Updates Coming to Internship in Architecture Program

I am pleased to announce the 2020 Internship in Architecture Program (IAP) has seen several innovative improvements and updates. Intern Architects (IA) must complete 3,720 hours of experience before applying for registration. However, there are several new experience categories such as Envelope Detailing and Energy Literacy and Sustainability, reflecting a more modernized approach. Perhaps the most innovative and encouraging change is that the new IAP allows architecture students in an accredited master’s degree program to log up to 760 pre-graduation hours upon completion of 60 credits toward their degree. This equates to approximately 50% of their degree program.

Student members must follow the same conditions that apply to IA. However, they must submit a completed “Declaration form” which will soon be available on the AAA website. Their work will be completed under a supervising architect. A mentor is optional and can be provided by the schools. Student membership will conclude on the date of course completion. IA membership will begin upon certification of their degree by the CACB.

More details on the new IAP will be available on the website in the next week.

David Murray, Architect, AAA
Chair, Registration Committee

President's Medal Awarded to Sara Rennie, BFA, MArch

U of C graduate Sara Rennie, BFA MArch has been awarded the AAA’s President’s Medal.

The AAA’s President’s Medal is awarded annually to a graduating architecture student from the University of Calgary and graduating interior design student from Mount Royal University (MRU) who in the judgment of their faculty, has achieved the highest level of academic excellence and/or has completed the most outstanding final design thesis.

Read more about Sara here.

Stay tuned for the September Bulletin which will feature a profile of the MRU recipient.
The Banff Session website has been revised to provide the most up-to-date information regarding the conference rescheduled to April 23-24, 2021.

We are keeping the same conference theme, schedule, and making every effort to keep as many of the same speakers as possible. We are also working hard to control costs to ensure registration prices remain the same. Read more...

Member Passing - Paul Polson

The AAA offers our condolences to Mr. Polson's family, friends and colleagues. Paul served the design professions dutifully throughout his career, including a term as AAA President from 1989 – 1991.

You can view Paul's obituary here.

ExAC Registration Closes Tomorrow

Registration for the Examination for Architects in Canada (ExAC) closes tomorrow, August 14, 2020 at 12:00 noon (MDT). Don't miss your chance to take this important step towards registration!

Please refer to the ExAC website for more information about the exams.

Don’t Miss Out - Update Your AAA Contact Info

Now is the time to update the contact info on your AAA profile page. Click here to sign in and confirm your info is up to date. To update your firm's contact information, please email registration@aaa.ab.ca.

Please also ensure your email provider allows emails from the AAA. To do this, add @aaa.ab.ca to your email contacts.

Professional Development News

The latest in Professional Development (PD) news including information on the reporting period and PD compliance for out-of-province members. More...

Two Opportunities to Volunteer in Calgary

The Urban Design Review Panel and Calgary Planning Commission are looking for AAA members to volunteer. For more information, click here.

Share Your Thoughts on City of Edmonton Zoning

The City of Edmonton Zoning Bylaw Renewal Initiative is a multi-year comprehensive overhaul of the current Zoning Bylaw that includes rethinking how, what and why the City regulates in terms of zoning and land development.

For more info and three ways you can contribute, click here.

PARK(ing) Day Calgary 2020

PARK(ing) Day is an annual open-source global event where citizens, artists and designers collaborate to temporarily transform metered parking spaces into
Give Feedback to Alberta’s Affordable Housing Panel

The Government of Alberta has selected a panel of 10 independent experts to review affordable housing and identify ways to make the affordable housing system better serve Albertans in need. All Albertans are invited to share their input – submit your thoughts and suggestions on affordable housing by August 31, 2020.

To learn more and give feedback, click here.

Canadian Women in Design Interviews

Canadian Women in Design profiles Canadian women in design professions who lead and inspire.

The curators of the series would be happy to profile more architects and interior designers so if you know a women who is an inspiration to those in the design field, nominate her here.

Planning and Development

Planning and development updates from Calgary and Edmonton, including several new public safety measures instituted during the COVID-19 pandemic. More...