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Message from the President

Working Together: Diversity, Vitality, Growth

As the 2018 construction season begins to wind down, you may have noticed a change in the Ontario Building Envelope Council's (OBEC) look. We've recently undertaken a review of our branding and decided to refresh OBEC's logo and colours to reflect our changing and growing community. Your board of directors feels that the new imaging better represents the diversity and vitality of our organization, and we hope you do, too.

Of course, rebranding isn't the only thing we've been working on. We're just finishing up another successful year of supporting education in the building envelope design and construction community. We hosted dinner seminars with presentations from some of the industry's top representatives on topics including fire safety, high-performance glazing, and the wind's effects on the façade. We also hosted a great half-day seminar on Passive House, which appears set to become a very important standard in building enclosure design.

As we work toward spreading our outreach beyond the greater Toronto area, OBEC recently hosted a dinner meeting in Waterloo Region in October. We had presentations from faculty at two of the region's post-secondary institutions informing our members of the new ways young people are learning about building

science. It was also a great opportunity for networking between students in these programs and some of their potential future employers.

Speaking of students, by the time this issue is published, we'll be getting set to award our scholarships for the second time to deserving students in undergraduate and graduate programs focusing on building envelope design, construction, and repair. In addition to wanting to give back to the community, we hope these scholarships will encourage young people to join what we all see as a fantastic growing field. As scientists develop amazing, new building construction materials and techniques, and as our buildings get more complicated in their design, detailed involvement of professionals in building envelope design and construction is becoming more and more important every day. To keep up with new developments in building envelope design and construction, we need the brightest minds to join us in bettering our profession.

This November, as with many years in the past, OBEC is also sponsoring the Buildings Show (formerly Construct Canada), which will be held at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. The show will feature many fine speakers from our industry, and they will be sharing their knowledge on all topics related to

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