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TO: ALL REGISTERED MEMBERS OF THE MAA

RE: EQUIVALENCY FOR MANDATORY CONTINUING EDUCATION

Prior to 2004, individuals who were resident in Manitoba and held membership in both the MAA and OAA, 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 nine years, more restrictive requirements were being imposed on non-resident members.

Given the onerous requirements for compliance with both programs, an investigation was conducted into the OAA's mandatory program; and led to the adoption of a policy by the MAA Council, 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 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 initiated with any other jurisdiction for a number of years following.

In accordance with recent harmonization efforts at the national level, which also included a greater level of consistency in reporting periods and the transition to new requirements in many jurisdictions, effective July 1, 2012, there are now greater opportunities for equivalencies that will be recognized by the MAA. The following jurisdictions have the same requirements as the MAA (70 hours over a two year period, including at least 25 hours of structured learning):

- Ontario Association of Architects (OAA);
- Architects Association of New Brunswick (AANB);
- Architects Licencing Board of Newfoundland & Labrador (ALBNL); and
- Northwest Territories Association of Architects (NWTAA).

Individuals, who are a member of one of these jurisdictions and presently reporting continuing education activities, may apply for an equivalency option with the Manitoba Association of Architects; which alleviates the need to report continuing education activities to the MAA.

Members who wish to take advantage of this opportunity, are required to file the "Equivalency Request – Designating an Alternative Jurisdiction for Primary Reporting of Continuing Education Requirements". Once filed, there is no further reporting to the MAA of any kind on the part of the member (and all communication is handled directly between Associations at the end of each reporting period).

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



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**EQUIVALENCY REQUEST – DESIGNATING AN ALTERNATIVE JURISDICTION FOR
PRIMARY REPORTING OF CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

To be completed by MAA members who are licenced in multiple jurisdictions in Canada, prefer to report their Continuing Education activities in an alternate jurisdiction in Canada that has similar requirements to the MAA (refer below for a list of organizations to which this applies) and obtain an equivalency with the MAA.

I designate the following as my Primary ConEd Reporting Jurisdiction (please check one only):

- Ontario Association of Architects (OAA)
- Architects Association of New Brunswick (AANB)
- Architects Licencing Board of Newfoundland & Labrador (ALBNL)
- Northwest Territories Association of Architects (NWTAA)

I confirm to the MAA that:

1. I am a registered/licenced member of the Primary ConEd Reporting Jurisdiction noted above and my Reg/Lic.No. is _____.
2. I am solely responsible for complying with the continuing education requirements of the Primary ConEd Reporting Jurisdiction.
3. I authorize my Primary ConEd Reporting Jurisdiction to release to the MAA information that is relevant to my compliance with their continuing education program.
4. I recognize that I must comply with MAA Continuing Education requirements, as are applicable to me for each period (being either full or pro-rated, as the case may be), and that compliance with those same requirements in another jurisdiction will offer same.
5. I recognize that information falsely reported in another province/territory will be recorded as non-compliance with the MAA's ConEd Program.
6. I understand that non-compliance with the ConEd requirements in the Primary Reporting Jurisdiction (as are applicable), will have ramifications with the MAA, as outlined from time to time in the MAA's ConEd material.
7. I understand that the request for an equivalency, which is based on the designation of the above-noted organization as the Primary Reporting Jurisdiction, will remain in place unless or until:
 - I cease to be a member in the above-noted jurisdiction; or
 - I withdraw this request for equivalency.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____