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INTERN ANNUAL DUES & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Registration Bulletin is to advise members of The Alberta Association of Architects (the 'Association') of the new **Intern Annual Dues and Professional Development Policy** (the 'Policy') **effective 2016**. The policy affects Intern Architects and Intern Licensed Interior Designers, and it has two parts:

- Part 1: increase in annual dues after **five (5) or more years** in the applicable intern program, and
- Part 2: requirement for participation in the mandatory professional development program after **seven (7) or more years** in the applicable intern program.

THE POLICY

INTERN ANNUAL DUES

All Intern Architects and Intern Licensed Interior Designers who have completed five (5) years in the applicable Internship Program will experience an increase in Intern membership annual dues in the sixth year within the program. The annual dues amount will match the dues amount assessed for registered/licensed members for the current year.

For example: Interns whose five (5) year anniversary date is March 2016 will be required to pay the 2017 annual dues for registered/licensed members by December 15, 2016.

INTERN PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

All Intern Architects and Intern Licensed Interior Designers who have completed seven (7) years in the applicable Internship Program will be required to participate in the mandatory Professional Development Program with the same requirements as all other registered/licensed members.

For example: Interns whose seven (7) year anniversary date is March 2016 will be required to participate in the 2017 Professional Development Program for registered/licensed members.

BACKGROUND

The Bylaws, section 14.5 states that if an intern architect or intern interior designer:

- (a) fails to comply with the guidance provided by the Registration Committee or Practice Review Board, or
- (b) within five (5) years of the registration of the person as an intern architect or intern interior designer or such longer period as may be permitted by the Council, the intern architect or intern interior designer fails to qualify for registration as a registered architect or licensed interior designer the Practice Review Board or the Registration Committee may recommend to the Council that the individual's membership as an

intern architect or intern interior designer be terminated and the Council may make its decision accordingly.

The AAA Council has not used this section of the Bylaws and has always preferred to encourage interns to complete the program.

POLICY RATIONALE

The AAA Council has expressed a concern over the length of time Interns are in the internship programs and want to ensure that the membership is fostering all Interns and promoting firms to have registered/licensed professionals.

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