

NOVA SCOTIA  
ASSOCIATION *of* ARCHITECTS | NSAA

82<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2014  
WAEGWOLTIC CLUB, HALIFAX, NS

2013 ANNUAL REPORT

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## **NOTICE OF 2014 ANNUAL MEETING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT  
THE 82<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF  
THE NOVA SCOTIA ASSOCIATION OF ARCHITECTS  
WILL BE HELD AT:

**9:00 AM, THURSDAY, MAY 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
AT THE WAEGWOLTIC CLUB  
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THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE HAS SUBMITTED  
THE FOLLOWING NOMINATIONS FOR  
THE 2014/2015 NSAA COUNCIL:

**PRESIDENT:**

Ron LeLievre

**COUNCILLORS:**

**2-Year Term:** Peter Connor, Rayleen Hill, and Dennis Ramsay

**1-Year Term:** Alec Brown

**REMAINING ON COUNCIL:**

Leif-Peter Fuchs (Past-President), Greg Fry,  
Ramzi Kawar, and Paulette Anderson (Public Rep)

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
MARGO DAUPHINEE**

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WAEGWOLTIC CLUB  
6549 COBURG RD., HALIFAX, NS**

Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014

7:30 am to 4:30 pm:

- 7:30 AM** - RAIC Breakfast – **Club House**
- 8:30 AM** - AGM Registration – **Multi-Purpose Room**
- 9:00 AM** - NSAA Annual General Meeting Call to Order
  - Approval of Minutes of 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting
  - Presentation of 2013 Financial Statements
  - Appointment of Auditors
  - Treasurer’s Report and Presentation of 2014 Budget
  - Receive Reports from President, Committees, and Representatives of Other Groups
- 10:05 AM** - Nominating Committee Report
- 10:10 AM** - BREAK
- 10:30 AM** - Election of Officers and Councillors for 2014/2015 Term
  - Management of the Affairs of the Association
  - Business Arising from Minutes and Reports
  - New Business
  - Business Meeting Adjournment
- 12:30 PM** - Luncheon and Presentation of Certificates to New Licensed Architects **Club House**
- 1:30 PM** - New National Energy Codes for Buildings
  - Con Ed Offering (3 Con Ed hours) **Multi-Purpose Room**



## 2013 - 2014 Council

Leif-Peter Fuchs	President
Chris von Maltzahn	Vice-President
Craig Mosher	Secretary-Treasurer
Troy Scott	Registrar
Greg Fry	Councillor
Ramzi Kawar	Councillor
Ron LeLievre	Councillor
Ronald Burdock	Past-President
Susan Fitzgerald	Dalhousie Representative
Paulette Anderson	Public Representative

## NSAA Committees 2013-2014

### Executive Committee

- (Chair) L. Fuchs, President  
C. von Maltzahn, Vice-President  
C. Mosher, Secretary-Treasurer  
R. Burdock, Past President  
M. Dauphinee, Executive Director

### Nominating Committee

- (Chair) R. Burdock  
T. LeBlanc  
E. Pieczonka

### Professional Practice Committee

- (Chair) G. Fry  
P. Connell  
P. Costello  
S. Dumaresq  
N. Epstein  
N. Fowler  
M. Hawkins  
B. Nycum  
C. Ritcey  
T. Scott  
M. Dauphinee, Executive Director

### Complaints Committee

- (Chair) P. Caracristi  
(Vice-Chair) D. Goodspeed  
J. Emmett  
I. Lorenz-Luca  
K. MacGregor, IDNS  
S. Moore, APENS (Engineers Nova Scotia)  
S. Terauds

### Discipline Committee

- (Chair) C. Rogers  
(Vice-Chair) S. Hughes  
M. Comeau, APENS (Engineers Nova Scotia)  
J. Dobbs  
F. MacKenzie  
C. McNaughton  
A. Sampson  
F. Underwood, IDNS

**Procurement Committee**

(Chair) D. Ramsay  
P. Connell  
G. Cotaras  
S. Dumaresq

**Architect/Engineers**

Executive - NSAA/ENS/CENS

**Continuing Education Committee**

(Chair) D. O'Reilly  
S. Hughes  
T. LeBlanc  
R. LeLievre  
D. Spencer  
M. Dauphinee, Executive Director  
J. Martell, Membership Coordinator

**Board of Registration**

(Chair) T. Scott, Registrar  
G. Cotaras  
G. Fry  
M. Grunsky  
T. LeBlanc  
R. LeLievre  
R. Kawar  
S. Keating  
C. Young  
M. Dauphinee, Executive Director  
J. Martell, Membership Coordinator

**Public Awareness Committee**

(Chair) C. Mosher, Secretary-Treasurer  
R. Burdock  
D. Collier  
G. Fry  
L. Steele  
M. Dauphinee, Executive Director  
J. Martell, Membership Coordinator

**Stoddard House Committee (Halifax Condo Corp. #185)**

(Chair) C. von Maltzahn, NSAA Vice-President  
M. Dauphinee, Executive Director of NSAA  
GARCO Incorporated (Law Office of Garson MacDonald), Unit 2



## **NSAA Representatives to Other Groups**

### **N.S. Building Advisory Committee**

\* The previous NSAA representative to the NS Building Advisory Committee retired in 2012. The appointment of G. Cotaras as the replacement in this role is in the final stages and the finalization of his appointment is imminent.

### **N.S. Building Officials Association**

J. Thomson

### **Royal Architecture Institute of Canada**

E. Koche, AANB, Atlantic Region Representative

### **Canadian Architectural Licensing Authorities**

L. Fuchs, NSAA President

M. Dauphinee, NSAA Executive Director



## President's Report

### **Introduction and Highlights**

The last year has been a very active one for the NSAA. We have reached out to a number of organizations related to our profession to explore opportunities for partnerships and common causes. These include our ongoing relationship with APENS, RAIC, FEED Nova Scotia and Dalhousie University, and some new initiatives with Habitat for Humanity, Doors Open, Licensed Professional Planners Association of Nova Scotia (LPPANS), Tech Nova, and CANS.

In 2013, planning for the 2014 Keystone Awards began. The Awards ceremony, which was held just two weeks ago, celebrated the contributions to architecture and the built environment of some great individuals and organisations. In 2013, discussions began for the creation of two new student bursaries, the Dumaresq Family Bursaries, intended to provide support for second term students in financial need. These bursaries will begin to be presented in 2014. More details on these initiatives appear later in this report.

Other developments include a renewed committee infrastructure which has seen a very active Professional Practice Committee, revived Complaints and Discipline Committees, and a newly re-established Intern Committee. We have also conducted the very first Client Advisory Forum organized by the Professional Practice Committee which also worked on most of the various motions from the past two AGMs.

### **Membership and Statistics**

At the end of 2013, NSAA had a total of 409 members. This number consisted of 161 resident licensed architects, 149 out of province licensed architects, 5 Associate Architects, 14 Retired Architects, 53 Interns, 26 students and 1 Honorary Member.

In the first quarter of 2014, there are 164 licensed, resident Nova Scotia Architects and 51 Interns registered in the Internship in Architecture Program.

In 2013, Council began a review of the fee structure with respect to new members who first register part-way through the calendar year. Part of this review included looking at the fee structures of the other CALA members, an analysis of the amount of administrative time required for new applications for licensure and historical data. In 2014, there will be a new fee structure for first year members which will more closely match the actual time remaining in the year and be more in line with the other CALA jurisdictions.

In accordance with the Motion from the 2013 AGM, we have reviewed the financial impact of waiving the membership fee of members 40 or more years with the NSAA. Based on predictions of the future demographics of the NSAA, we estimated the average annual cost to reach \$15,000 within the next five years and increased to an average annual cost of over \$20,000/year.

### **Internship in Architecture Program**

The Internship in Architecture Program continues to run well, and the NSAA has received notification that 77% of our Interns completed their exam requirements

through the writing of the ExAC in 2013. In November, 13 in province Interns and 1 out of province Intern wrote the exams. Since last year's AGM, 3 Nova Scotia Intern Architects have completed the requirements of the Internship in Architecture Program and are now licensed architects.

In response to some concerns from DTIR, we have reviewed the requirements of the NSAA's Appendix B to the IAP. We found the provisions relating to employment with government entities and non-architectural corporations unnecessarily restrictive. NSAA's new Appendix B removes restrictions over and above the general ones made in the national IAP.

### **Professional Regulation and Enforcement of the Architects Act**

We continue to see cases of concern to our profession, and we are trying to be more forceful in our reactions as legislated by the Architects Act. For example, the Town of Wolfville, a jurisdiction having authority, was entering into a development agreement with a developer based on drawings not done by an architect. We considered this the practice of architecture by someone not licensed. Correspondence was sent to both the individual and the municipality. We decided not to pursue the practitioner but instead meet with the 'front line' municipal planning department to discuss the matter and help them to understand our perspective and vice versa. We had a productive exchange and came to realize that a closer relationship with the Licensed Professional Planners Association (LPPANS) could be a very helpful avenue to promoting an understanding of our professional concerns to municipalities across the province.

In 2014, another example is a Jurisdiction Having Authority which issued a design-build RFP contained onerous conditions for the architect. We expressed our concerns to the Town of Amherst which responded by reducing the design requirements in the RFP stage. This was not a fully satisfactory response, but it did acknowledge the effort expended by architects and showed a willingness to work with the NSAA to resolve the issue.

The NSAA sought legal guidance to assist in the practical applications of certain aspects of the Act including: 1) NSAA's responsibilities regarding enforcement of the Act including assisting in the preparation of correspondence, 2) the definition of a first offence, 3) guidance on Copyright issues, and 4) the application of the Builders' Lien Act in regard to architects' fees.

### **Complaints and Discipline Committees**

Our Complaints Committee and Discipline Committee have been struck as per the Architects Act and have a pool of volunteers available to deal with new cases. At the end of 2013, no complaint was forwarded to the Discipline Committee.

### **Interior Renovations**

Recent work on our building included the refinishing of the second floor NSAA areas with new wood flooring, new track lighting, new furniture and fresh paint. All administrative functions have been consolidated on the upper floor. There are a few finishing touches remaining to be done on the second floor. In 2013, the lower floor experienced some flooding which resulted in the removal of some flooring and drywall

and work done on the drainage from the roof. Planning for the renewal of the first floor has begun and work will begin in 2014.

### **Lieutenant Governor's Awards**

We have seen another year of great submissions, the total number for the awards submissions is 19. The awards will be presented by His Honor Brigadier-General The Honourable John James Grant, CMM, ONS, CD (Ret'd) later this year. The award winners can be viewed at NSAA AGM and will be featured on the front page of the NSAA's website.

### **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 licensed architects and Intern members.

### **Continuing Education**

In 2013, there were many continuing education offerings forwarded to members via email and posted on the website. Also, as co-host of the 2013 Festival of Architecture, many members were able to attend a varied number of continuing education sessions locally. In 2013, planning by the Continuing Education and Professional Practice Committees will lead to NSAA-organized continuing education initiatives in 2014.

In 2013, the Professional Practice committee began planning for a Client Advisory Forum format. The first of these forums was held in March 2014. We are also hoping to follow up the Client Advisory sessions with Continuing Education opportunities which respond directly to the concerns expressed by the client groups.

### **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 exchange members on each other's 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 other's' organization. NSAA also had a representative, John Crace, who sat on the Review of the Dalhousie Deanship of Faculty of Architecture and Planning.

The NSAA student scholarship is awarded to a Dalhousie Architecture student based on merit and need. Our latest award recipient is Chris Rafuse.

As previously mention, for the first time we have an opportunity to award the newly established the Dumaresq Family Bursaries in 2014.

In 2013, we are also provided financial support to the Dalhousie students and are a Patron I for the 2014 Venice Biennale.

### **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, and Habitat for Humanity. We have connected with Habitat for Humanity to share the publicity and goodwill and to explore further opportunities for cooperation.

The 2014 recipients were Breakhouse, Brian MacKay-Lyons, Nocturne at Night, Jim Spatz and posthumously Roy Willwerth.

### **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.

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. Along with Therese LeBlanc's involvement, the NSAA has three members who participated in the BEFA training and are part of the national pool available to form assessor panels.

Other CALA initiatives include the International Relations Committee's (IRC) work toward Mutual Recognition Agreements (MRA) with international jurisdictions. The old MRA signed by various states within NCAB ended on December 31, 2013. As of January 1, 2014, there is a new MRA with the US regulator in effect. The basis of mutual recognition will be proof of licensure, 2000 hours of licensed experience, and good standing with the home jurisdiction. In the MRA, NCARB has made an exception by not extending reciprocity to members who entered the profession through the BEFA program from recognition in the US.

In 2013, CALA continued to work on 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. Negotiations are the furthest advanced with Australia and New Zealand. Preliminary outlines of an agreement are in place whereby the basis of reciprocity will be designation as an “APEC Architect” which requires current registration in the home jurisdiction and 7 years of post-licensure experience verified by a monitoring committee.

Lastly, planning for a Validation Conference involving CCUSA and the provincial regulators to be held this fall is underway. For information about the Validation Conference please go to Canadian Architectural Certification Board’s website.

### **Accounting Procedures**

We have updated our accounting procedures and software to become more efficient and effective in our accounting practices and better mirror the requirements of our accountants/auditors Grant Thornton. This has enabled our accounting process to better align with our budget and financial tracking and planning.

### **Thanks**

I want to start off this round of thanks with Jeremy and Margo, whose tireless efforts and patience keep our association running. Margo has quickly made herself indispensable, and her energy and enthusiasm are undiminished.

Thanks are also due to all of our councillors. This year Council is seeing the departure of several councillors whose two-year terms are ending. Thank you Chris von Maltzahn, Craig Mosher, Troy Scott, and Past President Ron Burdock for all your efforts. I look forward to working with the remaining councillors and those newly-elected to Council in my role as Past President.

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 Architect Mentors and others helping to guide and shape the next generation of architects.

I would like to give special thanks to our Public Representative Paulette Anderson who brought a fresh perspective and valuable insights to the table.

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 Margo, Jeremy, Council and committee members. It has been a great experience.

Respectfully submitted by  
Leif-Peter Fuchs  
President

## Registrar's Report

The Board of Registration is responsible for making recommendations to Council on all matters involving membership and firm registration with the NSAA, reviewing Canadian Experience Record Book submissions and other requirements of the Internship in Architecture Program, conducting pre-licence interviews, addressing emerging registration issues, and other tasks as they develop throughout the year.

The Registrar and Board of Registration members are appointed by Council. The Board is regularly chaired by the Registrar (a position filled by a member of Council).

As in previous years, the Board of Registration was kept very busy in 2013 collectively contributing over 700 hours of volunteer time by:

- Reviewing 61 CERB Submission Review/Assessments (Over 57,200 hours)
- Conducting 13 Interviews
- Attending 11 meetings
- Reviewing 79 applications for membership and corporate permits
- Invigilating 4 ExAC Examinations and
- Participating in numerous email discussion/decisions.

In 2013, The Board of Registration also worked on several specific projects to improve processes and programs within the NSAA, including:

- Final approval of the original NSAA Appendix B for the Internship in Architecture Program Manual
- Further review and revisions to the NSAA Appendix B and its requirements
- Revisions to membership applications to reflect the new Architects Act and requirements
- Review of Corporate Permit processes, its requirements, and revisions of its applications
- Review of CALA's Mutual Recognition Agreement with the US (in effect as of Jan. 1, 2014)
- Review of numerous cases involving unique registration issues and cases

Respectfully submitted by  
Troy Scott  
Registrar



## Membership Statistics

The statistics of membership changes recorded in 2013 are as follows:

The following Members passed away in 2013:

Dumaresq, Phillip  
Lipsett, Tyler  
Maniates, Demosthenes

The following new Licensed Architects were admitted during 2013:

Abboud, Marianne  
Ayalew, Yonathan  
Carmichael, Jonathan  
Corson, Jennifer  
Edmonds, Moira  
Epstein, Noah  
Giles, Lynden  
McNaughton, Catherine  
Mikkelson, Martin  
Nycum, Benjamin  
Reid, Kevin  
Sampson, Anna

The following Licensed Architects resigned in 2013:

Billard, Robert  
Bowes, Chris  
Burley, Edward  
MacGillivray, Keith  
Netherton, Richard

The following Licensed Architects reclassified to Retired Architects in 2013:

Davison, Hugh  
Mackay, Malcolm  
McLaren, Robert

The following Licensed Architects were reinstated upon evidence of compliance in 2013:

Gale, Mark  
MacNeil, Kenneth

The following new Licensed Architects (Reciprocity) were admitted in 2013:

Arciero, Federico  
Austin, Douglas  
Bouliane, Luc  
Brown, Christopher  
Chandler, William  
Coole, David  
Cousineau, Antoine  
Cresswell, Geoffrey

Darlington, Robert  
Fautsch, Stephen  
Garcia, Edward  
Garz, Michael  
Goguen, Leo  
Gosse, Kerry  
Hebert, Christian  
Humeniuk, Kevin  
Kazerouni, Mansoor  
Kwasnicky, Paul  
Lawrence, Shawn  
Leclerc, Pierre  
MacGillivray, Andrew  
Maniates, Demosthenes  
Nyman, Lind  
Pellow, Harry  
Prange, William  
Robson, Thomas  
Roehling, Carl  
Rom Colthoff, Roland  
Stotts, Eric  
Tadros, Yosef  
Thom, David  
Vanbetlehem, Frank  
Woodman, Robert

The following Licensed Architects (Reciprocity) resigned in 2013:

Andrew, Brian  
Bigelow, Jay  
Burgess, Jane  
Ghatalia, Girish  
Gross, Naomi  
Hicks, William  
Hindle, Jesse  
Koenka, David  
Linley, Rick  
Patel, Dipesh  
Simpson, David  
Surtel, Paul  
Thompson, Peter  
Valentine, William  
Van Iderstine, Grant  
Watkin, David  
Yip, Tony

The following Licensed Architects reclassified to Associate in 2013:

Stevens, Karl

The following new Intern Architects were admitted in 2013:

Bouey, John  
Carrigan, Colin  
Conrad, Matthew  
Esposito, Jennifer  
Gallagher, David  
Giles, Lynden  
Hefler, Catherine  
Lang, William  
Lau, Liz  
LeBlanc, Nicole  
MacKenzie, Rebecca  
MacLeod, Beth  
Obersi, Judy  
Rice, Jordan  
Tambala, Smartex  
Taves, Conrad  
Tenebro, Tysa

The following Intern Members resigned/were removed from the register in 2013:

Bennett, Justin  
Cranford, Andrew  
Malcolm, Evan  
Richard, Jacquelyn

The following new Student Members were admitted in 2013:

Ashley, Erin  
Lischka, Nicholas  
Montez, Elijah

The following Retired Architects and Associate Members resigned in 2013:

Griffiths, Anthony  
Peters, Renier  
Terroux, Peter  
Tupper, Gary  
Wu, Kevin

As of December 31, 2013, there were 409 members on the Register.  
The breakdown is as follows:

*310 Licensed Architect (161 in Nova Scotia & 149 Out of Province)  
5 Associate Members / 14 Retired Architects  
53 Intern Architects / 26 Student Members  
1 Honorary Member*

Respectfully submitted by  
Troy Scott  
Registrar

## Continuing Education Committee Report

The NSAA membership continues to improve on their participation, and recording, continuing education opportunities. The following statistics summarize our performance for the 2013 Cycle as recorded by the NSAA:

By December 31st, 98.8% of our licensed architects had achieved their minimum required hours and 55% had submitted compliant transcripts. As of January 24<sup>th</sup>, 98% had both achieved their minimum required hours and submitted compliant transcripts.

An audit was performed by the Con Ed committee with a random sampling of 19% (total of 30 out of 158) of the membership and 90% of those audited passed the audit. By March 18th, 100% of our renewing membership were compliant with Continuing Education.

- In 2013, NS Licensed Architects logged a total of 9,339 hours of Continuing Education
  - 3,192 Core Hours
  - 5,977 Self Directed Hours
- Average of 58 Hours per NSAA Licensed Architect (13 in excess of the minimum requirement)

The present one-year cycle is January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014. Members are required to achieve 35 hours of learning in this one-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, 2014.

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.

In addition to the “How to and FAQ Guide” being distributed to the membership and uploaded as a downloadable PDF on our website under the Education Resources section, we have also added an “Archive of Continuing Education Opportunities” section to the website linked with the events page. This information will be helpful to Continuing Education providers to determine what content or activities are acceptable for credit for the NSAA Mandatory Continuing Education Program.

Respectfully submitted by  
Dan O'Reilly  
Chair

## Public Awareness Committee

As noted in the 2012 Report, the Public Awareness Committee's main recent project was to have the new NSAA website go live for use by the public in 2013. Thanks to the work of the Public Awareness Committee, our website developer Cossette East, and the NSAA staff, we are pleased to report that the website was officially unveiled for public use in October of 2013.

The website showcases an updated membership database, members' project images, news, events, an informative Continuing Education resource, a front page highlighting last year's Lieutenant Governor's Design Awards in Architecture recipients, and other sections designed to inform members and the public on the architectural profession in Nova Scotia. As expected, the Content Management System (CMS) has made it an easier task for the NSAA in addressing changes, edits, and fine-tuning. Ongoing tests on different internet browsers have also validated the website's stability across multiple platforms and devices.

As the NSAA office is continuously updating the website with new events, news items, and Continuing Education opportunities, we ask that members visit the page regularly for updates. The website will be ever-evolving, so we ask that the membership continue to communicate with the NSAA on any concerns or suggestions they may have for the website. If members have photos of Nova Scotia 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](mailto:jmartell@nsaa.ns.ca) as high resolution jpeg files.

See the NSAA website at [www.nsaa.ns.ca](http://www.nsaa.ns.ca) to be a part of its evolution.

Respectfully submitted by  
Craig Mosher  
Chair

## 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 Patrons to this Award.

This year, the jury met and reviewed 19 entries of outstanding projects for the 2013 design awards. The presentation ceremony and reception for the Lieutenant Governor's Design Awards in Architecture will be held later this year at Government House, where His Honour Brigadier-General The Honourable J.J. Grant, CMM, ONS, CD (Ret'd) will present the Medal and Certificates to the designers and their clients of the award winning projects.

The much improved portable display system, first used at the 2012 AGM, replaced the tired old system that had served the NSAA for over 30 years. The NSAA is still looking for an eager volunteer to undertake responsibility of looking after and the setting up the new panel boards.

I would like to thank those who served on the Jury for the 2013 awards: Christine Macy, Dean of Dalhousie Faculty of Architecture and Planning; George Cotaras, NSAA, MRAIC of Fowler Bauld & Mitchell Ltd.; and Jonathan Carmichael, NSAA, MRAIC of S.P. Dumaresq Architects Ltd.

We look forward to the 2014 awards. The submission of projects will be in early April 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.

The attached list of the 2013 entries, award winners, and jury comments follows this report. The projects will be on display at the NSAA AGM as well as on the NSAA website after the awards ceremony has been conducted.

Respectfully submitted by  
Gary R. Hanley, FRAIC  
Chairman of the Jury

# Nova Scotia Association of Architects Lieutenant Governor's Design Awards 2013

## Lieutenant Governor's Medal of Excellence

JDA Architects now Stantec      Wagmatcookewey School  
Mackay-Lyons Sweetapple Architects Ltd      Lean-To House

## Award of Merit

WHW Architects Inc      Charles P Allen High School, Bedford  
Abbott Brown Architects Incorporated      Dalhousie Human Resources Offices

## Citation in Architectural Design

Omar Gandhi Architect      Black Gables, Louisdale  
Houdini Design      Ritchie Residence Renovations, Sandy Cove

## Honourable Mention

GF Duffus & Company Ltd.      Halifax City Hall - Stone Masonry Restoration

## Entries

Abbott Brown Architects Incorporated	Dalhousie Human Resources Offices
Abbott Brown Architects Incorporated	West End Renovation
DSRA Architecture Inc	Pictou County Wellness Centre
Duffas Romans Kundzins Rounsefell Ltd.	Dalhousie Ocean Sciences Building
GF Duffus & Company Ltd.	Halifax City Hall - Stone Masonry Restoration
Houdini Design	Ritchie Residence Renovations, Sandy Cove
JDA Architects now Stantec	Wagmatcookewey School
Lydon Lynch Architects Limited	The Anchorage and the Keelson, King's Wharf
Lydon Lynch Architects Limited	RCMP Reg. Headquarters
Mackay-Lyons Sweetapple Architects Ltd	Muir Craig Cottage
Mackay-Lyons Sweetapple Architects Ltd	Lean-To House
Michael Napier Architecture	Vertu Suites
Omar Gandhi Architect	Black Gables, Louisdale
Omar Gandhi Architect	Moore Studio, Hubbards
Rayleen Hill Architecture Design Inc	SOMA
Solterre Inc	Shed Retreat
WHW Architects Inc	Bluenose Academy, Lunenburg
WHW Architects Inc	Charles P Allen High School, Bedford
William Nycum and Associates	St. John Ambulance Headquarters

## Members of the Jury

Christine Macy	Dean, Architecture and Planning, Dalhousie University
George Cotaras, NSAA, MRAIC	Fowler Bauld & Mitchell Ltd
Jonathan Carmichael, NSAA, MRAIC	SP Dumaresq Architect Ltd.
Gary R. Hanley, NSAA, FRAIC	Mettam Group Inc, Chairman of the Jury

# Lieutenant Governor's Design Awards 2013

## Jury Comments

### Lieutenant Governor's Medal of Excellence

**JDA Architects now Stantec      Wagmatcookewey School**  
*T-shaped school plan with two wings and single-loaded corridors.*

A very clear and workmanlike plan is echoed on the building's exterior with finely-crafted coloured pavilions and wood lattice, that bring rhythm and variety to the school. A careful attention to the human scale, and sensitivity to the activities contained within, is carried throughout the building. The design employs orientation, views and material selection to realize a rich variety of spaces and places to learn and to linger.

**Mackay-Lyons Sweetapple Architects      Lean-To House**  
*Linear house on six parallel grade beams.*

A crystal-clear plan strategy is reinforced at all levels of the design: the structural bays, the way the building meets the ground, and even through a very witty presentation on the boards. Exposed grade beams provide a visual expression of engagement with the ground, and a literal expression of the interior structural bays, allowing the building to slide above. This is again echoed in the wood clad trusses that reinforce the clear articulation of the house into a sequence of bays.

### Award of Merit

**WHW Architects Inc      Charles P Allen High School**  
*Large and complex facility with sculptural expression.*

Plan strategy with extended wings offers excellent light and air to all rooms. Sculptural expression on the exterior offers both unity and variety to effect a well-integrated composition overall. Good use of interior finishes raises the quality of interior spaces.

**Abbott Brown Architects Inc      Dalhousie Human Resources Offices**  
*Interior renovation of traditional office wing*

Elegant and minimalist renovation of a traditional office wing employs glass and wood to create a contemporary work environment. A judicious use of partial height enclosures and glass provides a sense of openness and light while maintaining visual and acoustic privacy. Fine details and finishes.

### Citation in Architectural Design

**Omar Gandhi Architect      Black Gables, Louisdale**  
*Two gable-roofed houses slightly askew on site.*

Simplicity and clarity of concept. Elegant economy of plan and exterior expression.

**Houdini Design      Ritchie Residence Renovations**  
*Renovation and adaption of barn into two story dwelling.*

Plan underscores axial procession through the ground floor while providing a rich variety of spaces. Clever strategy for accomplishing privacy and light transmission across the ground floor plan. Richly textured interior finishes provide feeling of warmth.

### Honourable Mention

**GF Duffus & Company Ltd.      Halifax City Hall Masonry Restoration**

The jury recognizes the design accomplishment of this exception restoration project, which lies in its careful handling of water flow down the building — so well that the modern interventions are virtually invisible.



## Professional Practice Committee Report

The past year marked the re-birth of an active Professional Practice Committee. I would like to thank the members of the Professional Practice Committee for their time, effort and enthusiasm.

Over the past 8 months, the committee updated the Professional Practice Committee mandate and completed many tasks that had been delegated to the committee by NSAA members through AGM motions. The updated mandate of the Professional Practice Committee is as follows:

- a) to promote and safeguard the professional practice of Architecture in the province of Nova Scotia.
- b) to investigate and to address issues, as identified by the membership, which impact the profession.
- c) to jointly work with other NSAA committees to fulfill common objectives.

The following is a summary of last year's activities. The following tasks were reviewed, and continue to be reviewed, by the Professional Practice Committee:

### **Legal Opinion on Holdbacks (Motion under 9.2 of the 81<sup>st</sup> AGM minutes)**

After last year's AGM, the Professional Practice Committee was tasked with obtaining legal opinion on the holdback of professional fees including professional fees defined as non-design fees. The Professional Practice Committee retained Jeff Aucoin, from McInnes Cooper, to provide a legal opinion with respect to the holdback on an architect's professional fees. In summary, the legal response was that as long as the retained architectural services are to improve a piece of property, then it is appropriate to deduct holdback from architects' fees as an architect has the ability to lien on property for unpaid fees. Jeff Aucoin further added that it is reasonable to expect that a holdback of 10% would be applied to architecture fees; however, it is the decision of the owner to apply the holdback.

A second legal opinion was obtained from John A. Young at Boyne Clarke. He agreed with this opinion that architects' fees can be subject to holdback since architects have the right to lien on property. Mr. Young also mentioned that architects and their clients may enter into an agreement that contains provisions whereby an architect is unable to lien and the client is, thus, unable to holdback fees.

Moreover, Mr. Young suggested that architects could relinquish their ability to lien, and consequently nullify a client's ability to holdback fees, by amending the Architects Act. This option is to be further reviewed and input from membership is required.

### **Protection of the Term Architect – Registry of Joint Stocks**

The Professional Practice Committee is currently in the process of making arrangements with the Registry of Joint Stocks to protect the term *Architect*. This arrangement would be similar to the existing agreement between Engineers Nova Scotia (ENS) and the Registry of Joint Stocks to protect the term *Engineer*. This agreement would require that any new company who wishes to register a name with the word *Architect*, or its derivatives, would first be required to retain a letter from the NSAA approving the company's ability to

legally use the protected term.

### **Project Managers**

At 79<sup>th</sup> AGM, the following Motion #1 was moved by E. Burley and seconded by M. Jarsky, “Let it be so moved that an ad hoc committee be struck to address ways which Architects can better manage services when both project managers and consultants are engaged by clients.”

The motion was reviewed and the Committee’s consensus was that an effort needs to be made so that architects can provide better project management services to retain this area of practice. Managing scope, schedule and cost is an important part of the profession that is being lost to other consultants. It was decided that the profession needs to improve managing these areas of scope and that proper management of these services helps build trust between client and consultant. Consequently, the Professional Practice Committee contacted PSMJ to provide an architect-specific workshop focused on enhancing project management skills. PSMJ, with the NSAA’s Professional Practice Committee, developed a focused syllabus for two, half-day workshops to help architects better manage projects. The syllabus was approved by Council. The NSAA hopes to offer the workshop in fall of 2014.

Furthermore, in an effort to retain services that are currently being offered by other professionals, a *Project Manager and Architects Comparison Chart* was created by the committee. The chart has since evolved into an educational bulletin with a focus on architects regaining the role of project manager. This bulletin is currently being reviewed and it will be distributed to members in the near future.

### **RFP Process and Survey**

From 81<sup>st</sup> AGM Motion #2: Procurement through the RFP Process. Moved by E. Burley, seconded by S. Mannell. The following amended motion. “Be it so moved that council delegate to an appropriate group the task of conducting a survey of members regarding areas of concern within the scope of work listed in RFPs and contracts and summarize recommendations and actions.”

An on-line survey of questions about RFPs was distributed to members. Fifty-seven members responded. The results are to be consolidated and made available to members for review. The data will be analyzed by the Professional Practice Committee. The committee will make recommendations based on the responses.

### **Review of Contraventions of the Architects Act and Developing Protocols**

An on-going task for the Professional Practice Committee is to review concerns regarding the practice of architecture by non-members and to determine a course of action which may include penalties as per Sections 57 and 58 of the Architects Act.

In response to several complaints of non-members practicing architecture, the Professional Practice Committee determined that it was necessary to establish protocols for such concerns. Legal counsel was obtained and a protocol has been adopted. The NSAA is responsible for the protection of the public through the enforcement of the Architects Act and will confront illegal practice as per the steps outlined by the lawyer.

Moreover, representatives of the NSAA met with planners from a Jurisdiction Having Authority as construction documents to obtain a development permit had been prepared in violation of the Architects Act. The meeting was to discuss a proposed Development Agreement between the town and a developer. The meeting served to increase the Jurisdiction's understanding and application of the Architects Act and was also an opportunity for relationship building and making the local authorities aware that non-NSAA members are not permitted to practice architecture.

To further enhance the NSAA's relationship with the professional planners, the NSAA held a lunch and learn with members of the Licensed Professional Planners Association of Nova Scotia (LPPANS) in March 2014. The lunch and learn was a brief overview of the Architects Act presented by Syd Dumaresq, member of the Professional Practice Committee.

#### **Table Regarding Section 56(2)a of The Nova Scotia Architects Act**

The Professional Practice Committee is developing a table based on section 56 (2) of the Architects Act. This table is to be a quick reference tool for planners and building inspectors to help building authorities better understand what building occupancies require the stamp of a licensed architect. The table will also be made available on the NSAA website.

#### **The Inaugural Client Advisory Forum**

On March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014, the NSAA hosted the inaugural Client Advisory Forum. The Client Advisory Forum was an opportunity for the NSAA to strengthen relationships and gather feedback from clients, from both the public and private sectors, who regularly retain architectural services. As per the Client Advisory Forum Terms of Reference that was approved by Council, the forum is to be an annual, 2 to 3 hour, informal round table discussion between clients and members of the NSAA with a focus on how to improve services offered by architects. The information gathered at the forums is to be consolidated and analyzed to help shape the NSAA's targeted continuing education offerings and professional awareness programs.

The President and Executive Director represented the NSAA at the inaugural Client Advisory Forum. The participating client panel was a diverse group of individuals from a variety of sectors with varying backgrounds and experiences. The client group, who will remain anonymous, was comprised of individuals who are active in the procurement and management of projects. The discussion was documented in writing. The findings from the discussion will be distributed to NSAA members as part of a report. The report will be distributed to the members once the notes are reviewed and approved by all participants and the findings are included in a report format.

The Client Advisory Forum was considered a success and the NSAA hopes to make it an annual event.

#### **Legal Opinion of Copyright**

In 2013, the NSAA retained McInnes Cooper to prepare a guide titled, *Canadian Copyright Law for Architects*. The guide is a general summary that describes the basics of intellectual property and how architectural work is protected by Canada's Copyright Act. The

Professional Practice Committee has reviewed the document and some members have noted that further clarification is required. The Professional Practice Committee will submit comments to McInnis Cooper and request clarification. It is the committee's goal to gather additional legal opinion and create an educational document on matters of copyright and moral issues.

### **Canons of Ethics**

This past year, the Professional Practice Committee accepted the request from the Complaints Committee to review and update the 1998 Code of Ethics. After an initial review, there was consensus that the cumbersome and dated Code of Ethics document needed to be revised and simplified. Consequently, it was determined that the existing Code of Ethics should be separated into two documents. One document would be a simplified, one-page *Canons of Ethics for Architects* and the other, a supplementary document, titled *Standards for Professional Conduct*. This strategy was presented and approved by Council. Council further recommended that the committee gather input from NSAA members for the documents through an on-line survey.

Respectfully submitted by  
Greg Fry  
Chair

## Complaints Committee Report

The Complaints Committee was struck by Council in September 2013 with the specific intent of addressing complaint(s) brought against members of our profession. The Committee is composed of NSAA members and other professionals. In October 2013, the Committee first met to review three (3) formal complaints and by December 2013, two of the three files had been addressed and resolved. Presently one file remains outstanding and upon the solicitor's review of Committee findings, the decision will be presented to the individuals concerned.

From an operational perspective, the Committee is working to set up the necessary protocols and procedures to standardize processes and support the handling of complaints in a consistent, transparent and timely manner.

As a result of the findings arising from various cases, the Committee intends to periodically send to Council recommendations from which it feels the membership would benefit. These would not be intended to address particular details of any case, but to provide insight into aspects of practice and conduct that have been demonstrated to be challenging.

Respectfully submitted by  
Paul Caracristi, NSAA  
Chair

## Procurement Committee Report

This report discusses the work of the NSAA Procurement Committee during 2013.

The Committee met in 2013 to review action items flowing from the 27 March 2013 meeting with DTIR and CENS. The background to that meeting was concern expressed by DTIR over “deterioration in Architectural and Engineering consultant service quality” and a “lack of quality of product”.

It is worth repeating the text of the 2012 Committee Report (*below*) as the current agenda for the Committee in 2014 remains applicable as follows:

- That the NSAA and CENS continue to re-convene on a regular basis in 2014 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;
- In addition, the Committee has been requested by NSAA membership to review with DTIR the Standing Offer consultant selection process to ensure that all consultants are equally qualified and evaluated when performing the services for which they have been selected.

From the 2012 NSAA Procurement Committee Report ...

*“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 acknowledge that the difficulty with quantifying performance is there are no key performance indicators currently in place, and they have not been diligent in completing their internal evaluation forms. Both CENS and the NSAA 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 the NSAA and CENS, then the fee shopping issue might be solved.”*

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dennis Ramsay  
Chair

## NSAA and Dalhousie University School of Architecture Joint Report

Recognizing the close relationship between the Association and Dalhousie School of Architecture, the two groups exchange representatives to their respective governing bodies. Dalhousie has a representative on NSAA Council and NSAA has a representative on the School committee. This report is a joint update on our cooperative activities, submitted by both representatives.

Architects understand that practice is continually evolving due to shifts in culture and technology and one must perpetually reflect on the work and the means of production. This has never been more apparent than the moment in which we are currently practicing: a time of tremendous ecological insecurity and technical changes. Dalhousie School of Architecture is increasingly exploring the relationship between research, practice and design – fostering the skills necessary for the next generation of architects with a growing emphasis on the process and exploration of design: the performance and integration of the work within a larger context, rather than the formal product.

The newly created positions at the school – Assistant Professors of Practice - are further strengthening the ties between practice and academia. These positions recognize practice as a holistic endeavor binding together design, technology, representation and humanities.

The second Keystone Awards has been organized by Dalhousie University in partnership with the Nova Scotia Association of Architects. This program recognizes architectural excellence in the Nova Scotia design, development and construction industries to promote the advancement of the profession in our province and to demonstrate the courage and creativity of those that push the boundaries. Proceeds from the April 25<sup>th</sup> awards reception will go to support Dalhousie scholarships and Habitat for Humanity.

The cost of a university education is an ongoing concern for everybody, especially the pursuit of architecture where the commitment and the passion are exceptional but the remuneration less so. The NSAA continues to look for ways to assist students and Intern Architects in their education through scholarships and bursaries and in the support of meaningful endeavors such as the Arctic Adaptations Venice Architecture Biennale, and attendance at the RAIC Conferences. To this end, and with the support and participation of the Dumaresq Family, the Dumaresq Family Bursaries have been established, to be awarded annually to two promising students in the B2 term who are experiencing financial need.

NSAA will this year again host a reception for new B1 students entering the School of Architecture, to welcome them to the architectural community in the province and introduce them to the resources that are available through the Association. Students are eligible for free student membership in the Association during the time they are enrolled in the School.

The Dalhousie School of Architecture and the NSAA value the important role each plays in the development of future practitioners and will continue to work together to enhance current joint initiatives and seek out new opportunities.

Respectfully submitted by

Susan Fitzgerald, Dalhousie School of Architecture representative to NSAA Council

Ron Burdock, NSAA representative to Dalhousie School of Architecture Committee

### Stoddard House / Halifax Condo Corp. Committee Report

As mentioned in this year's President's Report, the first floor sustained some flooding which resulted in the removal of floor covering and drywall in the back rooms. In light of the flooding, roof drainage was reviewed. The upper roof drainage was extended away from the lower roof drainage to alleviate the amount of water being drained through a single drain. The source of the flooding was at the inceptor pit where the drain leading to the street was clogged. This was snaked out and to date, the first floor has remained dry.

Also, mentioned in last year's President's Report, the upper condo has been sold. There was no meeting of the Condo Corp in 2013. During the first quarter of 2014, the Condo Corp has met and will begin meeting regularly.

Respectfully submitted by  
Chris von Maltzahn  
Chair



## Nova Scotia Building Code Training and Certification Board Report

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 the following members:

- Ted Ross                      Labour and Advanced Education
- Mannie Withrow            Nova Scotia Building Officials Association
- Don Landry                 Tech Nova
- Brenda Seymour          Nova Scotia Development Officers Association
- Gary Ruitenberg          Engineers of Nova Scotia
- Nigel Collinson          Nova Scotia Home & Building Design Association
- Joseph Janega             Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities
- John Thomson              Nova Scotia Association of Architects

The Executive Committee is composed of Ted Ross, Chair; John Thomson, Secretary-Treasurer together with Mannie Withrow. Michelle Landreville is the Registrar, a paid staff position. The Executive and Review Committee met several times via electronic communication. Twelve diplomas were issued in 2013 for qualification/certification of Building Officials CBO I and CBO II.

The Annual General Meeting was held May 13, 2013. At this meeting, the members received the results of the recent audit on the education delivery agent. This audit included an in-depth review of current course content, delivery and administration procedures and made recommendations for specific areas and practices. The members were also made aware of recent student complaints received concerning current training courses. The Board was asked by the Director of Building and Fire Safety and agreed to table the audit and complaints until such time as the Department established a working group of stakeholders to review the entire educational regime.

The working group was established and met April 1, 2014. The membership of the working group includes representatives of the following:

- Association of Municipal Administrators of Nova Scotia
- Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities
- Nova Scotia Building Officials Association
- Nova Scotia Building Code Training and Certification Board
- Nova Scotia Building Advisory Committee
- Labour and Advanced Education (now Municipal Affairs)

It should be noted that the Building Code Act and staff were moved along with the Office of the Fire Marshal from Labour and Advanced Education to the newly created Department of Municipal Affairs. This change took place April 1, 2014. The Nova Scotia Building Code Training and Certification Board will remain active pending the outcome of the review and is supported by the Department of Municipal Affairs in carrying on its mandate.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Thomson  
Representative

## RAIC Representative Report

# ARCHITECTURE CANADA

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Congratulations for a great organization and delivery of the 2013 Festival of Architecture in Halifax. The Festival was a success, well attended and included very high quality continuing education sessions.

RAIC has contributed with NSAA and Dalhousie University in sponsoring some events including the AGM and a lecture at the University.

With the collaboration of existing Fellows, the following became members of the College of Fellows of the RAIC in 2014 and deserve our congratulations:

**Dennis Ramsay**  
**Graeme F. Duffus**  
**Ronald G. Burdock**

As to 2014, we hope to see many NSAA Members in Winnipeg for the Festival: May 29 to May 31<sup>st</sup>. Some 38 continuing education sessions are scheduled as well as presentations by highly regarded lecturers. Attractive companion packages are offered.

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, 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. RAIC contributes to the updating of CCDC documents and Document 6 is presently being reviewed.

RAIC administers several awards programs to recognize and encourage excellence in architecture including the Governor General Medal. The 2014 Medals will be presented at Rideau Hall on May 13. Other awards include the RAIC Award for Excellence, Emerging Architectural Practice firms, Prix du XX<sup>ème</sup> siècle, Young Architect Award and the Gold Medal Award.

RAIC also partners with the Canada Council to coordinate the Canadian presence at the Venice Biennale for Architecture.

RAIC thanks NSAA for its support and participation in its various undertakings.

Respectfully submitted by  
Edmond D. Koch, FRAIC, aanb, oaq  
Atlantic Region Representative

## **Nominating Committee Report**

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**NSAA Nominating Committee Report**  
**2014-2015**

The following names are being put forward to serve on Council of the Nova Scotia Association of Architects for the 2014/2015 Term of Office:

President:

Ron LeLievre

Councillors:

2-Year Term:

Peter Connor

Rayleen Hill

Dennis Ramsay

1-Year Term:

Alec Brown

Respectfully submitted by  
Ron Burdock, Chair  
Therese LeBlanc  
Eugene Pieczonka

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