

## BOARD'S ACTIVITIES

### 2014 CACB-CCCA CONFERENCE

The CACB-CCCA held a successful conference on September 26-27, 2014 in Saint-Sauveur, QC, under the Theme: "Educating Future Architects". The Board would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of this event. After the Conference, the CACB-CCCA captured in a Report (Proceedings Report) the essence of all discussions that took place during the Conference. The report will be used as background reference for recommendations for improving the education of Canadian architects. Please, click [here](#) to read the Report and its preamble. You can also view some pictures of the conference [here](#)

### 2014 Annual General Meeting of CACB-CCCA Members

The Annual General Meeting of the CACB-CCCA Members (CALA and CCUSA) was held in Charlottetown, PEI, on October 25, 2014. The meeting was chaired by the Vice-President, Sean F. Rodrigues, Diogo Burnay, Director of Dalhousie University's School of Architecture attended on behalf of CCUSA and Bill Chandler, President of Architects Association of Prince Edward Island (AAPEI) attended on behalf of CALA. Regular business such as confirmation of the newly elected Directors on the Board, receipt of the Audited Financial Statements, and appointment of the next Fiscal Year Auditors was conducted.

### 2014-2015 Board of Directors and Executive Committee

Following its biannual Board meeting in Montréal, QC, on 14-15 November 2014, the Canadian Architectural Certification Board welcomed the newly elected Directors: Robert Levit and Peter Sampson and thanked those whose terms ended: Branko Kolarevic and Ivan Martinovic.

A special Orientation Session was held before the Board meeting to welcome and to familiarize newly elected Directors with the CACB-CCCA Mission, Mandate and Operations.

Find [here](#) more details on the Board's and the Executive Committee's Composition.

### By-law review under the new Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act

After receiving comments from both Members, and after the Directors vote on December 12, 2014 on the updated version of the revised By-law, a Special Meeting of the Members was called by the President via conference call and the revised By-law was approved by the Members on Thursday, December 18, 2014. In attendance were: Sean F. Rodrigues, President of CACB-CCCA, Annmarie Adams, Chair of CCUSA, and Nathalie Dion, representing CALA.

### Accreditation Decisions

Université de Montréal's Master of Architecture Program (M. Arch) has been granted a 6 Year term of Accreditation effective January 1, 2014 to June 30, 2020.

### Upcoming Accreditation Visits

Two Maintenance Accreditation Visits are planned in 2015:

- Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS; and
- University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB.

### 2013-2104 Annual Reports

All Programs have submitted their 2013-2014 Annual Reports by June 30, 2014. The Board noticed the progress made and action undertaken to address Visiting Team Reports Concerns.

### 2015 Focused Evaluation Reports

Programs subject to a Focused Evaluation reporting are required to submit a Focused Evaluation Report by April 30, 2015. The Board appointed, at its last meeting, the Focused Evaluation Teams to review the reports and make their recommendations to the Board for the Spring Board meeting.

### Accreditation Training

The CCAB-CCCA has filled out a Session Application Form with RAIC to provide with a training session on Accreditation at the Festival of Architecture to be held in Calgary, AB in June 2014. In the eventuality of a positive response, this will be the first time ever that the CACB-CCCA will offer a training session on Accreditation open to interested individuals in Architectural Accreditation

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### Canberra Accord

The Canberra Accord ([www.canberraaccord.org](http://www.canberraaccord.org)) is intended to facilitate the portability of educational credentials between the countries whose accreditation/validation agencies signed the Accord. It does not address matters related to professional registration or licensure. The Canberra Accord recognizes the substantial equivalency of accreditation/ validation systems in architectural education of the signatories members.

#### 2014-3rd General Conference Call Meeting

CACB-CCCA participated in the conference call held on September 11, 2014 at 8 am ET, to discuss the Periodic Review Visit to the Commonwealth Association of Architects (CAA), the review of the Rules and the Procedures and the proposed template for Periodic Review Visits, as well as the application of the South African Council for the Architectural Profession (SACAP) and the Japan Accreditation Board for Engineering Education (JABEE) to join the Accord.

#### 2015- 5th General Meeting

The 5th General Meeting will be co-hosted by NAAB and CACB-CCCA in Boston, MA (USA) on May 3-5, 2015. Canberra Accord secretariat will coordinate the logistics.

### Applications received

654 in 2013 and 609 as of December 15, 2014.

## Domestic Automatic Certification

Since 2009, year of implementation of the Domestic Automatic Certification Procedure, certification of graduates of Canadian professional programs has increased by an average of **43%** between 2010 and 2013. This year (as of December 15), 331 automatic certifications have been issued.

## International applications (non-USA)

**154** in 2013 and **169** this year (as of December 15). Compared to the same period in 2013, this represents a **9.7%** increase (15 applications more).

## Country of origin of International applicants

The top five countries of origin of International Degrees certified between 2008 and this year (as of December 15) are: Iran (197), The Philippines (81), India (77), Egypt (74), Algeria (59).

## BROADLY EXPERIENCED FOREIGN ARCHITECT (BEFA) CERTIFICATION

### BEFA Certification Snap-Shots

The BEFA Certification Program was introduced on September 21, 2012, as a third mandate under the administration of CACB-CCCA. The program assesses broadly based experience of foreign architects against [the twelve competency areas](#) of the Pan-Canadian standards of practice. Successful candidates are granted BEFA certification which allows them to apply for licensure to the Provincial/Territorial Association they have chosen to register with.

#### As of December 15, 2014:

- **126** BEFA candidate portfolios are being processed through the CACB-CCCA BEFA on-line system
- **28** BEFA Certifications have been granted.

### Interview Sessions

**2014:** Spring Sessions: Vancouver, BC: May 16, 2014; and Toronto, ON: May 24, 2014.

Fall Sessions: Montréal, Qc: November 22, 2014.

**2015:** One Interview session is being planned in 2015 and it will be held in May.

For additional information please contact: [befacoord@cacb.ca](mailto:befacoord@cacb.ca)

### Financial Assistance to BEFA Candidates through IAF (Immigrant Access Funds) Program

BEFA Candidates who are interested in the micro loan program offered by IAF can contact them and find out their eligibility criteria. Click [here](#) to access their website.

### Testimonials

Candidates who have been granted BEFA Certification have offered to share their experience with the Public and prospective BEFA candidates. Click [here](#) to read their success stories.

## THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

The CACB-CCCA would like to extend its deepest appreciation to all of our valued volunteers with a special mention to the Academic Certification Assessment Committee, to the Accreditation Visiting Team Members and to the BEFA Assessors. Without their dedication and hard work Academic Certification, Accreditation and BEFA Programs would not be as successful as they currently are. THANK YOU!

## ACHIEVEMENTS AND RECOGNITION

The CACB-CCCA is pleased to announce that CACB-CCCA Director, Janna Levitt, received an invitation to be the key note speaker in Finland at a symposium on Northern Cities held on November 6, 2014 in Helsinki under

the Theme: "Shared Cities-Northern perspectives". The Symposium was organized by the Museum of Finish Architecture and was part of Europe City-Project organized by 3 institutions in Helsinki, Barcelona and Ljubiana. Janna spoke about her work and about other notable Canadian projects as they related to interior and exterior public spaces.

### **Our sincere congratulations to Janna!**

The CACB-CCCA office will be closed from December 22, 2014, to January 4, 2015.

We will resume on **Monday, January 5, 2015.**

***Best wishes for the Holiday Season and the New Year!***



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