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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

AS WE NAVIGATE THE EVOLVING LANDSCAPE OF ARCHITECTURAL PRACTICE,

2024 has been a transformative year of strategic reflection and forward-thinking initiatives for the RAIC. The profession is experiencing unprecedented shifts in benchmarks, technologies, and reference systems, and I am confident that the RAIC is strategically positioned to lead this transformation. Our expanding impact and influence have strengthened our advocacy efforts, reinforcing the profession as a whole.

In March 2024, the Board convened to develop the 2025-2027 Strategic Plan, building upon the successes of our previous framework. By identifying emerging trends and their impacts on our members and broader community, we have charted a course to strengthen design in Canada, making it more inclusive, innovative, and accessible. Our approach emphasizes creativity and diverse forms of excellence elevating Canada's design culture and professional standards.

RAIC regional representatives have been instrumental in engaging architectural communities across Canada, fostering meaningful connections at local events in Edmonton, Saskatoon, Regina, and Ottawa. Our strategic international partnerships with organizations like the International Union of Architects (UIA), the Pan-American Federation of Associations of Architects (FPAA), and the American Institute of Architects (AIA) have further enriched global architectural dialogue.

A defining moment for the Board this year was selecting the late Honorable Justice Murray Sinclair as the recipient of the 2024 RAIC Gold Medal, the Institute's highest honour. This decision underscores our commitment to leadership that advances truth, reconciliation, and social justice. Justice Sinclair's profound contributions continue to inspire more inclusive and culturally sensitive design practices, challenging our profession to think beyond traditional boundaries.

Looking forward to 2025, we remain steadfast in our strategic vision. We will continue to support our members and broader community, challenge conventional practices, and position Canadian architecture at the forefront of global innovation and sustainable design. Strengthening our impact also means communicating with greater clarity and intention—ensuring our messages resonate with diverse audiences and reflect the depth and diversity of our actions.

Our journey is defined by collaboration and resilience. Together, we are not only building structures—we are shaping a future where architecture is a force for inclusion, sustainability and cultural richness across Canada and beyond.



Jonathan Bisson, FIRAC,
MOAQ, Hon. RAIA, Hon. AIA

CEO'S REPORT

THE PAST YEAR HAS BEEN TRANSFORMATIVE FOR OUR ORGANIZATION,

marked by significant achievements and strategic developments across multiple fronts. We have made substantial progress in advancing architectural excellence, advocacy, and sustainability.

The 2024 RAIC Conference on Architecture, held in Vancouver, welcomed over 1000 architectural professionals from across Canada for five days of learning, collaboration, and inspiration. The 2024 Congress on Architecture, held in St. Andrews, focused on advancing our Climate Action Plan, particularly in relation to the housing, affordability, and climate crises.

We've actively engaged with federal and provincial governments to promote progressive policies, including:

- Climate-conscious building codes
- Sustainable procurement practices
- Increased support for affordable housing

Internationally, our work with the International Union of Architects (UIA) and the Indigenous Peoples' Work Program continues to exemplify our commitment to global and local architectural dialogue.

Internally, we have maintained a strong and stable team, dedicated to delivering high quality services to our members. Our digital presence has expanded, enabling us to reach broader audiences through enhanced communications, webinars, and publications.

A key highlight this year was the evolution of our Honours and Awards program, which now recognizes excellence in sustainability practices and Indigenous-led design. Notably, the Governor General's Medals expanded its submission criteria to include sustainability data, and the 2024 International Prize was awarded to Ngā Aho, a national network of Māori design professionals based in Aotearoa, New Zealand.

Additionally, 2024 served as a catalyst for meaningful change for the RAIC Syllabus program. A three-year revitalization plan is now underway to ensure that architectural education remains accessible, relevant, and progressive.

One critical lesson from our 2022-2024 strategic planning exercise has been the importance of comprehensively integrating design excellence into all aspects of our work. To achieve this, we have developed tactical approaches that transform this concept from an abstract ideal into a concrete, actionable principle.

The challenges of the post-pandemic landscape have only strengthened our resolve. We are adapting, innovating, and continuing to push the boundaries of architectural practice with resilience and vision.

As we move into 2025, I extend my deepest gratitude to our volunteers, partners, and members for their tireless support of the RAIC's mission. We remain committed to driving positive change in the architectural profession, with a strong focus on innovation, sustainability, truth and reconciliation, and professional growth for architects across Canada.

Together, we are shaping the future of Canadian architecture and its role in creating a more sustainable, equitable, and inspiring built environment.



Mike Brennan, Hon. MRAIC,
Hon. RAIA, Allied Member, AIA,
Chief Executive Officer

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE: HONOURS & AWARDS

In 2024, the RAIC's national awards program received some outstanding submissions from the architectural community in Canada. The program was able to not only showcase these achievements but also boost public awareness about the built environment and the professionals involved in it.

Most notably, the International Prize expanded to embrace RAIC's evolving mission across Canada, focusing on "Indigenous Architecture" to celebrate practitioners who incorporate Indigenous knowledge in their work, aligning with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's principles established since 2008.

2024 ANNUAL AWARDS

→ [MORE INFO](#)



Architectural Practice
Dubbeldam Architecture + Design



RAIC Architectural Journalism and Media
Jim Taggart



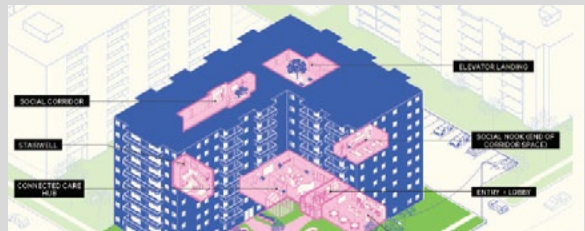
RAIC Advocate for Architecture
BEAT (Building Equality in Architecture Toronto)



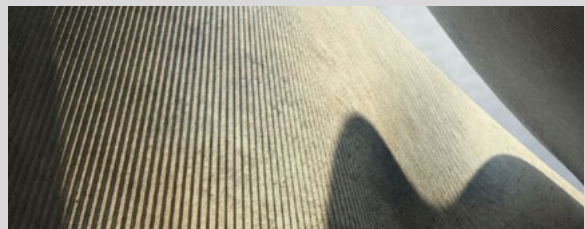
Gold Medal
Justice Murray Sinclair



Emerging Architectural Practice
Peter Braithwaite Studio Ltd.



RAIC Architectural Journalism and Media
The Edit – The Site Magazine



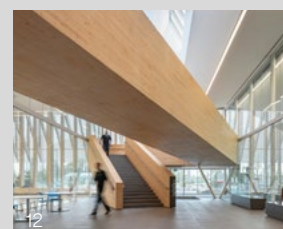
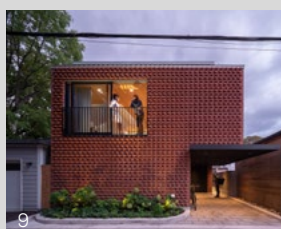
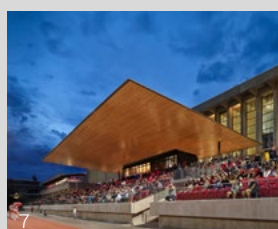
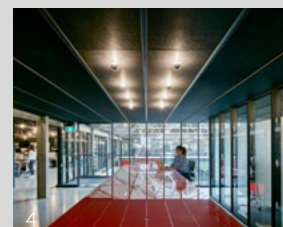
RAIC Research & Innovation in Architecture
Patkau Design Lab

2024 INTERNATIONAL PRIZE



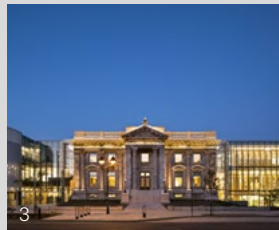
Ngā Aho → [MORE INFO](#)

GOVERNOR GENERAL MEDALS



1) Daoust Lestage Lizotte Stecker Architecture // 2) FBM Architecture | Interior Design // 3) Modern Office of Design + Architecture (MODA) // 4) 5468796 Architecture // 5) Suulin Architects Inc. // 6) Kongats Architects // 7) Perkins&Will // 8) MJMA Architecture & Design | Raimondo + Associates Architects // 9) Williamson Williamson Inc. // 10) Agence Spatiale | BGLA Architecture | APPAREIL Architecture // 11) Lemay // 12) MJMA Architecture & Design → [MORE INFO](#)

NATIONAL URBAN DESIGN



1) Esplanade Tranquille // 2) sṱəqəlxenəm ts'exwts'áxwi7- Rainbow Park // 3) Maisonneuve Library Restoration and Extension // 4) Stadium Station // 5) Queen's Marque // 6) Downsview Framework Plan // 7) Exchange: Realizing RiverWalk West // 8) Skeena Terrace Community Plan // 9) The Ring // 10) Bentway Staging Grounds // 11) Kids Reimagine School Streets // 12) Fields and Flows: Township Development in Nova Scotia along the Shubenacadie River System → [MORE INFO](#)

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Sim'oogit Ksi Baxhkw
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STUDENT MEDALS + HONOUR ROLLS

School of Architecture Honour Students

University of British Columbia	Lukas Ewing Isobel McLean Chloé Boisvert Ruby Barnard
University of Calgary	Joshua Clarke Ethan Rozendaal Doug Carroll Carrie Richardson
Carleton University	Evan Benjamin Kettler Nupur Agrawal Harrison Lane Stuart Thomson Caitlin Chin
Dalhousie University	Tyler Jansen Myranda Reay Mark Singleton Julia Johnston
Laurentian University	Rebecca Jacob Brittany Loewen Michael Sirois Grace Wilson
Université Laval	Juliette Cochrane Noémie Ouellet Antoine Falardeau Pierre-Luc Boucher

School of Architecture Honour Students

University of Manitoba	Dongkun Zhang Yi Wang Danton Derksen Tara Fuller
McGill University	Mackenzie Jackson Christopher Malouf Steven Starkell Gabrielle Goldman
Université de Montréal	Florence Primeau-Marcoux Félix Dussault-Drainville Camille Paradis Joëlle Tétrault
Toronto Metropolitan University	Sam Sabzevari Jessica Gu Anna Kosichenko Christian Maidankine
University of Toronto	Alison Mair Thomas Steven Tencer Yuri Shin Gloria Zhou
University of Waterloo	Giulia Paige Kiernan Elizabeth Antczak Madeleine Reinhart Nidi Metaj

School of Architecture Medalist

University of British Columbia	Lukas Ewing
University of Calgary	Joshua Clarke
Carleton University	Caitlin Chin
Dalhousie University	Julia Johnston
Laurentian University	Grace Wilson
Université Laval	Antoine Falardeau

School of Architecture Medalist

University of Manitoba	Dongkun Zhang
McGill University	Mackenzie Jackson
Université de Montréal	Florence Primeau-Marcoux
Toronto Metropolitan University	Sam Sabzevari
University of Toronto	Gloria Zhou
University of Waterloo	Giulia Paige Kiernan

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Shannon Battison, Hon. MRAIC
George Dark, Hon. MRAIC
Alan DeSousa, Hon. MRAIC

HONOURING LEGACY: THE RAIC COLLEGE OF FELLOWS

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE GRATITUDE TO MY FELLOW OFFICERS for their commitment and generous volunteering to the RAIC College of Fellows, your involvement is invaluable.

I would also like to thank the Regional Committee Chairs and their committee members for all the hard work they do across the country; these individuals play a major role in the nomination of new Fellows and in organizing local events. It is my hope that we will have more Fellows contributing their time to support regional activities.

I would please encourage all RAIC members to consider nominating a member to the College of Fellows, there are three categories for Nomination as follows:

- Voluntary Contribution to the Profession or Community
- Excellence in Architectural Design
- Distinguished Scholarly Contributions

We need more representation (across the country) in the College of Fellows from not only our younger members, but also those that belong to equity-deserving groups.

The 81st Convocation of the RAIC College was held last May in Vancouver. We welcomed 41 new Fellows including 13 who identify as female, and six new Honorary Fellows. I was thrilled that we had an in-person event, and I was able to take part in celebrating everyone's amazing achievements.

We now have a total of 856 Fellows – 78.9% male, 20.9% female, 0.2% other.

As a Trustee of the RAIC Foundation, I look forward to contributing to its important work and its commitment in advancing excellence and knowledge in Canadian architecture.

During the coming year the Executives of the College will be focusing their work on updating the College of Fellows Rules and Regulations. We will review, revise, and amend the current Rules and Regulations to transform these documents into a comprehensive set of Policies and Procedures to enhance clarity, consistency, and alignment with the RAIC's overall Governance structure and organizational objectives.

It continues to be an honour to represent our Fellows as the Chancellor and I look forward to the work in the coming year, please feel free to reach out to me if I can be of help or assistance to you at any time.

Thank you.



Gerrie Doyle, FRAIC,
Chancellor, RAIC College

2024 HONORARY FELLOWS



The late **Claude Cormier**'s work challenges ordinary perceptions of the world, opening eyes to new possibilities and generating an appetite for the extraordinary. Rendering visible the invisible of the everyday, his projects seek to reawaken the joy of phenomena through an apparent simplicity that is complex, but not complicated. → [READ MORE](#)



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Professor **Lesley Lokko**, OBE, shines as a beacon of architectural and literary excellence, celebrated globally for her impactful contributions to education and her masterful integration of culture and design. The Order of the British Empire, conferred on her by King Charles III, underscores her dedication to expanding boundaries and advocating for diversity in architectural dialogue and practice. → [READ MORE](#)



Yvonne Hancock was the sole female graduate from the University of Manitoba School of Architecture in 1962. This marked the start of a trailblazing career in which she was frequently the lone female lead among colleagues, clients, and builders. → [READ MORE](#)



Claire Weisz's architectural prowess is anchored in her dedication to enhancing life through design that intertwines innovation with empathy. Founding partner and Principal-in-Charge of WXY in New York, her ethos blends community-centric design with sustainability and societal integrity. → [READ MORE](#)

2024 NEW FELLOWS

*organized by College of Fellows regions

Alberta & Northwest Territories

Keesa Hutchinson
Farhad Mortezaee
Gordon Murray
Joanne Perdue
Jonathan Rockliff

British Columbia / Yukon

Craig Duffield
Heidi Nesbitt
Ouri Scott
Nick Sully

Ontario (Northeast & Nunavut)

Wendy Brawley
Richard Chmiel
Christopher Simmonds

Ontario (Southwest)

James (Jim) Anderson
Jodi Batay-Csorba
Luc Bouliane
Kevin Bridgman
Lorne Cappe
Andrew Dyke
Philip Fenech
Vanessa Fong
Matthew Hickey
Steve Hilditch
Stephanie Hosein
Vincent Hui
Brock James
Martin Kohn
Yvonne Lam
Joël León Danis
Gary McCluskie
Camille Mitchell
Christopher Pommer
John Romanov
Robin Snell
Paul Szaszkiwicz
The late Adrienne Tam
Settimo Vilardi
Timothy Wickens

Quebec

Marie-Louise Gidaro
Caroline Lajoie
Gilles Prud'homme

Victoria

Stacy McGhee

THE HEART OF THE RAIC: OUR MEMBERSHIP COMMUNITY

5,418 members

as of December 31, 2024,
across all categories.

5,041

Renewed Members
as of December 31, 2024

377

New
Members

ENHANCED PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE RESOURCES

Through our partnership with BMS, members benefitted from an expanded range of resources in 2024, including a series of information articles and a dedicated video on the program.

RAIC CONNECTS

RAIC Connects continued to be the hub for discussions and collaboration among RAIC members and volunteers. In 2024, we had 193 new first-time users, 26 active communities.

2024 RESOURCE GUIDE

The 2024 RAIC Resource Guide lists all our active members (who've opted in to be included) in 2024 and features the RAIC's corporate affiliate program.





It was a nice event with useful information and kind guidance towards starting a career in the architecture field, which is exactly what I needed as an architecture student. I was sharing the information and advice from the meeting with my peer, and we are both inspired by it.”

– Yibo Wang, Student at the University of Toronto

STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

The RAIC held recruitment presentations at accredited architecture schools in Winter and Fall 2024, aiming to recruit student members and introduce study support benefits. The campaign was well-received, leading to a 30% increase in student applicants compared to 2023.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The RAIC’s Membership Committee, established in 2024, lead initiatives to enhance engagement and services. Priorities included reviewing existing services, developing new benefits, engaging students and emerging professionals, exploring membership appreciation, and exploring firm membership models.

WHAT OUR MEMBERS ARE SAYING

“Increased my knowledge of running a sole architectural proprietorship. Increased access to document and contract requirements, building code items, construction—all things that a small company may not have the resources to find/access on their own”.

– Jacqueline Reinsch, MRAIC

“Strengthened my profile’s credibility by demonstrating my commitment to high standards and ethical practices in architecture. Additionally, it provided valuable resources and courses to keep me updated on the latest trends and techniques in the field”.

– Wahag Luqman, MRAIC

ARCHITECTURAL GATHERINGS: HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR EVENTS

2024 RAIC CONFERENCE ON ARCHITECTURE

The 2024 Conference in Vancouver welcomed over 1,100 attendees to the Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre from May 13-17. It featured 56 sessions, 10 tours, and several innovative firsts: a fundraising pop-up tour for the RAIC Foundation, an Archi poetry reading, and a successful Studio Crawl with a Last Stop event. Other highlights included the Emerging Professional Mix & Mingle, After/Parti Masque: A Modern Beaux Arts Ball, and a collaboration with the Canadian Architecture Students' Association.



2024 RAIC CONFERENCE ON ARCHITECTURE
(CREDIT: RAIC)

2024 RAIC CONGRESS ON ARCHITECTURE

The second ever in-person RAIC Congress was held October 7-8, 2024, in Saint Andrews, New Brunswick. The event focused on pressing challenges facing the architectural profession, specifically exploring the intersecting housing, affordability, and climate crises. The RAIC extends its gratitude to all volunteers and participants of the Congress and values the significant contributions this event has made to advancing the RAIC Climate Action Plan.

Congress was also home to one of the cross-country Whole Building Life Cycle Assessment workshops organized in collaboration with the National Research Council Canada (NRC).



2024 RAIC CONGRESS ON ARCHITECTURE
(CREDIT: RAIC)

LIFELONG LEARNING: CONTINUING EDUCATION

In 2024, the RAIC continued to offer a variety of cutting-edge professional development opportunities in the form of webinars and courses, offered either live or on-demand. Covering a diverse range of topics, these opportunities were developed internally and through meaningful partnerships, such as those with the Rick Hansen Foundation, NVision Insight Group Inc., National Research Council of Canada, Canada Green Building Council, and Parks Canada.

Participants learned about many topics including:

- Legal issues in modern architectural practices
- Low carbon design
- Construction contract administration
- Construction management
- National building code
- Indigenous cultural awareness and reconciliation
- Accessible design
- Heritage conservation
- Whole Building Life Cycle Assessment
- And more!

7,650+

Number of registrations in 2024

360+

Webinars and courses

65

NEW webinars and courses

TOP 5 MOST POPULAR SESSIONS:

- Law and Practice Webinar Series
- Low Carbon Webinar Series
- Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places: Accessibility
- Introduction to the Standards for the Conservation of Historic Places
- Reconciling Reconciliation Through Design

WEBINAR SERIES | SÉRIE DE WEBINAIRES

**The Resilient Architect:
Law and Practice**
*L'architecte résilient :
Droit et pratique*

CONNECTING COMMUNITIES: OUR CHAPTERS & NETWORKS

RAIC Chapters and Networks have continued to host events, engage in activities that meet the educational, advocacy, and networking needs of members, and support the organization's mission and vision. Each chapter offers unique programs, including meetings, webinars, community engagement, and social events. Monthly newsletters provide relevant content to members.

Since the refresh of RAIC Chapters in 2019, membership has seen steady growth:

British Columbia

+15.8%

Nova Scotia

+11.6%

Alberta

+16.7%

RAIC BRITISH COLUMBIA

(Metro Vancouver, Mid-Island, and Vancouver Island South)

Metro Vancouver, Mid-Island, and Vancouver Island South:

- Hosted regular virtual meetings to discuss local architectural developments and member concerns.

Vancouver Island South:

- Organized two educational webinars in 2024.
- Held an event at Wentworth Villa Architectural Heritage Museum to commemorate Arthur Erickson's 100th birthday. The event featured an illustrated presentation and panel discussion on Erickson's impact on local and global architecture.
- Hosted multiple "Social Architects" networking events throughout the year, bringing architectural professionals together in the Victoria region.
- "RAIC Architect Dialogues" events continue to be professionally recorded by Shaw Spotlight for community television.



RAIC ALBERTA

(Edmonton and Calgary)

Edmonton:

- Co-sponsored three events during Edmonton Design Week (October 2024) in collaboration with Media Architecture Design Edmonton (MADE).
- Initial planning with the Edmonton Public Library to develop an "Architecture for Young Readers" book collection.

Calgary:

- The RAIC Calgary network held their second Social Reconnections event and held a virtual network meeting.



RAIC NOVA SCOTIA

(Halifax and South Shore)

- Hosted regular virtual meetings to engage members.
- Held three "Aging in Place" workshops, designed for seniors and near-seniors who want to stay in their homes as they age.

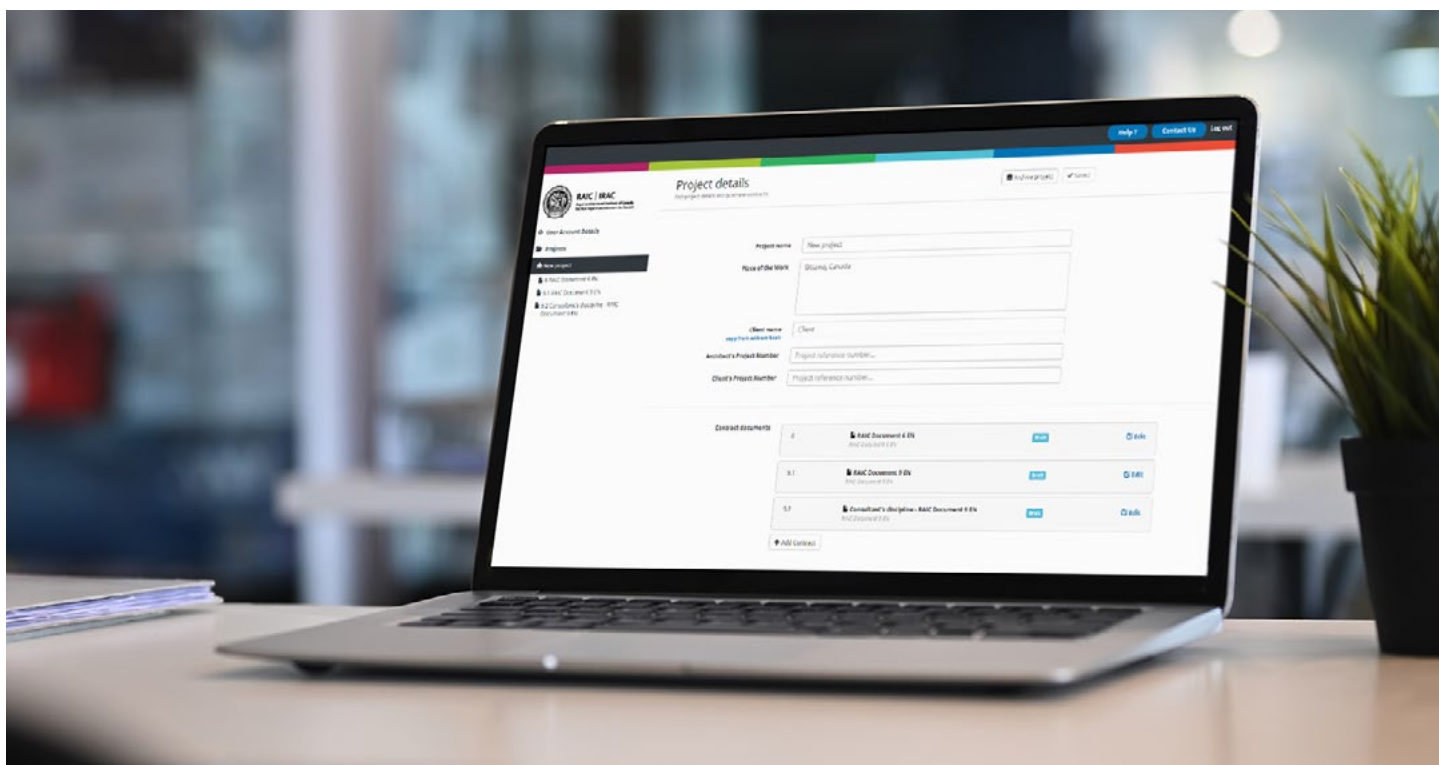


EMPOWERING PRACTICE: TOOLS & RESOURCES FOR SUCCESS

RAIC ADVISORS TO PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

In 2024, the RAIC continued to strengthen the RAIC Advisors to Professional Practice (RAPP) initiative, reinforcing its commitment to supporting Canada's architectural community through expert knowledge and collaboration. RAPP brings together subject matter experts—including architects, educators, and allied professionals—to develop, refine, and maintain essential resources that enhance architectural practice across the country.

By providing valuable insights into the evolving landscape and challenges of architectural practice, RAPP plays a key role in shaping RAIC's advocacy efforts and professional advisory services. This initiative fosters excellence within the profession by ensuring that architects have access to informed guidance, best practices, and a network of expertise.



DIGITAL CONTRACTS

In 2024, the RAIC enhanced its Digital Contracts system with a series of upgrades and performance improvements to streamline usability and efficiency. To support users, the RAIC also hosted informational training sessions, offering an in-depth overview of the contracts and addressing common questions through dedicated FAQ sessions. These efforts aimed to ensure that architects and industry professionals can navigate the system with ease and confidence.

CHAMPIONING ARCHITECTURE: OUR ADVOCACY JOURNEY

The RAIC has actively championed advocacy efforts at both the federal, provincial, and municipal levels, working to influence key decisions early in the process. Recent initiatives have focused on shaping policy frameworks, supporting sustainable practices, advocating for better procurement, and addressing other critical issues impacting the architectural community.

COLLABORATION AND ACTION:

APRIL

Annual Forum of the Canadian Public Procurement Council

RAIC Advisors to Professional Practice (RAPP) Yew-Thong Leong and Lawrence Bird participated in the Annual Forum of the Canadian Public Procurement Council (CPPC), presenting on the subject of architectural RFPs. The CPPC is an industry group that includes key federal and provincial agencies tasked with the procurement of architectural services, as well as notable private sector entities with the same role. The talk was titled “Professional Architectural Services Contracts Done Right: The Good, Bad and Ugly”. The goals of this session included connecting with key agencies involved in architectural procurement, communicating to them some of the vagaries of the RFP process from architects’ point of view, and advocating for RFPs that work equally well for clients and practitioners.

SOSA x RAIC: Spotlight South Asia 2024

On May 2, 2024, the RAIC partnered with the Society of South Asian Architects (SOSA) to host a panel discussion at Toronto Metropolitan University. The event celebrated South Asian Heritage Month and featured speakers Omar Gandhi and Mansoor Kazerouni, sharing their professional journeys and insights.

MAY

FPAA Extended Executive Committee Meeting

From May 11 to 13, 2024, the RAIC hosted the executive committee of the Pan American Federation of Architects Associations (FPAA) in Vancouver. This meeting, preceding the 2024 Conference on Architecture, focused on strategic discussions regarding the future of architecture in the Americas.



MEMBERS OF THE FPAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AT THE 2024 RAIC CONFERENCE ON ARCHITECTURE, IN VANCOUVER

Living Atlas of Quality Convention

The RAIC participated in the programming of the Living Atlas of Quality convention, held in May in Halifax, which focused on equity, social value, and sustainability in the built environment. The event gathered experts from various sectors to explore best practices for creating high-quality, inclusive, and resilient spaces. The RAIC is proud to serve as the national partner of the Living Atlas of Quality multi-year project that strives to create roadmaps to quality in the built environment.

JUNE

2024 AIA Conference in Washington DC



TOUR OF THE AIA HQ DURING THE 2024 AIA CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON DC. FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, STEPHEN T AYERS AND PRESIDENT JONATHAN BISSON. (CREDIT: RAIC)



TOUR OF AIA HQ AT THE 2024 AIA CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON DC. (CREDIT: STEPHEN T AYERS)

SEPTEMBER

RAIC and NRC Partner for Knowledge Mobilization Project - Life Cycle Assessment

Partnering with the National Research Council of Canada (NRC) and Ha/f Climate Design, the RAIC deployed a one-year rapid-deployment project to train members of the Canadian architectural community through a high quality, hands-on, case-study-based Whole Building Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) curriculum. Whole Building LCA provides an estimate of the total GHG emissions associated with a building. The workshops were held between September 2024 and May 2025 in various locations across Canada including Ottawa, Toronto, Saint Andrews, Winnipeg, Regina, Vancouver, Calgary, Halifax, and Montréal.

RAIC 2024 Congress on Architecture

Held on October 7-8, 2024, in Saint Andrews, New Brunswick, this event explored the intersection of housing, affordability, and the climate crises and examine how Canada can move toward holistic solutions to this interconnected crisis. It featured panel discussions and networking opportunities, including a Whole Building Life Cycle Assessment workshop in collaboration with the National Research Council of Canada (NRC).

OCTOBER

FPAA Forum in Mexico

From October 14 to 17, 2024, the RAIC participated in the XXVII Pan American Congress of Architects, hosted by the Pan American Federation of Architects Associations (FPAA) and the Federación de Colegios de Arquitectos de la República Mexicana (FCARM) in Mexico City. Themed "Architecture Between Limits," the Congress brought together architectural leaders, emerging professionals, and academics to explore contemporary challenges in the built environment. The event featured a book presentation marking FPAA's 100th anniversary, the FPAA Architecture Awards, a series of lectures, and the Pan American Architecture Exhibition. Alongside the Congress, the RAIC also engaged with industry leaders at the Obra Blanca Expo 2024, which showcased innovations in finishes and design products.

UIA 2024 International Forum in Kuala Lumpur

From November 15 to 19, 2024, the RAIC played a key role at the International Union of Architects (UIA) Forum in Kuala Lumpur. Serving as the secretariat for the UIA Indigenous Peoples Work Program (IPWP), the RAIC hosted a dynamic presence at the tradeshow, including engaging "Booth Talks" and a well-received formal panel session. These activities offered architects from around the world the opportunity to explore Indigenous architectural philosophies and practices. Additionally, the RAIC engaged in strategic discussions with leading architectural organizations globally, reaffirming its dedication to maintaining architectural excellence and ethical practice on a global scale.



SIM'OOGIT SAA-BAX, DR PATRICK REID STEWART, MODERATES THE IPWP PANEL SESSION AT THE UIA FORUM (CREDIT : RAIC)

NOVEMBER

Polish-Canadian Architectural Exhibition

RAIC President Jonathan Bisson represented the organization at the opening of the "Architecture Without Borders – Polish-Canadian Architectural Exhibition – Vancouver 2024/25", at the Museum of Vancouver, showcasing the contributions of Polish experts to the field of architecture in British Columbia and beyond.

Participation in Architectes Sans Frontières Québec's "La Soirée des Grands A"

On November 27, 2024, the RAIC participated in "La Soirée des Grands A," hosted by Architectes Sans Frontières Québec (ASFQ) at the Montreal Science Centre. The event, themed "Against the Current," addressed environmental challenges such as floods and other crises, providing a platform for networking and discussing innovative architectural solutions.



PRESIDENT JONATHAN BISSON, FIRAC, WITH POLISH CONSUL GENERAL ALEKSANDRA KUCY (CREDIT: CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND IN VANCOUVER)

DRIVING CHANGE: TASK FORCES, WORKING GROUPS & COMMITTEES IN ACTION

INDIGENOUS TASK FORCE (ITF)

In 2024, the ITF furthered its initiatives and advocacy for Indigenous representation in the architectural profession. Through these efforts, the ITF continues to build on its foundational goals of advancing Indigenous voices and perspectives in the Canadian architecture community.

Key activities in 2024 include:

- **Indigenous Members Directory:** Continued the quarterly review and updates of the RAIC Indigenous Member Directory. Requests for the directory by external stakeholders were reviewed and approved by the ITF.
- **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (NDTR):** Supported planning of the RAIC commemoration of the 2024 NDTR. David Fortin led a session “Reconciling with Reconciliation” with an audience of 300+ attendees.
- **2024 International Prize:** The Task Force helped select Ngā Aho, a national network of Māori design professionals based in Aotearoa (New Zealand), as the 2024 prize recipient in recognition of their exceptional contributions to Indigenous architecture.
- **Indigenous Task Force Meetings:** Held recurring monthly meetings, continuing the process of reviewing and updating the ITF Terms of Reference.
- **Conference 2024:** Several ITF members met with Huia Periti, President of the New Zealand Institute of Architects (NZIA), and several members of Ngā Aho. The discussions focused on strengthening international Indigenous relations and exploring collaborative efforts in the global architectural community.
- **UIA Indigenous Peoples Work Programme (IPWP):** ITF members contributed to an interactive experience for the International Union of Architects (UIA) Forum in Kuala Lumpur. The IPWP hosted a presence at the trade show, which included several “Booth Talks” and a formal panel discussion.



TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION TASK FORCE (TRTF)

The TRTF carried on its mandate to facilitate sustainable actions fostering reconciliation within the architectural profession. On September 27, 2024, to commemorate the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, the RAIC hosted an online event titled “Reconciling Reconciliation Through Design,” presented by David Fortin. This session explored the integration of Indigenous perspectives in architectural design and was made available as an on-demand webinar for broader accessibility.

COMMITTEE ON REGENERATIVE ENVIRONMENTS (CORE)

The CORE continued to enhance the architectural profession's capacity to address complex, systemic challenges through regenerative design practices. In 2024, CORE achieved the following:

- **Climate Action Engagement and Enablement Plan (CAEEP) Development:** At the RAIC Conference on Architecture in Vancouver in May 2024, CORE's Climate Action Engagement and Enablement Plan Steering Committee (CAEEP SC) launched a first view of the Climate Action Plan. They also hosted a session at Conference The "RAIC Climate Action Plan - Supporting the Transformation of Practice." CAEEP SC wound down its work in September 2024 with all work reverting to CORE.
- **RAIC Congress on Architecture 2024:** On October 2, 2024, coinciding with World Architecture Day, CORE played a key role in the RAIC Congress on Architecture, held in Saint Andrews, New Brunswick. The event focused on climate action and architecture, providing a platform for professionals to discuss and promote regenerative design practices.



MONA LEMOINE (FAR LEFT, FACING FORWARD) HOSTING THE 2024 CONGRESS ON ARCHITECTURE. PHOTO CREDIT: RAIC

PROMOTING EQUITY AND JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PEJ-AC)

In 2024, the PEJ-AC hosted an online webinar, "Invisible Disabilities in Architecture: Fostering Inclusion in Education and Design," on how architectural education can better address invisible disabilities, advocating for the incorporation of disability perspectives and culture in pedagogy and curriculum.

LONG TERM CARE DESIGN WORKING GROUP (LTC-WG)

In 2024, the LTC-WG, as the advisory entity on strategies to enhance the dignity, health, safety, and well-being of residents, staff, and visitors in long-term care facilities, helped plan a webinar series on the subject and reviewed and identified trends in long-term care.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE WORKING GROUP (PPWG)

Established in 2024, the Professional Practice Working Group (PPWG) plays a critical role in supporting Canadian architectural practice through the development and maintenance of essential resources. Under the leadership of the RAIC's advocacy and practice support initiatives, the PPWG focuses on standard contracts, fee guidelines, and other key documents that contribute to best practices in the profession.

The PPWG's key activities in 2024 included:

- **Reviewing CCDC Documents:** Provided feedback on multiple CCDC documents.
- **New Practice Product:** Supporting the development the construction cost calculator

FEES & PROCUREMENT WORKING GROUP (FPWG)

In 2024, the FPWG was involved in developing resources and strategies to help architects navigate procurement processes and establish appropriate fee structures.

- **Cost Calculator Development:** Providing guidance to the development of a member-exclusive construction cost calculator tool to be launched in 2025.
- **RFP Best Practices:** Providing guidance on the development of a member-exclusive RFP review process to be launched in 2025.

THE ACCESSIBLE PATH TO LICENSURE: RAIC SYLLABUS

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Graduates

37

New students

154

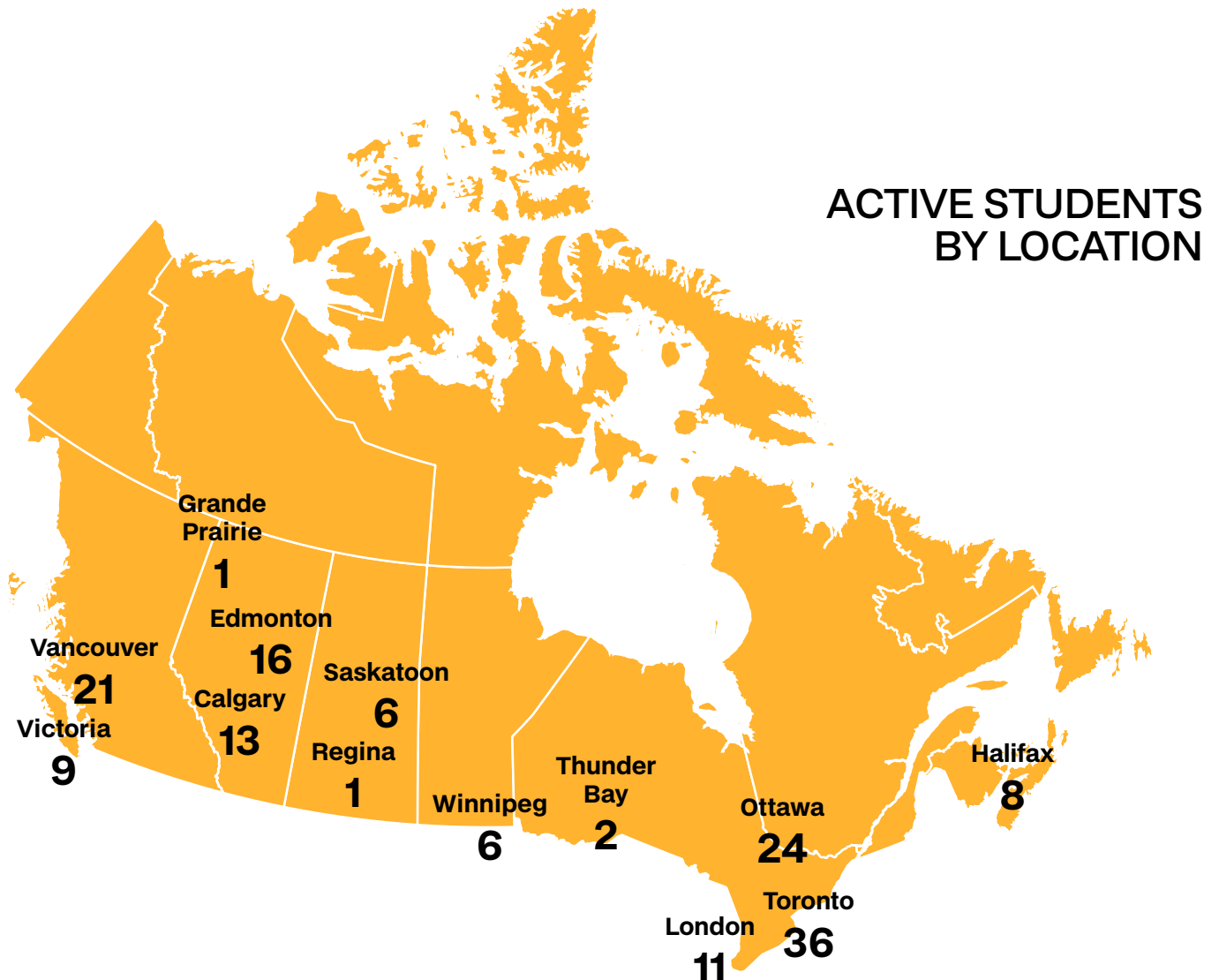
Active Students

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Studios

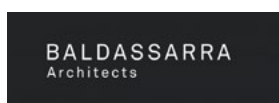
2024 MILESTONES

- Staffing update: the program filled the Registrar position effective May 1, 2024
- Continuation of RAIC/Athabasca University (AU) partnership
- Syllabus National Advisory Committee (SNAC) defined the group's Terms of Reference
- Launch of call for volunteers to expand the diversity of representation of SNAC



PARTNERS

The RAIC is deeply grateful to its corporate affiliates and strategic partners, whose collaborative spirit and shared vision are instrumental in advancing architectural advocacy, education and practice support. Through our strategic alliance, we're breaking new ground, creating opportunities, and driving innovation in the architectural landscape.



TREASURER'S REPORT

I AM PLEASED TO PRESENT THE FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

of the RAIC for the year ended December 31, 2024. This report reflects the organization's continued commitment to sound financial stewardship and our shared mission to support and advance the architectural profession in Canada. Through careful planning and strategic investment, we have ensured that RAIC remains financially resilient and well-positioned for the future.

Financial Highlights

In 2024, the RAIC achieved total revenue of **\$5,485,765**, an increase of **30% from \$4,032,160 in 2023**. This growth was primarily driven by key initiatives including **Grants and Contracts, Membership Development & Services**, and the **RAIC Conference & Congress**. On the expense side, the total increased to **\$5,465,048**, up 27.5% from **\$4,145,443** in the prior year.

The organization recorded a net surplus of **\$20,717** for the year, a positive outcome that reflects well on our current financial plan. Unrestricted net assets now total **\$954,428**, providing a solid foundation for continued growth and innovation.

Cash Flow Position

At year-end, the RAIC's **cash reserves increased to \$1,187,202**, up from **\$1,079,585** in 2023. This improvement resulted from prudent management of accounts receivable and a modest increase in deferred revenue, thereby reinforcing the organization's strong liquidity position. It is our goal to have a cash reserve equal to six months operating funds in the bank as per standard accounting practice.

Asset Management

In 2024, the RAIC made **strategic investments totaling \$83,906** in tangible and intangible assets, with a focus on digital contracts and the website/branding initiative. Amortization expenses for the year totaled **\$50,952**, in line with our planned investment cycle and commitment to operational enhancement.

Outlook for 2025

Looking ahead, the RAIC remains committed to maintaining financial stability while expanding the reach and impact of our initiatives. With continued oversight and strategic focus, we anticipate further strengthening our financial position and enhancing value for members. Our priorities include expanding digital offerings, increasing member engagement, and securing diversified revenue sources to support innovation and growth.

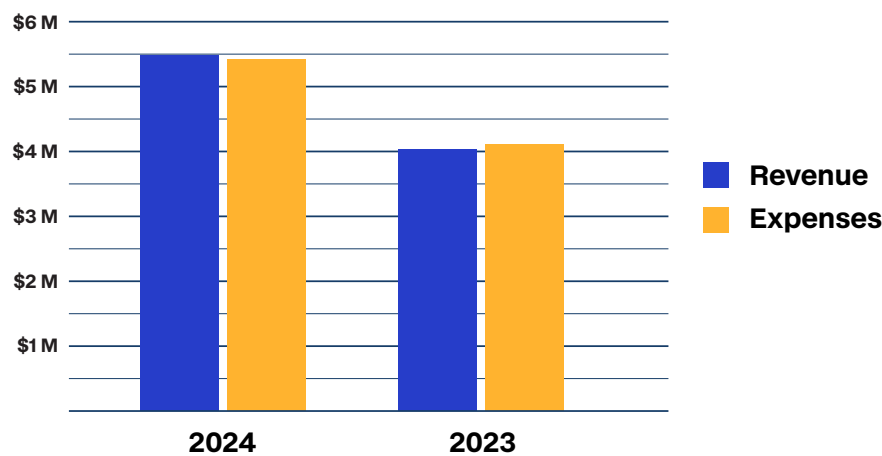
We are grateful to our members, staff, and partners for their dedication and look forward to building on this momentum in the year ahead.



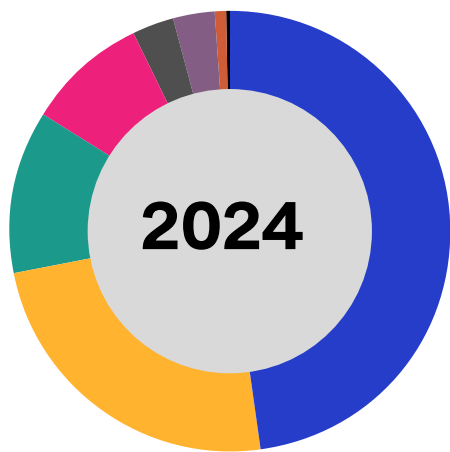
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Dr. Patrick R. Stewart,**
FRAIC, Treasurer

FINANCIAL REPORT

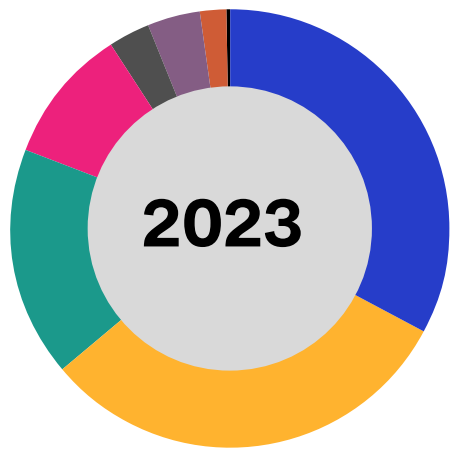
REVENUE & EXPENSES



REVENUE STREAM CATEGORIES



- 48% Advocacy & Outreach
- 24% Membership Development & Member Services
- 12% Conference & Congress
- 9% Practice Support & Continuing Education
- 3% Recognition & Support of Excellence
- 3% RAIC Syllabus
- 1% Support of RAIC Operations
- <1% Support of Chapters



- 33% Advocacy & Outreach
- 31% Membership Development & Member Services
- 17% Conference & Congress
- 10% Practice Support & Continuing Education
- 3% Recognition & Support of Excellence
- 4% RAIC Syllabus
- 2% Support of RAIC Operations
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