

CACB-CCCA NEWSLETTER

BOARD'S ACTIVITIES

2016 Spring Board Meeting

The Canadian Architectural Certification Board (CACB) met in Quebec City on June 16-17 for its biannual Board Meeting.

2016 Fall Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting will be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba, on November 18-19, 2016.

Strategic Planning Session

In conjunction with the Spring Board Meeting, the CACB-CCCA had its first Strategic Planning Session on June 17-18, 2016.

The Board would like to thank Alain Rabeau, Senior Consultant at Intersol Group, for working closely with the Strategic Planning Committee composed of Odile Roy, Colin Ripley, Rodney Kirkwood, Derek Wong, and Mourad Mohand-Said, over the past months and for facilitating a highly productive Strategic Planning Session.



Meeting with Royal Architectural Institute of Canada (RAIC) Board

For the first time, CACB-CCCA President and Executive director were invited to meet with the RAIC Board in Nanaimo, BC, on June 7th, 2016. It was a good opportunity for the CACB-CCCA to provide RAIC Board with an overview of its activities. Both parties expressed mutual interest in exchanging invitations to each other's coming meetings.

Meeting with the Canadian Architectural Licensing Authorities (CALA)

As per custom, the CACB-CCCA was invited to attend CALA meetings. The President and the Executive Director attended the Spring CALA meeting in Nanaimo, BC, on June 8th, 2016 and reported on latest CACB-CCCA activities.

ACCREDITATION PROGRAM

2016 Cycle:

University of Toronto's Master of Architecture (M.Arch) Program is no longer subject to a Focused Evaluation Visit. Its Accreditation Term stands until 2019.

2017 Cycle:

Team chairs have been appointed by the Board for three Maintenance Accreditation Visits to take place in 2017 at the Master of Architecture Program (M.Arch) of the following Universities:

- University of Calgary, Calgary, AB;
- Carleton University, Ottawa, ON; and
- University of Waterloo, Waterloo, ON.

Architecture Program Reports (APRs) are expected to be received from the three Programs by September 15, 2016.

Accreditation Training Session

On June 10th, 2016, the CACB-CCCA held its first ever accreditation training session (Beta Version) in conjunction with the RAIC Festival in Nanaimo, BC.

As a first experience, the session was a big success; the audience was very interested and was thankful for the initiative. The 27 attendees were pleased to learn about Architectural Accreditation. The feedback received from attendees has helped identify areas of enhancements. The CACB-CCCA will develop a final version of the course and foresees providing further sessions at future RAIC festivals and on demand.

CACB-CCCA would like to thank the Academic Training Committee composed of Janna Levit, Anne Cormier, Barry Sampson, Derek Wong, and Mourad Mohand-Said.

ACADEMIC CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

CACB-CCCA processes annually an average of 660 applications:

- 67% are graduates of Canadian accredited programs; and
- 26% are graduates of foreign programs not accredited by CACB-CCCA.

As of June 2016, 353 applications were received in 2016. Similar number was received for the same period in 2015.

Applicants are consistently expressing a higher interest to proceed with registration in Ontario than any other province; 44% in Ontario, followed by 22% in Quebec, 15% in British Columbia and 12% in Alberta. The results are almost identical when extracting the data for foreign graduates only.

Automatic Certification

The automatic certification initiative was launched in 2009 with the intent of increasing interest in licensure from new graduates. CACB-CCCA continues to encourage all Canadian accredited schools of architecture to participate in this initiative.

BROADLY EXPERIENCED FOREIGN ARCHITECT (BEFA)

The 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 make application for licensure to the Association they have chosen to register with. The program was officially launched on September 21, 2012. As of June 24, 2016:

- 174 BEFA candidate portfolios are being processed through the on-line system; and
- 37 BEFA Certifications have been granted.

2016 Interview Sessions

A two-day interview session was held in Vancouver, BC on May 27th-28th, 2016. 8 candidates were interviewed:

- 5 have been granted certification; and
- 3 have to further their experience by completing the remedies recommended by the Assessment Panel.

For additional information please contact: 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.

CACB-CCCA is going paperless

The new CACB-CCCA Website was launched in December 2015. With a revamped design, the website now includes a newly added dimension enabling online applications for certification. While both online and paper applications are still accepted as of today, CACB-CCCA is aiming to go paperless by the end of September 2016.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND RECOGNITION

Colin Ripley, current CACB-CCCA President, has been busy working with the University of Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Association of Architects on the design of a new professional program in Architecture for the University. The proposed program, which has been the product of intensive consultation, will be submitted to the University for approval this year.

In May, Colin also represented Canada at the Venice Architecture Biennale, where his firm, RVTR, acted as the exhibition designers for the official Canadian entry, Extraction. Curated by Pierre Belanger of Harvard University, Extraction involved an intensive study of the history of the mining industry in Canada. The exhibition involved, among other things, twelve tons of gold ore and twenty-four beaver pelts.

Branko Kolarevic, former CACB-CCCA president was elected future President of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA). His 4-year term of service on the ACSA Board of Directors starts on July 1, 2016, first as 2nd Vice President, then as First Vice President/President-Elect, and as President in 2018/2019. This is only the second time in the history of ACSA since its founding in 1912 that a representative from a Canadian school of architecture has been elected to lead the organization .