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Principal occupation:

Year nominee became a member of CSC:

Education (CSC and other including dates):

Professional qualifications including registrations, designations, and certifications (CSC and other):

NOMINEE'S CONTRIBUTIONS

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January 15, 2024

Mr. Clauge Giguère, FCSC
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Dear Mr. Giguère,
Re: CSC College of Fellows Nomination

I am pleased to submit the nomination of Mr. Brian Abbey for the honorary appointment to the College of Fellows.

The College of Fellows recognizes outstanding contributions by members towards the improvement of the design and construction community, and the enhancement of the association. Conferred on members singled out for their dedication, service and long-standing contributions towards the betterment of the design and construction community. In keeping with this theme Brian Abbey has been devout in his long 17 year journey with CSC Toronto Chapter Executive Committee.

Brian joined the CSC Toronto Chapter as a member in 2003 and has served on the Toronto Chapter Executive Committee since 2007 in the role of Architectural Officer with a brief hiatus from the Executive Committee 2016 to 2018. Brian adopted the additional role of Student Liaison in 2008, a position continuously held since that time. He has frequently helped organize the CSC Toronto Fun Night or Social Night, including Toronto's first, and only, Connection's Café. Brian is regularly in attendance at CSC Conference, Member's Forum, Annual General Meeting, and President's Ball.

As part of his Student Liaison role Brian is responsible to ensure the Fred Clarke Memorial Award is hand delivered to Architect Technology students across five Toronto area colleges at their annual award ceremonies. Brian is a great advocate for CSC Toronto to future architects and designers.

In light of recent events within First Nations communities as it pertains to Residential Schools, Brian, on his own initiative, created an Indigenous Scholarship at George Brown College to support Truth and Reconciliation through Indigenous Architecture.

Brian resides in Toronto where he is a practicing Architect Technologist with his own practice Adtek Building Consultants.

Outside of CSC, Brian Abbey is an accredited Member of the Association of Architectural Technologists of Ontario (AATO) since 2003 and has served on the Governing Council since 2005. He has served two terms as AATO President from 2009 to 2011 and 2017 to 2019. He is an active member of the Ontario Building Officials Association (OBOA), the Ontario Association of Engineering Technicians and Technologists (OACETT) and the Ontario Association of Applied Architectural Sciences (OAAAS).

Brian has also been an active member of the Ontario Building Envelope Council (OBEC) since 2004 and served on their Board of Directors from 2005 to 2009. He obtained a Certificate in Building Science

from the University of Toronto in 2006 and became a Building Science Specialist of Ontario (BSSO) the same year, now referred as a Building Science Specialist (BSS).

Brian Abbey is a consistent name within the CSC Toronto Chapter having been so involved for nearly two decades. He is professional and polite with a flair and passion for doing things correctly, an unofficial pillar of Construction Specification Canada. I am proud to submit this nomination for Brian Abbey. He is CSC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Iain Stuart", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Iain Stuart, CTR

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Dear Nick:

I wish to support the nomination of Mr. Brian Abbey to The Construction Specifications Canada College of Fellows.

Brian's contribution to raising awareness of CSC and a career in specification writing at post secondary colleges and universities in the greater Toronto has been his hallmark for decades. With many years on the Chapter executive Committee as Architectural Officer and Student Liaison Officer he has continuously engaged faculty and students in the technical learning environment and bringing students to chapter technical meetings to give them a taste of what CSC is all about.

I understand his scope has mainly been local, but he has been relentless in his promotion of CSC to the benefit of the Association as a whole.

Sincerely,

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Robert N. Mercer FCSC

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Attention: Nick Franjic, Executive Director

Re: College of Fellows Nomination – Brian Abbey

Dear Nick,

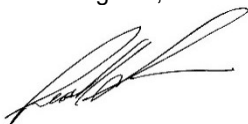
I was honoured to be asked by Iain Stuart to support Brian Abbey's nomination for the College of Fellows. He is very well deserving of this prestigious award.

I have known Brian for many years through CSC, but it was during my tenure on the Toronto Chapter Executive, where I worked closely with him and was very impressed with his passion and dedication in his role as both Architectural Officer and Student Liason. These are important roles within the Chapter, and Brian to this to heart going above and beyond to promote CSC. To this day, Brian continues in this role and promotes the importance of CSC to students at various colleges and universities, all for the betterment of the construction industry. On top of all of this, Brian was involved with the Toronto Chapter helping organize many different events and is always an eager participant in these events, and usually has a camera in hand.

On top of his CSC involvement, Brian is very active in other associations that contribute to the our industry and has held high level positions within them. Brian is someone that is someone very well respected, and always presents himself with the highest level of professionalism and integrity. Outside of the Toronto Chapter, Brian may not be too well known, but it should be know what he has done, and what he continues to do for the Chapter, and for the overall Association.

It is with utmost respect and honour that I support Brian Abbey's nomination into the College of Fellows. It will be wonderful to witness the recognition of all the great things he has done for our Association.

Kindest regards,



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January 17, 2024

Attention: Nick Franjic, Executive Director

Re: College of Fellows Nomination – Brian Abbey

Dear Mr. Franjic;

It is my absolute pleasure to provide this letter of support for Mr. Brian Abbey to be considered for induction into the College of Fellows.

I had the opportunity to work with and witness Brian's passion for CSC and what it represents.

He joined the Toronto Chapter in 2007 as the Architectural Officer and the very next year added the roll of Student Liaison Officer, which I believe he still holds to this day.

Brian has provided many years of service to the CSC Toronto Chapter, and although he may not be a common name at the association level, the Toronto Chapter is better having his enthusiasm, guidance, and mentorship, within the group.

Brian is always jumping in volunteering for whatever the need is (both within CSC and other valued associations), to continue to bring the values of CSC to our/their members and the students at many of the universities here in Toronto.

He personally maintains contact with the various groups and is always there in person when the Toronto Chapter - Fred Clarke Memorial Award is presented at their awards ceremony across (now 5 I believe) different universities. Brian's never-ending promotion to the students regarding the value and importance of CSC is truly unwavering over these many years. He is an icon in this regard.

Brian wears the "I AM CSC" badge with honor and respect, and I am pleased to write this letter of support. It would be great to see him recognized for his many years within our great association.

Best Regards,



Steve LeBlanc, CTR
"I am CSC"

January 20, 2024

Mr. Claude Giguère FCSC
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Re: **BRIAN ABBEY** A.Sc.T., OAAAS, BSS

Dear Mr. Giguère ,

I was asked by Iain Stuart, Director of the Toronto Chapter, whether I would consider endorsing Brian Abbey's nomination for election to CSC's College of Fellows. Without hesitation, I volunteered my support for a gentleman that is overdue this recognition.

I first met Brian in the autumn of 2007 when we both joined the executive of the Toronto Chapter. Brian immediately embraced his new role as Architecture Officer and within sixty days had organized a joint educational event with two other provincial construction related associations.

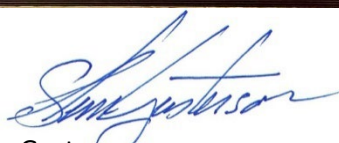
Brian continued in his role as Architectural Officer, representing CSC at related association events, including the AATO, OBEC, and BAC. He kept the executive apprised of pending code changes and construction practices and processes from the architectural perspective. In addition to his regular officer's duties, Brian continued to volunteer in the organization of Toronto Chapter education events and seminars as well as promoting the social side of CSC. Many events such as curling bonspiels, bowling outings and billiard tournaments were successful due to Brian's passion for the association.

By far, however, I believe Brian's work with post-secondary institutions has been the highlight of his commitment to CSC. Brian added the role of student liaison to his duties in, I believe, 2012. Since then, he has been not just the face of the Toronto Chapter at GTA colleges but the face of CSC to these students. Rarely is there a dinner meeting that a professor and several students from Sheraton, Humber, Centennial, George Brown or another notable college are not in attendance. He was instrumental in the development of the Fred Clarke Memorial Scholarship and continues to be involved in the annual award process and the presentation of the award.

Brian may not be a high profile member of the association or worked at the national level but he has, for a long time, worked diligently within the Toronto Chapter promoting CSC to those that are the future of the industry and the association.

I whole heartedly support the nomination of Brian Abbey to the College of Fellows for recognition that may even be considered rather overdue.




Steve Gusterson FCSC, CTR

Brain Abbey – Recommendation Letter – FCSC

As specifier editor for CSC Toronto Chapter newsletter (2007 – 2013), I had the pleasure of working with many volunteers in various capacities serving as CSC Toronto Chapter EC members. All of which were wonderful individuals; with respect to my role, I recall Brian stood out among his peers as he was always 1st to provide an article for the Toronto specifier newsletter and in some cases two weeks or more before others began to submit their respective articles. Brian produced articles as the Student Officer, Architectural Officer & later returned as Student Officer; his articles were a pleasure to read as they were unbiased, insightful, thorough, and at times included humour. As well, personally, I very much appreciated Brian's smile, humour, quick wit, and eagerness to help literally everyone in the room. I recall assisting Brian on two occasions with Student Development events at local colleges. At the time, I was looking to wind down as specifier editor and volunteer in another capacity. Brian suggested I shadow him on a couple of events to get a feel of his role. Here too I very much appreciated Brian's capacity to engage with students, to attract them to CSC by promoting membership & education, and as well by inviting interested students to dinner meeting. In fact, I recall several occasions back in the day when Brian successfully produced a couple of student guests at Toronto Chapter dinner meetings. Brian's capacity to capture student attention and to peak their interest regarding the CSC was simply amazing. In addition, for many years, I sat at the same dinner meeting table next to Brian nearly every time I attended CSC Toronto Chapter dinner meeting (up to end of 2017), and enjoyed his banter and openness with new members and non-members alike. Brian also engaged with new technical reps and at times offered to assist them to become more visible and to become actively involved with CSC. I believe Brian is an excellent mentor and die hard supporter of CSC. Having said that, I wish to recommend promoting Brian Abbey to the College of Fellows in the hope he may become an FCSC at our May 2024 Conference in Montreal.

Steve Ioannides, B.Eng., BSP, CSP, CTR, LEED® AP

Director

CSC Hamilton-Niagara Chapter



Chair

CTR Sub-Committee





To: CSC Toronto Chapter Director

Brian Abbey Nomination to CSC Fellow

I have known Brian for over 25 years, both as a sales representative and as a CSC Toronto Chapter member. As an architectural technologist, Brian is always willing to offer a spot for product presentations in all various associations he belongs to; for a sales representative that is most appreciated.

Brian is a person with a heart of gold, always willing to volunteer and help. There are many example of his involvement within CSC. During my 15 + years on the Toronto Chapter Executive, I have worked with Brian on the “1 Day Seminar”, and on many student fair days at Toronto Metropolitan University, Sheridan College, and Centennial College. Brian extended his support to students with the CSC Fred Clarke Memorial Award, with certificate and monetary bursary he managed year over year at Sheridan and Centennial. Brian frequently invites students and their teacher to CSC Toronto dinner meetings.

Finally, Brian extended his efforts during 2021 as note taker for the Toronto Chapter virtual meetings. That particular year was difficult but Brian was there for the team.

I support Brian Abbey’s nomination to CSC Fellowship.

Isabelle Champagne, CTR

CSC Toronto Chapter Member & Ex-CSC Toronto Chapter Executive Member
(2005-2022)

January 28, 2024

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Dear Mr. Giguère, FCSC
Re: CSC College of Fellows Nomination

I am honoured to be asked to submit a nomination letter on behalf of Mr. Brian Abbey, in support of his appointment to the College of Fellows.

As you will, or may already have come to read, this candidate might be different from the typical application for appointment to the CSC College of Fellows. What you won't see in this nomination letter is a list of achievements or volunteer commitments at the CSC National Level, as Brian's focus was set on sights more local in nature. These pitfalls were within his backyard, where he could precisely see the need for change.

Brian Abbey has been a member of the Toronto Chapter since 2003 and has been a long-time member of the Toronto Chapter Executive Committee (EC). Brian, who continues to volunteer on the EC today, has been involved within the Toronto Chapter for 17 years. Personally, as Chair of the Toronto Chapter in 2013/14, I could count on Brian to provide sound advice and step above and beyond his role on our EC when required.

During Brian continuous commitment to CSC, he had and continues to hold multiple volunteer positions with other organizations such as Association of Architectural Technologists of Ontario (AATO), the Ontario Association of Applied Architectural Sciences (OAAAS), the Ontario Association of Building Officials (OBOA) and the Ontario Building Envelope Council (OBEC) to name a few.

Brian was determined that his presence on these various committees was "the way to bring our Associations together". Either by collaborating on an industry event spanning multiple Association Chapters, attending job fairs at various post-secondary institutions on behalf of CSC, or by personally purchasing booklets of dinner tickets to invite local Professors and their students to our Chapter dinner meetings and/or events.

Brian is kind and always willing to lend a helping hand, never complaining about workload or time constraints. He never misses a dinner meeting and is commonly at the center of large groups of conversations. He is known by everyone, new and seasoned to our Chapter, and is easily spotted in the crowd from wearing the largest smile in the room. Brian's love for our CSC Family is evident not only by the way he represents CSC at other Association Events, but also by how many people want to be in his circle. For many, volunteering has self-benefits, but Brian's devotion to introducing CSC to our post-secondary students of our industry has never wavered off course, and in September 2015, Brian added the role of Student Liaison Officer to his Architectural Officer role on the EC. From my recollection, Brian is the only EC Member since 2015 to hold this position in the Toronto Chapter.

I have referenced family a few times within this letter, as to me CSC is an extended family. A diverse family of intellectuals all striving for the betterment of our industry. To me, and to many others, Brian is a dependable "Big Bother" at CSC functions. Always looking out for those who may be in need and willing to offer an ear or a helping hand, depending on what is required. Brian's generosity may span across multiple Associations, but he always comes home for dinner, in his spot at the Toronto Chapter Executive Committee Table.

To conclude, I wanted to provide some more insight into Brian Abbey's work ethic and dedication to collaboration between Associations, for those reading this recommendation letter. I'm happy to share Brian's ACM Report dated April 2014, from when I was Chair of the Toronto Chapter. His account of 2013/14 speaks volumes to his commitment, passion, and true character.

For the reasons listed above, and so many more, I'd like to personally nominate Brian Abbey for induction into the College of Fellows. He is CSC.

Regards,



Mark Clemmensen, RSW
Owner - Business Management Consultant

Architectural Officer's Report



Apart from being the Architectural Officer for Construction Specifications Canada, Toronto Chapter Executive, I am also pleased to report that I continue to be an active member of Association of Architectural Technologists of Ontario (AATO), the Ontario Association of Applied Architectural Sciences (OAAAS) and the Ontario Association of Building Officials (OBOA) and their goals are similar to CSC when it comes to educating college and university students in the advancement of their careers in architecture. My personal goal is to bring CSC, AATO, OAAAS and OBOA even closer together, with the hope of some kind of meaningful future affiliation for the benefit everyone.

At the AATO's Annual General Meeting, held in the Blue Mountain Resort at the end of April 2013, I pledged to form a new Committee, the Student Liaison Committee (SLC) and over the summer months I wrote a draft policy for the committee that was implemented in fall semester throughout most of the Ontario Colleges that have an approved Architectural Technology and Building Science Program.

The intent of the SLC policy is to ensure that the Student Liaison Director is appointed by, and sits on Council in strict accordance with the AATO Act and Bylaws, something that did not happen in recent years. The objective, in short, is for each college or university to form their own AATO student liaison subcommittee, then each subcommittee will elect their own chair, then each of those chairs will sit on the SLC and, in turn, they will elect their Chair who will automatically become the twelfth AATO Councilor/Director with full voting rights. The aim is that the Student Liaison will be the catalyst between the AATO and the Colleges to share, review and implement ideas and concerns that either party may have; that will, ultimately improve the overall curriculum for the betterment of the profession as a whole. I believe that the CSC could also benefit by having a student representative sitting on the Chapter Executive.

Throughout the year, I have attended several of the colleges giving presentations, adjudicating student projects and attending award ceremonies, convocations and providing the odd lecture on the Ontario Building Code. I sit on four Architectural Program Advisory Committees (PAC) and chair two of them (Sheridan and George Brown). On occasions, I have attended colleges with, or on behalf of our current Student Liaison Officer (SLO), Steve Ioannides who has gracefully passed on the torch to me to take on the role of SLO for the 2014/2015 term. I am delighted to be able to do this as part of my main role as Architectural Officer.

Although the AATO Student Liaison Program is a first step, it is something that I would be very keen to see be endorsed by other Associations and Organizations within the industry and in particular CSC, OBOA and OAAAS. As I mentioned previously in this article, one of my personal goals (and it is only my opinion) but I would like to see a much closer relationship between the AATO and OAAAS as I think both could benefit from each other. My belief is that many AATO members who are fully Accredited Architectural Technologists would relish the opportunity to improve their qualifications and scope of work by taking advantage of the Licensed Technologist OAA model, by taking the OAA Lecture Series and Entrance Examination with an exemption to all the prerequisites required by interns.



Brian L. Abbey
Architectural Officer



Architectural Officer's Report

On the other hand, I also believe that the majority of Technologists OAAAS and Licensed Technologists OAA would love to see the word "Architectural" added to their designation but, at present they cannot because "Architectural Technologist" is a protected title that belongs to the AATO. However, if some form of a reciprocal membership arrangement, such as a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) were to be introduced, perhaps some serious benefits could be accomplished by both Associations. The MOU would allow Accredited Architectural Technologists AATO to achieve a higher level of credentials through the OAA program and Technologists OAAAS and Licensed Technologists OAA could use "Architectural" to change their designation to Arch. Tech. OAAAS and Lic. Arch. Tech. OAA.

In an attempt to bring together a meaningful relationship between OBOA and CSC we have invited Aubrey Le Blanc, Chief Administration Officer of the OBOA to mediate a brain storming, think tank session to develop our CSC Toronto – Vision 2020. I feel that this will assist us immensely with our future planning of the Toronto Chapter.

February 9, 2024

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Attention: Mr. Claude Giguère, Chancellor of the College of Fellows

RE: Mr. Brian Abbey's Nomination to CSC College of Fellows

Dear Claude,

I have known Brian for nearly 20 years as a member of CSC Toronto Chapter and for nearly 10 years as a member of the CSC Toronto Chapter Executive Committee.

Brian is a perennial fixture at CSC events ranging from Toronto Chapter dinner meetings, social events, the CSC Building Expo, and CSC Conference. He is always friendly and open to have a conversation. We have, on many occasions, discussed various ways to promote the Toronto Chapter to broader audiences in the Architectural Community that he represents so well through the AATO. Brian has taken on the Student Liaison role to work with the colleges in Toronto to offer the Fred Clarke Memorial Scholarship Award for the past several years.

As past chair and a current member of the Architectural Association of Architectural Technologist of Ontario, Brian has been a great resource for reviewing detailed work and has always provided sound technical advice and feedback in matters related to our products. His willingness to assist others and provide feedback, been invaluable in assisting me in my own career and volunteer activities.

To my recollection, Brian has been both the Architectural Officer and Student Liaison for a number of years; where he continually brings students and their professors to the dinner meetings. The experience has always been beneficial to both our members and the students.

Please accept my letter as support for Mr. Brian Abbey into the College of Fellows.

Kind Regards

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Roger Ali, CTR Dipl. Arch. Tech.
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