

Synopsis of the Minutes of the One Hundred and Nineteenth Annual General Meeting

The 120th Annual General Meeting was held in the Augustus Ballroom IV at the Caesars Windsor Hotel and Casino, Windsor, Ontario on Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. with President Gerrie Doyle as Chair.

The Chair introduced the members of the 2010 Council.

OPENING REMARKS – GERRIE DOYLE, PRESIDENT

OAA President Gerrie Doyle presented her address to the 120th Annual General Meeting of the Association. The President's complete address was posted to the OAA Web site May 27, 2010.

CERTIFICATE OF LONG STANDING

Certificates of Long Standing were presented to James J. Koyanagi, and Allan M. Levine, who had reached the milestone of 50 years of membership with the OAA.

Citations were read for each honoree noting their considerable achievements and dedication to the profession.

ELECTION OF HONORARY MEMBERS

The Chair reviewed Section 28 of Regulation 27 under the *Architects Act* relative to the Nomination and Election of Honorary Members. She noted that there was a nomination to be put before the Annual Meeting and asked architect, Jane Burgess to read the nomination for Daphne Harris.

It was moved by Jane Burgess, Toronto, and seconded by John Bradica, Thunder Bay,

THAT Ms Daphne Harris be elected as an Honorary Member.

MOTION CARRIED

RECOGNITION OF NEWLY LICENSED ARCHITECTS AND LICENSED TECHNOLOGIST OAA

The OAA's newest licensees, Ontario's newest architects and Licensed Technologists, were welcomed by Council and attendees at the AGM and were congratulated for their accomplishment.

Each individual's name was announced and each were invited to the podium where they were greeted by the President.

MINUTES

All members had received a copy of the Synopsis of the Minutes of the 119th Annual General Meeting held on May 6, 2009.

It was moved by Michelle Gibson, Thunder Bay and, seconded by Stanford Downey, Toronto,

THAT the Minutes of the 119th Annual General Meeting be adopted as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The Chair noted that as a follow up to questions at the 2009 meeting regarding the Pro-Demnity Insurance Company's Operating Expenses, an insert has been included in the OAA's Annual Report 2009. The insert details the information included in the Pro-Demnity Operating Expense line.

The Chair invited comments or questions with respect to any business that arose from the Minutes of the 2009 meeting.

There were no comments or questions from the floor.

REVIEW OF ANNUAL REPORT

The Chair invited comments and questions on the Annual Report posted to the OAA Web site on April 20, 2010.

Lennis Trotter, Oshawa expressed some concern that the hourly rate for architects is among the lowest of the professions.

The Chair thanked Trotter for his comments.

2009 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Just prior to review of the financial statements, the Chair asked Senior Vice President & Treasurer Sheena Sharp to make a presentation to the membership.

Sr. Vice President & Treasurer Sharp presented the members with a graphic representation of the history of the member demographics, including location within Ontario, legal structure of firms and their location. In addition Sharp presented a graph of the origin of OAA revenues and how that revenue is dispersed through the operations of the OAA.

The Chair thanked Sharp for her presentation.

The Chair presented the report of the auditor and invited questions.

Michael Zuberec, St. Catherines stressed the need to get purchasing departments in line with appropriate procurement practices for consulting services. Zuberec also questioned information with respect to Pro-Demnity Insurance Company specifically its balance sheet and the amount of interest being collected as a result of the Mortgage held for the OAA Headquarters building. The Auditor for Pro-Demnity Insurance Company provided an explanation.

APPOINTMENT OF THE AUDITOR

It was moved by Stephen Pope, Ottawa, and seconded by Leo Makrimichalos, Toronto,

THAT the firm of PKF Hill be appointed as auditors for the Ontario Association of Architects for 2010.

MOTION CARRIED

CONFIRMATION OF BY-LAW

The Chair referred to OAA By-Law No. 3, 2009 which was mailed April 1, 2010 to members, and asked for a motion for adoption.

The Chair recalled in 2008, Council approved an increase in the Intern architect fees to \$350 for 2009 for those who had maintained Intern architect status for greater than five years and that the fee would then be increased to reflect a fee equal to the licensed architect fee in 2010 for those who have been Intern architects for greater

than five years.

It was additionally noted by the Chair that, the \$25 fee for assessing seminars/courses for continuing education recognition has been eliminated. As a housekeeping amendment, the fee for the OAA Currency Test has also been deleted as it has not been in effect for quite some time

It was moved by Russ Scorgie, London and seconded by Cathy Garrido, Toronto,

THAT in accordance with Section 28, Subsection (f), of OAA By-Laws, Revised 2006 under the Architects Act R.S.O. 1990, that OAA By-Law No. 3, 2009 as circulated with the agenda of this meeting, be confirmed.

MOTION CARRIED

It may be noted that a number of proxies were held with respect to the vote on this issue and they were counted.

DEATHS

The Chair read the names of members and associates, listed below, who had passed away since the last AGM, and the assembly rose for a moment of silence.

Members

Harry Ala-Kantti	Ian William Nicoll
James David Ball	Harvey Hideo Okawara
Dietrich Boecker	George Wallingford Peck
Frank H. Burcher	Douglas C. Rowland
Arthur C. Erickson	Phillip Roald Sharp
Lily Inglis	Eglis Tannis
Alexander B. Leman	Jacques N. Tchirout
Murray Clifford Marshall	Howard D. Vandewater
Leonid Matzov	Ilmar Wallner
Patrick Joseph Murray	Robert H. Williams

ADOPTION OF OAA CODE OF ETHICS

The Chair referred to draft Code of Ethics which was mailed April 1, 2010 to members, and asked for a motion for adoption.

It was noted by the Chair that the membership was surveyed prior to the creation of the final draft.

The Chair indicated that there was a minor revision. The paragraph pertaining to "the Architect" required a change from the word "may" in the first sentence to "should". The amendment does not constitute any change to the substance nor meaning of the paragraph.

It was moved by Greg Gordon, Peterborough and seconded by Bruno Bortolotti, Windsor

THAT the OAA Code of Ethics be accepted, as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

PRO-DEMNITY INSURANCE COMPANY

Pro-Demnity Insurance Company (ProDem) Vice Chair, Leo Makrimichalos provided a brief overview of the company's activities and performance for the past year.

GREETINGS FROM THE ROYAL ARCHITECTURAL INSTITUTE OF CANADA

President Doyle welcomed RAIC Regional Director for Southwestern Ontario, David Craddock who brought greetings on behalf of the RAIC.

"Thank you Madame President. On behalf of the RAIC President, Mr. Randy Dhar, I wish to extend greetings to the OAA's Annual General Meeting from Mr. Dhar and the RAIC Board of Directors. As the advocacy body for all Canadian Architects, we wish to commend the OAA on its development of the OAA Fee Schedule and the eventual endorsement of the RAIC 'Guide to Determining Appropriate Fees for the Services of an Architect' which was based upon the original OAA document. We look forward to working with the Provinces and the OAA in promoting the use of this excellent document by all public and private user groups.

The RAIC has been quite successful this past year in negotiating with the federal government to provide financial assistance to the Profession to develop more up to date policies and procedures and Regulations for membership and registration in the Profession. ...the RAIC and Canadian Architectural Licensing Authorities (CALA) have been able to continue to develop and amend the Broadly Experienced Foreign Architect program (BEFA) and the Intern Architect Program (IAP). We...look forward to hearing of their progress at the upcoming Provincial Roundtables in Saskatoon and again in the fall in Halifax. The Federal government has been briefed... and commends the initiative and dedication of the Profession in seeking ways to ease the transition of foreign trained Architects who seek entrance to Canada and employment as Architects.

...On behalf of Randy I ask all members of the

OAA to consider joining the RAIC if you are not currently a member... [It] is your voice of advocacy to the Federal government, the citizens of Canada and to all countries abroad...[and] provide you with good service and tools to enable you to practice as an Architect.

Join us for our Annual General Meeting and Festival.....from June 23rd to 27th in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. The organizing Committee, the SAA, promises us all a great time to meet Architects from across Canada...and partake in the "Sounds Like Architecture' theme of the Festival.

See you in Saskatoon."

The Chair thanked Mr. Craddock for making the presentation on behalf of the RAIC.

GREETINGS FROM THE ONTARIO SCHOOLS OF ARCHITECTURE, SYLLABUS PROGRAM AND RYERSON UNIVERSITY

The Chair noted that Dean Richard Sommer was unable to attend to bring greetings from University of Toronto.

Carleton University

President Doyle welcomed Professor Sheryl Boyle, Acting Director of the Faculty of the Azrieli School of Architecture and Urbanism at Carleton University who made the following remarks:

I would first like to thank [the] President... and the membership...for your invitation to speak here at the 2010 AGM...I would like to thank all of you...who have supported us, who have generously taken in our Coop students and who have contributed to the development of our graduates by bringing them into your firms.

I would like to report on the...many... exciting developments we have had at the school. Marco Frascari, our Director is on a well-earned sabbatical this year...

2009/10 was a banner year in terms of both quality applications and admissions at Carleton. We had 100 students admitted into the undergraduate program and 40 in our graduate program. It would appear that interest in architecture is increasing, perhaps due to the more mainstream topics of sustainability which have brought the discussion of buildings into daily conversations of young people.

Our programs continue to expand ...We officially

and successfully launched our four new undergraduate majors in architecture; design, conservation and sustainability, urbanism, and finally philosophy and criticism. Our undergraduate three week directed studies abroad program went to Vicenza, Paris and New York this year.

At the graduate level, we have moved our four-month Directed Studies Abroad to Berlin...overseen by Dr. Annette Homann, and Bologna...overseen by Dr. Claudio Sgarbi and brought in an external Azrieli Visiting Critic Andrew Silver King for both semesters...

As part of this expansion, we have just welcomed... Roger Connah...and Dr. Qi Zhu ... We are currently hiring two new faculty in the field of urbanism (the search is nearly concluded at present) and will advertise for one additional position...

At the level of infrastructure, we completed several upgrades to our facility including a renewal of our computer labs, a...redesign of the student lounge...as a design/build by our students, a refitting of the Azrieli Pavillion graduate spaces to include an exhibition and media center, and a retrofit of our materials library and labs...

...We launched our new publication, Building 22 (a catalogue of student work and faculty writing) which was extremely well-received and supported by several architecture firms. In addition we are hosting a conference entitled Retrofit: sustainability for the future in collaboration with the Ottawa Chapter of the Canada Green Building Council on May 12-14 ...We also completed a successful studio working with Sonja Bata in the town of Batawa, Ontario last summer and we continue to do research on the revitalization of the small industrial Ontario town. Our Forum Lecture Series at the National Gallery continues to be a very well attended event ... and are now posting the lectures as podcasts on our website.

The year was not without loss at Carleton; past professor and director, Gilbert Sutton, professor Philip Sharp and our photography expert Helmut Schade all passed away. Their contribution to the profession of architecture in Ontario will not be forgotten.

In conclusion...our year at Carleton was a great success. We are able to carry out many new initiatives due to the generous endowment gift by our alumni, David Azrieli, and...is contributing to

the increasing quality and support of our programs and faculty. Thank you all for this time to update you on our school...

The President thanked Professor Boyle for her presentation.

University of Waterloo

Cathy Garrido, extended greetings from the University of Waterloo.

"...I am very pleased to bring greetings from the University of Waterloo School of Architecture in Cambridge. I speak on behalf of Rick Haldenby, Director of Waterloo Architecture who regrets he cannot join us this afternoon.

2009 was a landmark...30th anniversary of the Rome Program, 10th anniversary of the... Graduate Program and 5th anniversary of the move to Cambridge...

Entering its fourth decade, the Rome Program has expanded and renewed. Focused on the issues of the contemporary city, adding the graduate studio ...collaborating with educational institutions in Italy and contributing to the renewal of the earthquake wracked areas of Abruzzo, the Rome Program is as key to the educational experience at Waterloo...

The graduate program...graduat[ed] 60 students and produc[ed] research and design of exceptional quality. Graduate projects are actually being built, in particular the wonderful Lift House, a project by Prithula Prosun for flood proof housing in Bangladesh. The prototype was constructed with support from IRDC.

North House, the Waterloo-lead entry in the US Department of Energy Solar Decathlon 2009 is largest research and design project ever undertaken at Waterloo...The fourth place finish was the highest ever by a Canadian team...We are especially honoured by the recognition the design received from the OAA. The building will soon be erected in Cambridge. We invite you to watch for news and come to visit to see the building in full operation.

...Our housing coop, Grand House, student owned, designed, built and operated was named best new enterprise by the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce. Our graduate students produced the extraordinary digital projections in the award-winning Unsilent Night Holiday Festival in Cambridge. GALTStudio, all collaborative of third year students was selected to create an

installation for the Toronto ScotiaBank Nuits Blanche...and won the Peoples' Choice Award for independent projects. Graduate students produced the new urban design guidelines for the city of Cambridge... undergraduate design studios designed hotels, housing and a Canadian Pavilion for the Venice Biennale in Waterloo Region. The School collaborated...in the production of a video promoting design excellence in the region. We are ...participants in new collaborative ventures to establish schools of architecture in two mid-size cities, Sudbury and Saskatoon.

On the international front...Waterloo Architecture is the home of the Canada's representative at the Venice Biennale of Architecture. The installation Hylozoic Ground by Philip Beesley promises to be one of the most memorable experiences at the 2010 Biennale...opening August 26, 2010.

...We received almost 2000 applications for 77 places in the first year class. The quality of the applicants is exceptional. The profession should be very confident when it contemplates its future. The other number is most important to us as a coop school. We are still placing 100% of our students in jobs during their work terms. This after the job market in the United States, which was providing between 25 and 35% of the placements...We are deeply grateful to those firms across Ontario that have continued to employ Waterloo students...

We wish you all the best at this meeting..."

The Chair thanked Ms Garrido for her presentation.

RAIC Syllabus

Toronto Coordinator, Mariusz Gontarz extended greetings on behalf of the RAIC Syllabus Program.

"Madam President, Members of Council, Ladies and Gentlemen, greetings from the RAIC Syllabus, its students and volunteers. The mission of the RAIC Syllabus is to provide architectural education nationally through practical experience and courses of study for aspiring and current members of the profession and members of the public with a personal interest in architecture....

...the Syllabus program remain[s] active, providing an alternative path towards fulfilling requirements for professional studies in Architecture. The Program is active...offering studies...in London, Ottawa, Thunder Bay and Toronto, also reaching students in communities neighbouring our

Chapters...[It] is the sole Canadian provider of professional studies in Architecture outside of full-time studies at accredited Schools of Architecture...The OAA has been a consistent supporter of the Syllabus Program, and...we want to thank the OAA for its continued support.

The Program firmly believes that its ultimate success depends upon active and vital links to the profession and its membership...We hope that OAA members will see this Program as their own, the 'profession's program'...

In 2007, Ontario Syllabus students represented 96 of a total of 260 students registered nationally. 33 new students joined the Program, 14 of whom were CACB referrals, 2 were general studies candidates. 18 new students are pursuing a professional diploma in architecture. Many... CACB referred students are foreign trained professionals [and] Syllabus has provided them with the opportunity to complete and certify their education, before it became an item on agenda of the government. Ontario Graduates from last year, to be acknowledged this June in Saskatoon include: Frances Martin DiGiuseppe...Benny Man Kuen Choy... [and] Samuel Timothy Cox. We congratulate them on their success, their diligence and perseverance.

The RAIC Syllabus continues to provide community-based architectural education to those interested in a Professional Diploma in Architecture...We extend our sincere gratitude to those who have volunteered as Design Studio Mentors, Jury Members, Advisors and Academic Examiners...[and] thanks to the Ontario Regional Coordinator and Chapter Studio Coordinators. Marcelo Graca, Ivan Martinovic, Mariusz Gontarz, Louis Cooke, Tomas Blood, Walter Kuch, Dr. Al Lightstone, Stephan Namisniak, [and] Jeffrey Price.

Continued support from Ryerson University has ... provid[ed] a home for the Toronto Chapter. Ryerson provides design studio & academic examination space [and] exam invigilation for Toronto-area students.

In 1992-94 the Program went through a renewal process that was self directed. This was the primary transformation from a "minimum syllabus" training program to a true educational alternative to University based studies..that strengthened the program and created the culture of exchange of ideas...When the Syllabus program works well, it speaks to the very nature of a self governing

profession – wherein those wishing to proceed to licensure can be guided and mentored by architects in practice...

Mr. David Craddock...a supporter of the program, joined IPAC last year as RAIC Board of Directors representative...we thank Mr. Craddock for his efforts [to improve communication].

We have wished that the prolonged process of the program renewal will not affect its students...The Professional community's support and the volunteers' enthusiasm has decreased because of a long, drawn out renewal period.

I'd like to extend thanks and admiration for those whose enthusiasm keep the program operating in spite of uncertainty and frustration...They deserve big credit and...Our Director Jay Hiscox, has encouraged us all to look at the benefits of an institutional partnership coming from the renewal process, and worked hard keeping the faculty motivated...

We are seeing however some of our volunteer mentors laying their arms down. Roger Mitchell, ...South Saskatchewan Coordinator, in his resignation letter a month ago wrote:

"The RAIC Syllabus Program is in a renewal process. I have not been able to contribute to this exclusive "closed door" renewal process. I cannot imagine continuing in a coordination role without an understanding and personal subscription to the values and goals of the projected renewal program. The perceived value I ascribe to the Syllabus Program I hope will not be diminished by my resignation..."

...I said last year that we would not be able to sustain this program in 2010. Many of the volunteers, mentors and faculty remain in a state of waiting, unsure of what outcomes will emerge from renewal...It appears that the undefined transition of the program to Athabasca University will still require our help to maintain continuity...

...I wish you all a successful conference.

Thank you."

The Chair thanked Mariusz Gontarz for his presentation.

Ryerson University

Professor Jurij Leshchyshyn, Assistant Chair at

the Department of Architectural Sciences at Ryerson University, extended greetings from Ryerson University.

"Madame President, Council and Members of the Association, it is my pleasure to bring greetings and news from the Department of Architectural Science at Ryerson University on behalf of our Chair, Dr. Kendra Schank-Smith, who is currently on a study trip in China.

...The Fall of 2009 saw the second year of our new graduate programs in Building Science, the third cohort of students in our Master of Architecture program and the implementation of the third year of our new undergraduate curriculum. We have renovated space in our building for a new Building Science lab ..which will provide opportunities for many new areas of exploration in simulation. We have opened a digital fabrication lab and have purchased a 3D printer and two laser cutters...

A CACB Visiting Team was on campus...this year for their first two-year scheduled visit after we received Candidacy Status for Accreditation... They...spoke about our program with upper administration, faculty members, Program Advisory Council members, the profession in Toronto and with our students. They reviewed our facilities, curriculum and student work. We feel confident that we were able to show them what our Department and Ryerson University are all about.

Our faculty and students have been planning several conferences for the upcoming year. The Ryerson chapter of the American Institute of Architecture Students...won their bid to host the AIAS Forum 2010 in Toronto...the second time in a decade that the Ryerson Chapter has hosted this prestigious event. [It] will bring approximately 1000 architecture students from across North America to Toronto over New Year's. There are also plans for a technology in architecture conference for the summer of 2011...

International travel with students this summer include courses in China and Brazil, a study tour to Italy and Israel, and a continuation of joint travel-study with our long-time partner in Germany, the Fachhochschule in Frankfurt am-Main...We have formulated relationships for internships in China and exchanges with Coventry University, Barcelona and Israel.

Our faculty members have...receiv[ed] two

NSERC grants over the last year, as well as increasing research outcomes in the form of books, articles and conference proceedings in areas of architecture, building science and project management. Several new faculty members joined us in the last few years in building science and architecture aspects of our program. As well, with a new addition to our staff, we have acquired expertise to continue developing the Department's capabilities in the area of Digital Technology. Of special note was the appointment of Wil Alsop as a Distinguished Visiting Practitioner who was involved with our graduate thesis students.

I would like to end by thanking members of the profession who have, throughout the year, willingly contributed their time and insights by participating in various studio and project reviews at our school...which complements and enriches our teaching mandate.

On behalf of the Department of Architectural Science at Ryerson University I wish the OAA and its membership a satisfying and successful conference.

Thank you.”

The Chair thanked Professor Leshchyshyn for his presentation.

CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

A Certificate of Appreciation were presented to Councillor Peter Gabor whose term expired in December of 2009. Mr. Gabor was unable to attend the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no business arising from the floor.

ADJOURNMENT

The 120th Annual General Meeting was adjourned.