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**THE BOARD**

### **2015-2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

At its meeting in Whistler, BC, held on 20-21 November 2015, the Canadian Architectural Certification Board welcomed the newly elected Directors: Rodney Kirkwood, Terrance Galvin and Derek Wong and thanked those whose terms ended: Sean F. Rodrigues and Anne Cormier.

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

#### **NEXT MEETINGS**

Spring: June 17-18, 2016. Québec, QC.

Fall: November 18-19, 2016; TBD

#### **2015-2016 Board and Executive Committee Composition**

- Colin Ripley OAA-**President** / (CCUSA)-Fall 2016
- Thérèse LeBlanc NSAA, FRAIC-**Vice-President** / (CALA) - Fall 2017
- Odile Roy OAA-**Secretary** / CALA -CCUSA Fall 2018
- Ted Maciurzynski MAA-**Treasurer** / CALA - Fall 2016
- Janna Levitt OAA, FRAIC / CALA-CCUSA- Fall 2016
- Terrance Galvin PhD, MRAIC / CCUSA - Fall 2018
- Rod Kirkwood NTWA, Architect AIBC, MRAIC / CALA - Fall 2018
- Peter Sampson MAA, OAA, MRAIC / CCUSA-CALA-Fall 2017
- Robert Levit / CCUSA - Fall 2017
- Derek Wong / (CASA)- Fall 2017.

CALA= The Canadian Architectural Licensing Authorities

CCUSA= The Council of Canadian University Schools of Architecture

CASA= The Canadian Architecture Students Association

### **2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF CACB-CCCA MEMBERS**

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the CACB-CCCA Members (CALA and CCUSA) was held via teleconference on October 27, 2015. The meeting was chaired by the President, Sean F. Rodrigues. Graham

Livesey, Chair of the Canadian Council of University's School of Architecture attended on behalf of CCUSA and Nathalie Dion, President of l'Ordre des Architectes du Québec attended on behalf of CALA. In addition to regular business, such as the election of the newly appointed Directors on the Board, receipt of the Audited Financial Statements, and appointment of the next Fiscal Year Auditors was conducted, the Members approved the changes made to articles 4 and 8 of the by-law related to clarifying the international involvement of CACB-CCCA and the split of the Officer Position of Secretary-Treasurer to two separate ones: Secretary and Treasurer.

## POST 2014 CONFERENCE CONSULTATIONS WITH CALA AND CCUSA

After the successful conference held in September 2014, The Conference Organizing Committee started a process of consultation with the Members (CALA and CCUSA) to establish a schedule of implementing short, middle and long term recommendations that came up from the Conference.

The CACB-CCCA appointed the Writing Committee to undertake the Consultation rounds and to achieve the implementation of the new Conditions and Procedures for Accreditation.

Two rounds of consultations have been planned. The first ones took place between April and May 2015 with the first draft of the Recommendations Report as the basis of the discussions. This round has allowed preparing the second draft which was discussed during the second rounds held on November 5, 2015 in Toronto, Ontario with CCUSA and on November 12, 2015, in Saskatoon, SK, with CALA.

Next step is to work on the final version of the new Conditions and Procedures to be submitted to the Members approval.

## FUNDING AGREEMENT REVIEW

Following a CALA request, the CACB-CCCA has established a Task Force to review the funding agreement between CALA and CCUSA with regard to the Accreditation Program as well as to examine how the CACB-CCCA is funded. The objective is to ensure the ongoing ability of the CACB-CCCA to carry out its mandates and to develop a Five-Year Review Cycle.

## NEW CACB-CCCA WEBSITE

CACB-CCCA Website has been revamped to comply with new communications and design requirements and for better browsing experience. It will be effective soon.

## PROGRAMS OVERVIEW

### ACCREDITATION

#### Upcoming Accreditation Visits

- **2016:** Due to the Accreditation Term and Maintenance Visits Cycle, no accreditation visits are planned
- **2017:** Three maintenance visits will be scheduled:
  - Carleton University, Ottawa, ON,
  - University of Calgary, Calgary, AB; and
  - University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON

#### 2014-2105 Annual Reports (AR)

All Programs submitted their 2014-2015 Annual Reports by June 30, 2015. The Board noticed the progress made and actions undertaken to address Visiting Team Reports' concerns.

#### Accreditation Training Session

The CCAB-CCCA is working through its Accreditation Training Committee to provide a training session in Nanaimo, BC in conjunction with the Festival of Architecture to be held on June 8-11, 2016.

It will be the first time the CACB-CCCA will offer a training session on Accreditation open to individuals interested in Architectural Accreditation.

## ACADEMIC CERTIFICATION

### Applications received

587 in 2014 and 627 as of November 30th.

### International applications (non-USA)

Received 165 in 2014 and 162 this year (as of November 30). This represents 2 % decrease.

### Country of origin of International applicants

The top five countries of origin of International Degrees certified between 2008 and 2015:

- Iran (223);
- Egypt and India (88);
- The Philippines (83); and
- Algeria (67).

## BEFA CERTIFICATION

**BEFA** 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 Association they have chosen to register with.

### As of November 30 , 2015:

- 155 BEFA candidate portfolios are being processed through the CACB-CCCA BEFA on-line system
- 32 BEFA Certifications have been granted.

### Interview Sessions

2016: One Interview session is being planned in 2016 and it will be held in May.

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

### 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.

## 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 signatory members.

### 2015-4th General Conference Call Meeting

Next Signatories Conference Call Meeting will be held in May 2016 and will be chaired by Canada. Sean F. Rodrigues has been elected as the chair of the Canberra Accord for a term of two years ending in 2017.

## ACHIEVEMENTS AND RECOGNITION

The CACB-CCCA is pleased to acknowledge the outstanding achievements of its Directors: Colin Ripley OAA -

- Colin Ripley has curated along with Marco Polo from Ryerson University, the exhibition Architecture and National Identity: The Centennial Projects Fifty Years On, which was opened at the National Arts Centre in Ottawa on Canada Day. The exhibition presents twenty-two of the some 900 buildings funded in part by the Federal government in the lead-up to the 1967 Centennial of Confederation. The catalogue, with the same name, is available on Amazon.ca; <http://www.amazon.ca/Architecture-National-Identity-identite-natioinal/dp/0929112660>
- Peter Sampson has received for his firm Peter Sampson Architecture Studio (psastudio), the Twenty + Change award for emerging practices in design in November 2015. Psastudio was acknowledged in the Twenty + Change Awards as one of Canada's up and coming emerging practices. This is the fourth version of Twenty + Change, and it features projects and practices that are setting a new agenda for innovation and excellence through their built or speculative work. The Awards were presented to a new generation of emerging practices who are considered to be pushing boundaries for design, architecture, and urban design. The practice is a recent recipient of an AZ People's Choice Award, a Prairie Design Award of Excellence for Assiniboine Washrooms, a Prairie Wood Design Award for the Foxtail Cafe, and a Canadian Architect Award of Merit for Gillam Town Centre.

**BRAVO to Colin and Peter!**

## 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!

**The CACB-CCCA office will be closed from December 23, 2015 to January 3, 2016 inclusive.**

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**



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