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TO: ALL REGISTERED AND INTERN MEMBERS OF THE MAA

RE: OAA EQUIVALENCY FOR MANDATORY CONTINUING EDUCATION

Prior to 2004, members who were resident in Manitoba and mem both the MAA and OAA prior, were required to complete two separate and distinct programs to satisfy the mandatory continuing education requirements of both jurisdictions (since little, if any, was commonly recognized between the two). In addition, while members who were resident outside Manitoba had enjoyed fairly broad parameters relative to compliance for the previous 9 years, more restrictive requirements were being imposed on non-resident members.

Following a long and thorough investigation and review of the OAA's mandatory program and requirements, the MAA Council had adopted a policy wherein the OAA Continuing Education program would be considered as an equivalent to the MAA Continuing Education program. The MAA thereafter entered into an agreement with the OAA (effective 2004), which supported the architects and interns who had membership in both the MAA and OAA, by removing duplication in Continuing Education requirements for these two provinces. No similar discussions and/or reviews were ever initiated with any other jurisdiction.

Despite the harmonization of "core" activities by all provincial and territorial jurisdictions in Canada (except for Alberta), effective 2008 – which more readily facilitated compliance with requirements in multiple jurisdictions – the MAA continues to offer the OAA equivalency option as a service to its members. The OAA's requirement is now virtually identical to that of the MAA, as it the reporting period, but the OAA is not yet participating in the National Continuing Education Transcript Website. The benefit is that continuing education activities need only be reported on the OAA's website; and the need for duplicate reporting on the National Transcript Website is eliminated (provided the member is not also licenced in the SAA, AANB, NSAA, AAPEI or NAA, which now also subscribes to the National Transcript Website).

Members who wish to take advantage of this opportunity, are required to file a Application and Release of Information form with the MAA office. There is no further reporting to the MAA of any kind on the part of the member.

A copy of the form which must be completed and submitted to the MAA office (by mail or facsimile) is attached.

Yours truly,

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Enclosure



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## Continuing Education Equivalency Application and Release of Information

### 1) Introduction:

The Manitoba Association of Architects (MAA) recognizes the Continuing Education requirements of the Ontario Association of Architects (OAA) as virtually identical to the MAA Continuing Education requirements. MAA members who are also registered members with the OAA and have completed their OAA Continuing Education requirements may apply for an automatic equivalency with the MAA. Members with an approved equivalency do not need to concern themselves with the MAA's requirements, except as provided in Item 2, provided that they continue to comply with the OAA's requirements on an ongoing basis.

### 2) Rights of the MAA

This automatic equivalency has been created as a special condition for the benefit of our members. The MAA reserves the right to revoke this equivalency upon written notice to its members. The MAA also reserves the right to require members using this equivalency to participate in a special MAA Continuing Education, should the need arise.

### 3) Application:

MAA members wishing to apply for the equivalency, must file this completed application and release form with the MAA office. The release shall remain valid for each and every reporting period, unless and until the MAA member:

- a) ceases to be a registered member of the OAA; or
- b) rescinds this authorization, in writing.

### 4) Release of Information

I certify that I am a registered member of the OAA and intend to fulfil the OAA Continuing Education requirements.

I hereby authorize the Ontario Association of Architects to release all relevant information in their records to the Manitoba Association of Architects.

My OAA registration number is: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Printed)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date (Day/Month/Year)