

NLAA President's Report 2009

I would like to welcome everyone to the Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Architects 60th Annual General Meeting. This has been a busy year for Council and it is my pleasure to be able to update you on some of the initiatives and activities that have taken place. This past year has seen several new developments, as well as progress in existing endeavors, both of which have been made possible only through the many hours of volunteer contribution on the part of our members.

New Architects Act

We are progressing towards the passage of our new Act, thanks to the tireless efforts of Paul Blackwood who has single-handedly tackled this monumental task over the past number of years. The entire association is very grateful for your efforts Paul and commends you on your work.

The Regulations have now been drafted and we have submitted the names of laypersons, as requested by Government, to serve on the new Licensing Board and the Disciplinary panel once the changes to our structure take effect. Louise Pinsent Parsons, deputy registrar of APEGN and Jackie Manuel, CEO of NLCSA have been submitted as lay members for the Licensing Board and Steve McLean, Registrar of APEGN and Glenn Forbes of AMEC were submitted as our lay members for the Disciplinary Panel.

New DTW Liaison Committee

In April, myself, Greg Snow and Ron Fougere, together with members of APEGN and CENL met with the Department of Transportation and Works to discuss issues of copyright and appropriate repeat design fees, our Act's provisions on stamping drawings, and professional liability insurance in both these cases. The meeting was overall very useful and informative with DTW acknowledging our issues and promising to investigate from their end with their lawyers and insurer.

Everyone agreed we should hold these meetings quarterly and to that end, after a discussion which took place at our Semi Annual on creating a new Committee to attend these meetings, and after a submission of names, the new DTW Liaison Committee was struck consisting of Paul Blackwood, Glenn Barnes, Jim Case and Dave Dewling.

Town Hall

In May we held another successful Town Hall meeting that was well attended by our local members. Bob Marshal of Capital Morrison Insurance was there as well to give a talk on issues of liability and the reuse of drawings as it pertains to Design Build. There was much discussion resulting in another overall productive and informative session for the members.

Con-Ed

The Continuing Education Program is running smoothly thanks to the efforts of Jim Case who is another of our tireless volunteers. Con-Ed discussions dominated Council

meetings on more than one occasion this past year culminating just recently with Council approving a carryover of 10 Core points and 20 Self-Directed points from one cycle to the next, in keeping with a number of other associations around the country. The latest Con-Ed cycle which ended in October however, was a bit of a disappointing result. A lot of members seem to either not have attained the required number of points or simply not have entered them yet. Hopefully that will be rectified soon.

National Meetings

In June I attended the National CALA and Administrators Meetings with Greg Snow in Montreal and in October Lynda Hayward and Greg Snow attended the RAIC Roundtable and Administrators meetings in Winnipeg, where most notably, the Canadian Reciprocity Agreement was signed.

Interns

This year we have a record number of Interns registered with the NLAA. Three new Interns have joined the Association in the past year. We welcome Paul Chafe back with us now as an Intern. Paul is working with PHB Group. We would also like to welcome our other two new Interns, Tim Rosenberg, working with John Hearn and Sarah Colven working with Tract Consulting Inc.

Interns continuing their work experience and preparing for the exam process are Jeremy Bryant, Anthony Bateson, John Trahey, Nick Herder and Richard Symonds. Michael Cook is our Student Member, currently working with Gibbons /Snow.

In closing I would like to offer my sincere thanks to my fellow council members for all their hard work and dedication. I would also like to thank the members of our various Committees and Task Forces for contributing their efforts and expertise. And last but certainly not least, and above all, I would like to thank Lynda Hayward who is so very instrumental to keeping the NLAA organized and running smoothly. She is a font of knowledge and experience and we're very lucky to have her.

Respectfully Submitted,



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