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AATO UPDATE



Association of Architectural Technologists of Ontario Newsletter

Council Notes

Summer is fully underway and I hope that members are enjoying it to full advantage.

During July and August, Council takes a break from meeting. However, the work of the AATO continues with scheduled meetings of Committees of Council. At this time the following committees have been established by council, with the noted Chairs:

Government and External Affiliations Committee	Sharon Creasor
Certification Board	Susan Ellscheid
Board of Examiners	Dan Doneff
Complaints Committee	to be announced
Bylaw & Policy Reform Committee	Martin Paivio
Communications (Newsletter + AMP) Committee	Jim (Demetre) Bazios
Chapter Chair & Liaison Committee	Sam Pasquale
Internal Education Committee	Jim (Demetre) Bazios
Professional Practice & Standards Committee	John Culmone
Website, Database and Internet Committee	Sharon Creasor
Membership Services Committee	Dunja Lackovic
Annual General Meeting & Social Committee	Sam Pasquale
Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Committee	Rick Jablonski
Student Liaison Committee	to be announced
Past President's Committee	Brian Abbey
Nominations Committee	to be announced

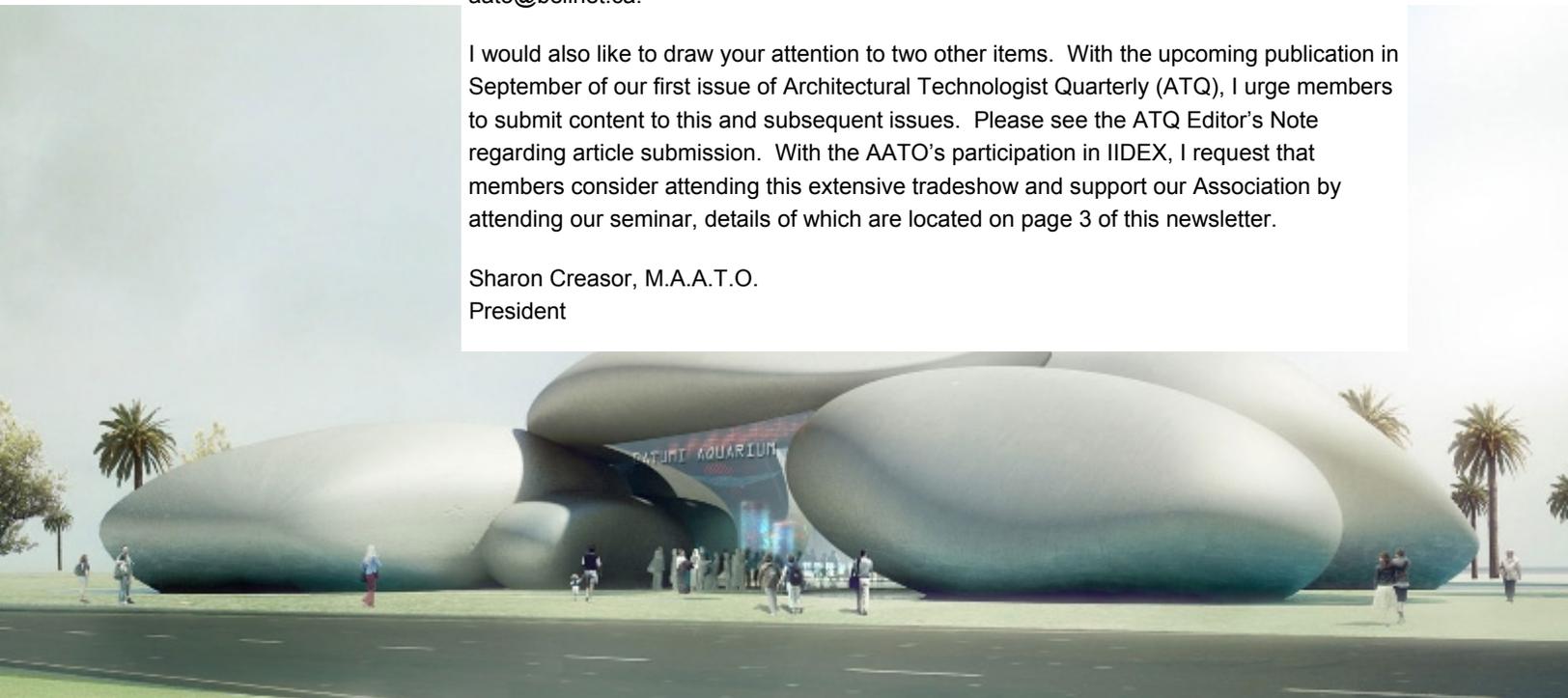
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We are still looking for volunteers for the Bylaw & Policy Reform, Internal Education, Professional Practice & Standards, Website, Database and Internet, Membership Services, Annual General Meeting & Social and CPD Committees. Please let me know if you are interested in serving on any of these committees by forwarding an email to aato@bellnet.ca.

I would also like to draw your attention to two other items. With the upcoming publication in September of our first issue of Architectural Technologist Quarterly (ATQ), I urge members to submit content to this and subsequent issues. Please see the ATQ Editor's Note regarding article submission. With the AATO's participation in IDEX, I request that members consider attending this extensive tradeshow and support our Association by attending our seminar, details of which are located on page 3 of this newsletter.

Sharon Creasor, M.A.A.T.O.
President



GAATES – the Global Alliance on Accessible Technologies and Environments

The AATO received a request that our Association participate as a project partner in GAATES – the Global Alliance on Accessible Technologies and Environments, which we have readily accepted.

The mission of this non-profit organization is to promote the understanding and implementation of sustainable accessibility within built, social and virtual environments, including architectural, infrastructural design, transportation systems, habitat, and electronic information and communication technologies, thereby allowing everyone, including people with disabilities and older persons to fully participate and contribute to society.

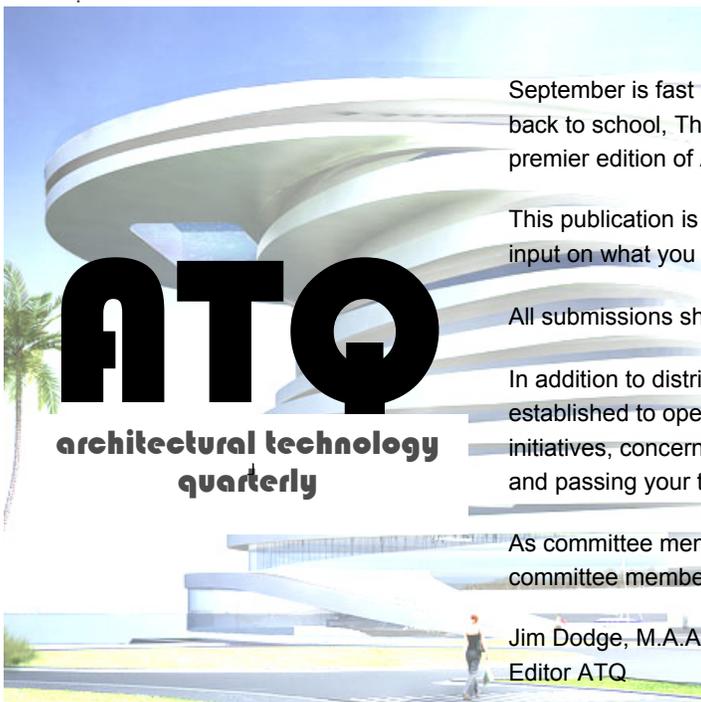


GAATES present task is the Development of AODA Resources for the Designers of Public Spaces. The involvement of the Ontario Association of Architects; the Ontario Association of Landscape Architects; the Association of Registered Interior Designer of Ontario, the Ontario Professional Planners Institute and the AATO will ensure the broadest dissemination of project resources to Ontario’s planning and design professionals. In consultation with the project partners and steering committee, the following resources will be developed:

- An Illustrated Technical Guide to the Design of Accessible Public Spaces
- Four self-directed learning modules
- Webinars for each professional group.

Our Registrar, Christian Côté Ménard will be the AATO representative in this advisory role.

“At the first meeting of the advisory group, members expressed the desire to have representation from the AATO on the committee.”
Bob Topping, Treasurer and Project Coordinator, GAATES



ATQ Editor’s Note

September is fast approaching and as much as the students are not looking forward to going back to school, The Communications Committee is gearing up and getting excited for the premier edition of Architectural Technologist Quarterly (ATQ).

This publication is for our members, by our members; we always welcome contributions and input on what you want to see.

All submissions should be sent to AATO.london@gmail.com

In addition to distribution of ATQ, the newly formed Communication Committee has been established to open the lines of communication and interaction with your Council. Thoughts, initiatives, concerns, your Communications Committee is here to assist you in being heard and passing your thoughts and ideas to council and all members.

As committee members we are committed to ensuring your voice will be heard. A list of committee members will be included in the first edition of ATQ.

Jim Dodge, M.A.A.T.O.
Editor ATQ

The AATO at IDEX

The AATO will be presenting a 1 hour seminar at IDEX titled "The Designer's Guide to SB-12" on Thursday September 26th, 2013 at 2:30 to 3:30 pm. Brian Abbey M.A.A.T.O. will provide a basic overview of OBC Supplementary Standard SB-12, in order to facilitate better decision making during the design phase of a Part 9 residential building, by including SB-12 compliance into design proposals.

We hope that you will support the AATO by attending IDEX and our seminar specifically. For registration info please go to: <http://www.iidexcanada.com/2013/attendee/registration/> . **Just a reminder to register for IDEX before Sept 12, 2013, as it is free until that date.** For more information on seminars and to register for the seminar presented by the AATO, please go to <http://www.iidexcanada.com/2013/attendee/conference/seminars> .

We urge you to visit the main IDEX page, <http://www.iidexcanada.com/2013/> , to see the wealth of exhibits and other opportunities at this show. Tours are offered on two days. The link below is for building tour packages offered on Saturday, September 28th; however, public tours in the afternoon of Friday, September 27th will be made available later this month. To sign up for notice of these tours, please visit <http://www.iidexcanada.com/2013/attendee/public-tours> .



IDEX Canada

Canada's National Design
Architecture Exposition
& Conference

September 26-27, 2013

Direct Energy Centre

Toronto, Ontario

www.iidexcanada.com

Get Smart! Conference Web Planner + Registration Now Available

IDEX Conference Seminar Registration and Seminar webpage are now open. The Seminar Webpage acts as a handy Conference Web Planner and will help you plan your IDEX education. So, start planning now before the hottest seminars sell out and get points before your CEU cycle ends! Click <http://www.iidexcanada.com/2013/attendee/conference/seminars> to plan your IDEX education.

Explore Further! IDEX Tour Registration Now Open

In 2012 all of our IDEX Tours sold out, so don't miss your opportunity to see some of the best new buildings in Toronto! Tours include, the Peter Gilgan Centre for Research and Learning at Sick Kids, the Rotman School of Management at U of T (pictured above), the Four Seasons Hotel (sorry already sold out!), Centre for Addiction & Mental Health and Yorkdale Shopping Centre Expansion. Click <http://www.iidexcanada.com/2013/attendee/conference/tours> for all the IDEX Tours.

To register for IDEX Canada 2013, please go to: <http://www.iidexcanada.com/2013/attendee/registration/> . Registration is free until Sept 12, 2013. For information on exhibiting, please go to: <http://www.iidexcanada.com/2013/exhibitors/exhibit-at-iidex/> .



Council Member Profile

Sharon Creasor

B. Tech., M.A.A.T.O.

President, AATO

Sharon joined the A.A.T.O. in 1993 and became a full accredited Architectural Technologist in 1994. With over 30 years of experience working on numerous commercial, residential, institutional and industrial projects, she has a wide-ranging view of the profession.

Her early experience occurred in Architects' offices as follows: design development and working drawings for custom homes with numerous firms including Stan Makow, Architect and Harrison & Black Architects; working drawings for police stations with Leslie Rebanks Architect; working drawings and contract management for industrial projects, commercial retrofits and interior design with Julian Jacobs Architects, plus for multi-unit residential projects with Young & Wright Architects, including Empire Plaza and Prominence Place. In the mid-1990's, Sharon headed drafting production for architectural department in a firm of Consulting Engineers and Architect that was involved in life safety assessment, energy audits and their retrofit designs for government and institutional buildings. Her work here also included the provision of site review and contract administration services for specific projects. By the late 1990's, she became a Project Manager for Cassidy & Co., Architectural Technologists where she specialized in Custom residences, unique projects and R2000 production homes.

In 2006, Sharon started her own full-time practice, now called Canadian Building Design. She continues with custom and production residential design, including multi-unit buildings, plus other architectural services for all Part 9 buildings. However, her focus has increasingly moved to interior alterations using her Large Buildings BCIN.

Shortly after joining the AATO in 1994, Sharon started to volunteer for our association. She has held many chapter executive positions, plus served on council from 1998 – 2000, returning in 2006 and 2010. Her involvement on council includes the positions of Registrar, Secretary and many varied portfolios.

Sharon will use her wealth of experience, in the profession and in this association, to lead the AATO to better relationships with its members, affiliated associations and government bodies as your President.



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