

# ASSOCIATE NEWS: APRIL, 2012



## BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE

Please welcome Inna Olchovski to the role of junior associate representative. She was elected to council after a very close race. Inna is a landscape architectural intern at the MBTW Group and is looking forward to working with you to make the OALA more responsive to associate interests. Let us now take a moment to thank Nell Slingerland for her hard work over the past year. Nell will be remaining with the OALA social committee and we will continue to benefit from her great ideas and enthusiasm.

## 2012 CONFERENCE & AGM

The 2012 AGM at Markham was a great success and we would like to thank all associate members who were able attend the conference and meeting. We would like to thank firms who provided funding for employees who are associate OALA members to attend the Conference and AGM. Associate members are advised to encouraged to take note of firms who have shown an interest in investing in their junior staff.

Corush Sunderland Wright  
Cosburn Nabouris Associates  
DIALOG  
G. O'Connor Consultants Inc.  
Harrington McAvan Limited  
HOK  
Kenneth J. Hoyle – Strategic  
Planning & Management

LandArtDesign Landscape  
Architects Inc.  
Lashley + Associates  
The MBTW Group  
NAK Design Group  
PMA Landscape Architects  
Stempski Kelly Associates  
Stephen Popovich Associates Inc.

## WELCOME TO NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:

The OALA welcomes the following new Associate members:

Melissa Barker	Sean Nailor
Tonya Crawford	Denise Pinto
Jennifer Hanna	Joshua Weber
Daniel Mok	

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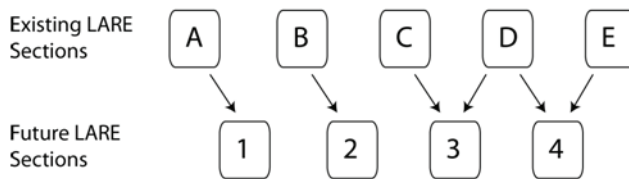
To make a submission to the Newsletter, ask questions, or just say hello, feel free to contact us, your friendly Associate Reps, Jon & Inna at:

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## LARE TRANSITION

As you all know, the LARE will be undergoing a transition this fall from five exams to four exams. The final sittings of exams C and E will be offered on June 11th, 2012 and June 12th, 2012, respectively. The deadline to register for exams C and E has been pushed back to **May 2nd, 2012** so don't miss it.

The first OALA tutorials for sections C and E will be held on **May 5th**. Please contact the OALA office for more information about these tutorials. Sittings for the new exams will begin in September 2012. Associates are encouraged to keep a close eye on the CLARB website for information as it is released. Current information about the transition is available at <https://www.clarb.org/Candidates/Pages/2012LAREChanges.aspx>.



## EQUIVALENCIES FOR CURRENT AND NEW LARE ADMINISTRATIONS:

The OALA council recognizes that those candidates who have passed either sections C and E without passing D or have passed section D without sections C or E will be losing credit for past work. In an effort to reduce the disruption involved in this change, the OALA council has approved a transition extension policy. The transition extension will allow candidates until December 31st, 2013, to use their credits from passing sections C, D, and E towards full membership following the requirement outlined below.

By Sept. 2012 Candidates who have completed:	Require for Full Membership (certificate only)	Require for Full Membership (with seal)
Section C	Sections 1 or 2 & 4	Sections 1, 2 & 4
Section D	Sections 1 or 2 & 3 or 4	Sections 1, 2, 3 & 4
Section E	Sections 1 or 2 & 3	Sections 1, 2 & 3
Sections C + E	Sections 1 or 2	Sections 1, 2, 3, 4
Sections C + D	Sections 1 or 2	Sections 1, 2 & 4
Sections D + E	Sections 1 or 2	Sections 1, 2 & 3

It should be noted that the transition is particularly significant for those candidates who have passed sections C and E but not section D as they are at risk of losing credit of two full exams. In response to this situation a petition is being circulated to persuade CLARB to continue offering section D. Associates who wish to sign the petition should read the details carefully as the petition has not been vetted by OALA staff or the council representatives and has no relation to OALA policy. Details can be found at:

<https://www.change.org/petitions/tell-clarb-continue-offering-section-d-of-the-lare>

## UPCOMING SOCIALS:

This summer, your associate representatives will be hosting a series of neighbourhood walks. All walks will end the evening at a neighbourhood pub for some R&R.

The first walk is tentatively scheduled for mid July. There is no cost and some drinks and appetizers will be available afterwards care of the OALA. Stay tuned for details in the upcoming months.

Your associate representatives are encouraging everyone to partake in this year's Jane's Walk event, scheduled for May 5th and 6th. Walks are offered across the province, from Thunder Bay to Ottawa.

Check out the Jane's Walk website to find a walk near you; <http://www.janeswalk.net/>