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Dear Ex-Member

Our records indicate that you are no longer an accredited member of AATO.

For whatever reason you chose to cease your membership, we would like you to reconsider and join the Association once again.

We continue to move forward, as a professional association, representing the interests of "Architectural Technologists", "Architectural Technicians", "Registered Building Technologist" and Registered Building Technician's" within the industry.

Perhaps due to your absence you are unaware of a relatively new by-law that was passed by a majority vote by our members. This by-law will affect all ex-members. It reads as follows:

By-law B.15.7 " Persons whose membership has been terminated for a period of not more than 2 years, dating from January 31 of the year membership ceased, may petition Council to be exempted from writing the association's accreditation exams if the person's exams are on file with the association and were completed with a passing grade. "

Since we can not guarantee that we will continue to store old files this by-law means that reactivating your membership with AATO after a period of more than 2 years will probably require rewriting the AATO exam(s). I have asked Council to consider a "**grace period**" while we bring all members, (past and present), up to date on this new policy. Attached you will find a reinstatement form, which when submitted along with the \$400.00 fee, reactivates your membership for 2010 – without rewriting exams. This is a time-limited offer and we ask you to please consider rejoining NOW to avoid the inconvenience of rewriting. **January 31, 2010** is the last day Council will accept reinstatement applications with this exemption.

Please also be advised that if you choose not to reinstate your membership, the AATO certificate must be returned back to the office. Please note that at the bottom of each certificate reads, "This certificate is the property of the Association. Should a membership cease, or be cancelled, or suspended, in accordance with the By-laws of the Association this certificate shall be returned forthwith to the Association."

Over the years we may have outdated contact information such as addresses and phone numbers, so we ask that if you know any other ex-members who might be interested in this one time offer, to please forward this letter to them. Or encourage them also to get in touch and hopefully rejoin with us.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me through the AATO office.

Best regards and we hope to hear from you soon.

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Susan Ellscheid". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S' and a long, sweeping underline.

Susan Ellscheid, M.A.A.T.O.
Registrar & Secretary of the Certification Board