It was so popular; we offered a second session at the end of January and a third one in April.

For those who wanted to learn and travel, Architecture Canada |RAIC offered members unique international opportunities through the sustainable design tour of Copenhagen and the Veronafiore/Marmomacc scholarships in 2012.

Awards

Architecture Canada |RAIC administers several awards programs to recognize and encourage excellence in architecture.

This past February we saw the Governor General's Medals in Architecture for 2012 formally presented at Rideau Hall by Governor General David Johnston. We also recently announced the 2013 RAIC Awards for Excellence, Emerging Architectural Practice, Architectural Firm, Prix du XXe Siècle and Young Architect Awards.

We also partnered with the Canada Council of the Arts to coordinate the Canadian presence at the 2012 Venice Biennale for Architecture. The Biennale is the Olympics to the profession -a unique opportunity to highlight Canadian architectural excellence on the international stage.

Migrating Landscapes was an unprecedented success drawing large crowds at the Biennale and national and international media attention. It raised the profile of architecture not only abroad but across Canada.

With our colleagues from the Canadian Institute of Planners and the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects, we also presented the National Urban Design Awards at the 2012 IIDEX Show. The vibrant atmosphere of the show and closing reception gave the presentation a sense of glamour.

From the Honours side, Architecture Canada |RAIC was pleased to elevate 31 architects to Fellowship and recognize 3 Honourary Fellows at the annual Convocation of the College of Fellows held in St. John's Newfoundland during last year's Festival of Architecture.

Educational Partnerships

In 2012 the Memorandum of Understanding with Athabasca University was signed, and the Architecture Canada |RAIC Board appointed a new RAIC Syllabus National Advisory Council to oversee the program, working with Syllabus Director Liza Medek, FRAIC.

In October 2012, Athabasca University appointed Dr. Douglas MacLeod, MRAIC to be the inaugural Chair of the Architecture Canada |RAIC Centre for Architecture. By the end of 2012, the majority of technical courses had been submitted to Athabasca University to be reviewed and mounted for on-line delivery, and all of the history and theory courses have been delivered. Architecture Canada |RAIC and Athabasca University's mutual objective is to have all courses open for registration and on-line delivery by the end of this year.

While contributing input to the periodic updating of the on-line academic courses delivered by Athabasca University, Architecture Canada |RAIC will continue to own and operate the RAIC Syllabus Diploma program. We will be directly involved in the delivery of studio courses and in oversight of the work experience component of the program that is central to the Syllabus's identity as an alternative experience-based path to the profession of architecture.

2013 will be an exciting year in the Syllabus Renewal process and Architecture Canada |RAIC's partnership with Athabasca University to develop the RAIC Centre for Architecture.

Membership

Architecture Canada |RAIC always has the goal of bringing value to membership.

Since 1980 when membership became independent of membership in provincial associations, the Architecture Canada |RAIC has needed to demonstrate to members and potential members the value of membership. Over the last few years the value of membership has been increased through practice support, association support, professional development, awards programs, and Chapter support.

Continuing to grow our membership is essential to strengthening Architecture Canada |RAIC's position as the national advocacy voice for the profession across Canada. The more members we have, the more credibly and effectively we can speak on behalf of Canadian architects on issues of concern to the profession. On this we appreciate NSAA's ongoing support in making the case to its members for membership with Architecture Canada |RAIC.

I would like to thank our Nova Scotian members and those who volunteer on our committees for giving your valuable time and feedback. It is through the strength of this membership and the commitment of those in the profession that we are able to tell Canadians, and indeed the world, that in Canada - **Architecture Matters**.

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

NSAA Nominating Committee Report
2013-2014

The following names are being put forward to serve on Council of the Nova Scotia Association of Architects for the 2013/2014 Term of Office:

Councillors: Greg Fry
 Ramzi Kawar
 Ron LeLievre
 Chris Von Maltzahn (1 year term)

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Burdock, Chair
Therese LeBlanc
Eugene Pieczonka

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