President's Year-End Message

"I want to take this opportunity to speak to you as your President and say that this year’s Council has been working extremely hard to become more effective, more efficient, more strategic, and more generative."

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Holiday Present(ation): Alison Brooks

The AAA is pleased to offer members a free presentation worth 1 structured learning hour from one of the world’s preeminent architects, Alison Brooks. Alison has won all three RIBA awards, and her studio, Alison Brooks Architects, was named studio of the year for 2020 by Dezeen.

Join us on December 15 from 12:00 - 1:00 pm for this special presentation, free for AAA members.

Register Here

PD Deadlines Approaching

With the start of December comes the time when we strive to wrap up projects for the year. There is one item you may have forgotten that carries significant consequences if left unfinished.

Your registration or licensure with the AAA grants privileges but also comes with responsibilities. One of these is the mandatory completion of professional development (PD) requirements. For Registered Architects this includes the Building Envelope Course (BEC). Out-of-province members must also complete the BEC and complete their PD declaration.

If you do not satisfy PD requirements and complete the BEC before the December 31, 2020 deadline, I will be required to play the Grinch and issue you a Notice of Intent to Cancel Registration along with a $750.00 non-compliance fee.

This year has offered up many barriers to the completion of PD requirements, including the postponement of Banff Session and a change in format of our October PD event. We hope the six-month extension of the PD reporting date has relieved some pressure.

The good news is you still have one month to complete the PD requirements. Please
Voting members (Registered Architects, Licensed Interior Designers and Restricted Practitioners) will receive an email on Monday, December 7 with a link to vote on the AAA’s proposed bylaw amendments.

Voting closes at noon on Friday, December 11, so watch your inbox!

2021 Annual Dues - Payment Due by December 15
Time is running out to pay your 2021 AAA Membership Dues. Payments can be made online by credit card, eTransfer or cheque and are due by December 15, 2020.

Invoices can be accessed under My AAA Account. To learn more or make a payment, click here.

Illegal Practice - A Year in Review
Since the hiring of Illegal Practice Administrator Fiona Timmons in November 2019, the AAA has taken on 196 new files. To learn more about the progress she’s made, click here.

Several Opportunities to Serve Your Profession
This is the first call for Council elections along with opportunities to volunteer on the Complaint Review Committee or as a hearing panel member. Also, a seat on a Safety Codes Council sub-council remains open. More...

Professional Development News
Want to know how to fulfill your PD requirements before the December 31, 2020 deadline? Click here.

RAIC Pulse Survey #4
The Royal Architectural Institute of Canada (RAIC) has released their 4th Pulse Survey. The survey will be open until 8:00 EST on December 11, 2020. To take the survey, click here.

Industry Competitions and Events
The RAIC Edmonton Network is hosting a virtual Fellow Talk, featuring Barry Johns and Trevor Boddy, and U of C has launched a new design competition called CBDX: CITIES FOR ALL. More...

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