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President's Message: Vote for Your AAA Council

Dear AAA members,

The AAA is governed by a Council that helps shape the future of our self-governing professions.

It is important that Council consists of qualified and capable individuals who have been endorsed by the larger membership through our annual elections.

If you are a [voting member](#), now is your chance to choose your leadership. Please take a couple of minutes to vote.

[Click Here to Vote Now](#)

Thank you and I'm looking forward to seeing the results announced at the AAA's virtual AGM on Thursday, May 21. Don't forget to [register](#).

**Jan Pierzchajlo, Architect, AAA
President**



New Video Series Featuring Tom Tittlemore

Practice Advisory Committee member Tom Tittlemore, Life Member, AAA discusses a number of practice related issues in a new video series called Tom's Tips.

In the latest edition, Tom discusses the electronic seal - its advantages, how to use it and where more information can be found. View it [here](#).

COMPLIANCE WEBINAR



New Compliance Webinar Addresses AHJ

One of the Advocacy Committee's priorities is to provide Authorities Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) with updated information about professional scope.

The new Compliance Webinar, the first initiative under this priority, was delivered on two occasions in early 2020 to nearly 500 registrants. The webinar can be viewed [here](#), along with a copy of the PowerPoint presentation, with answers to submitted questions posted soon.

Intern Time Limit Policy

On January 1, 2021, the AAA will implement an Intern Time Limit Policy that will require interns to complete their transition from an intern to a registered professional within 10 years. [More...](#)

2020 Prairie Design Awards Cancelled

The [Manitoba Association of Architects \(MAA\)](#), [Saskatchewan Association of Architects \(SAA\)](#) and the AAA have collectively agreed that this year's [Prairie Design Awards](#) should be cancelled, in recognition of:

- the inability to host large gatherings anytime in the foreseeable future, due to the pandemic, which makes a physical awards ceremony impossible; and
- the evolving economic impact on all of the respective member firms, which would make it difficult for many, if not all, to assemble submissions for an awards program in the midst of these challenges.

The Associations have collectively agreed that, in light of the rotation that has been consistently maintained between the three jurisdictions since the inaugural year, the MAA will host the Prairie Design Awards in 2022.

Updated CALA Documents

The National Standing Committee on the [Canadian Architectural Certification Board](#) recently presented updates to the [Conditions for Licensure of Architects in Canada](#) to the Canadian Architectural Licensing Authorities (CALA).

These updates that were approved by CALA and endorsed by the AAA Council, highlight the standards and definitions of competency, forms of comprehension, the roadmap to licensure and the various pathways to licensure and the related components.

Also included is the [Canadian Education Standard for Architects](#), a document that lays out the details and academic requirements for the Canadian educational standard for architects. The AAA encourages members to review these documents.

2020 ExAC Update

The National Committee for the ExAC has been engaged in regular conversation about the 2020 ExAC and can update interns on the status of the exam as of late-April, 2020. [More...](#)

RAIC COVID-19 Pulse Survey #2

RAIC is conducting a second survey to gather information in preparation for the transition and recovery phases of COVID-19. Take the survey [here](#) before it closes on May 8, 2020 at 6:00 PM MT.

Summary results of the RAIC's first survey can be viewed [here](#).

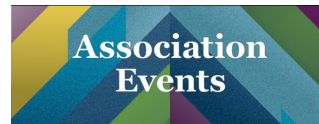
2020 reporting period extension, Building Envelope Course and a new Registered Course Provider. [More...](#)

Planning and Development

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

STANDATA

Alberta Municipal Affairs has released several new STANDATA updates. [More...](#)



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