



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

OF THE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

2010

March 01, 2010.

Dear Fellow Member,

Just as a reminder that this year's AATO Conference and Annual General Meeting will be held in Mississauga, at the Hilton Garden Inn, Toronto Airport (The first LEED Hotel in Canada) from Friday, April 23rd to Sunday, April 25th 2010. The actual business meeting will be on Saturday, April 24th between 2:00 and 5:00pm As this AGM ends our 40th year, the AGM Committee have been working very hard to produce a full weekend program for you, your family and colleagues; starting with an interesting and informative one day seminar on the Friday, with some motivating speakers on Saturday morning and a fun filled evening on Saturday night, There will also be a complete companion program to compliment the Conference and AGM. This will be elaborated on in our next mail out or you can find the latest information on our new website.

There will be some significant By-law proposals to consider so please review them on our website or in your AGM package that you will receive later in the month. Please feel free to write to us with any suggestions, changes or future considerations. Of course, the process works much better if you let us know what you would like to have changed or modified well in advance of the AGM. Suggestions received in advance may not necessarily be considered for ratification in the same year as the process does take time for the By-law Committee to be properly written, legally endorsed and approved by council. So remember the AGM is our time to conduct official business and not the place to debate the By-laws.

As usual you will be asked to vote for new councilors to serve on the AATO Board of Directors (Council) to replace those directors whose term has expired. You should be aware that sometimes directors are "voted in" based on irrelevant qualifications, such as personality, charisma, popularity, age, occupation etc., although these traits might be good to have, they should not be the primary consideration when voting. You should be looking for those with commitment to the Association and its mandate with consistency, reliability, loyalty, honesty, integrity and accountability and, most importantly, to be able to dedicate the necessary time and effort for the position, the ability to set aside personal interests and act in the Association's best interest, to be creative, visionary and sustain a broad perspective and courage to question the "status quo" and "conventional wisdom" and the ability to balance independent thinking as part of team work – a lot to ask for but the real credentials of a good director!

Last but not least, I ask that you take the time to read all the Candidate Nominations and the Proposed By-law Changes and make a calculated vote on the matters that affect your Association or better yet, attend the function in person to cast your vote. There will be some special dignitaries in attendance who will be speaking at the AGM.

I look forward to seeing you at the 2010 Conference and AGM as we close our 40th (and successful) year!

Thanks and regards,

BRIAN L. ABBEY, M.A.A.T.O. BSSO. A.Sc.T. CSC. BCQ.
AATO President