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Calendar

June 4, 2008
NSBAIDRD Board Meeting
Las Vegas

June 25-28, 2008
NCARB Annual Meeting
Pittsburgh, Pa.

August 7-8, 2008
Residential Design Exam
Las Vegas and Reno

August 13, 2008
NSBAIDRD Board Meeting
Las Vegas

Moving? New Job?

Download a [change of address form](#), or send the following information to the board office:

- Full name
- Registration number

Board Holds Town Hall Meetings Receives Feedback on CEU Proposal

This spring the board hosted two town hall meetings in follow-up to its January decision to move forward with a proposal mandating continuing education as a requirement for license renewal. The first town hall was held in Reno on March 11, the second town hall was held in Las Vegas on April 9.

Six registrants attended the Reno meeting and 15 people attended in Las Vegas. Some participants spoke in support of the measure, while others opposed it. Registrants also made suggestions on possible changes to the measure. Comments will be presented to the full board at the next scheduled board meeting, June 4, 2008.

At the June meeting, board members will decide if the proposal should be amended in response to the feedback received at the town hall meetings. They will also decide if the measure should go forward and be sent to the Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) to be written as a formal regulation. If the proposal moves forward and is sent to LCB, a workshop and public hearing will be held prior to adoption. This would likely take place in the fall. The board will continue to keep registrants apprised of the progress of this regulation.

As currently proposed, the regulation will require all registrants to earn eight CEUs in the areas of health, safety and welfare each year, prior to renewal of their certificate of registration. A minimum of four units must be earned in a structured setting, and a maximum of four units may be earned in a self-directed setting. Additionally, two of the eight units must be obtained from code-related research or learning. Registrants may carryover four units to the next year.

The proposed regulation provides exemptions for registrants called to active duty in the armed forces. Registrants with medical issues or physical disabilities that prevent them from earning the CEUs may request an exemption from the board. Board members plan to add an exemption for registrants who have taken emeritus status once the required statutory change implementing that status is made.

Full text of the regulation can be [downloaded from the board's Web site](#).

Board Passes New Regulations

- Old address, phone and fax numbers
 - New address, phone and fax numbers
 - Email address
 - Effective date of change
 - Is this a change to business or home address
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Board Members

George F. Garlock,
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Larry A. Henry
John R. Klai II
JoAnn Oppenheimer Gore
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The board amended two sections of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) at its March board meeting.

NAC 623.900, regarding the architect and residential designer Rules of Conduct, was amended to outline the steps that will be taken each year to update the rules.

NAC 623.905, regarding filing a complaint with the board, was amended to outline what elements must be included when a complaint is filed.

Full text of the amendments can be [downloaded here](#).

Board Issues Notice Regarding Withdrawing as Design Professional of Record

In the [Fall 2007 issue of Focus](#), the board published an article, "My Client Hasn't Paid: Can I Withdraw as Design Professional of Record?" The content of that article has now been published as a formal notice. It was sent to state building departments and is posted on the [board's website](#).

Nevada Board Members Elected to Regional Leadership

Greg Erny and John R. Klai II were elected to regional leadership positions at the March meeting of the Western Conference of Architectural Registration Boards (WCARB). Greg Erny was elected as Region 6 Director and will serve as the western region's representative to the NCARB Board of Directors. John Klai was elected to serve on WCARB's Executive Committee.



Erny has been a member of the NSBAIDRD since 1996 and served as the board's chairman from 2002 to 2003. He served on the WCARB Executive Committee from 2000 to 2006, including a term as Regional Chair from 2004 to 2006. Erny has been an active participant in many NCARB committees and is currently a member of the Grading Committee. He is a resident of Reno and owner of the firm, Architects + LLC.

Klai, a Las Vegas resident, has served on the NSBAIDRD for nine years and was the board's chairman from 2005 to 2007. Klai has served on many NCARB committees, including numerous exam-writing committees. His firm, Klai Juba Architects Ltd., sponsors the Klai Juba Lecture Series at UNLV, which attracts internationally known



design professionals to speak at the school.

Enforcement Actions

(January 17 - March 12, 2008)

Inquiries are routinely sent to both registrants and non-registrants for alleged violations of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and Nevada Administrative Codes (NAC). There were six cases this period that resulted in disciplinary action. Additionally, 12 cases were closed because there was no basis for the allegations or the complaint did not fall within the board's jurisdiction.

The following cases were closed by means of settlement agreement. As part of the agreement, respondents agreed to assure compliance with Chapter 623. Should the respondent be involved in a subsequent case and found to have again violated a NRS or NAC, the case may be used as an aggravating factor.

Every effort is made to ensure that the following information is correct. Before making any decision based on this information, you should contact the NSBAIDRD.

Holding Oneself Out: NRS 623.360.1(a)(b)

Case No. 08-040N

The allegations against **Carol Faccinetti** and **Carol Faccinetti Interior Design** were that they held themselves out as being qualified to provide services that fall under the practice of registered interior design without having a certificate of registration issued by the board. The matter was resolved by a settlement agreement incorporating an "Effect on Licensure" clause, an order to complete and pass the Nevada Registration Quiz, and assessing an administrative penalty of \$2,500 and investigative costs of \$1,500.

Holding Oneself Out and Unlicensed Practice: NRS 623.360.1(a)(b)(c)

Case No. 06-069N

The allegations against **Kathleen B. Adlao** and **Adlao Designs** were that they held themselves out as being qualified to provide architectural and residential design services, and engaged in the practices of architecture and residential design, without having a certificate of registration issued by the board. The matter was resolved by a settlement agreement incorporating an "Effect on Licensure" clause and assessing an administrative penalty of \$5,500 and investigative costs of \$2,500.

Case No. 07-033N

The allegations against **Jordan Banares**, **Kimberly Daoust** and **Tandem Las Vegas** were that they held themselves out as being qualified to provide

services that fall under the practice of registered interior design, and practicing as registered interior designers, without having a certificate of registration issued by the board. The matter was resolved by a settlement agreement incorporating an "Effect on Licensure" clause and assessing an administrative penalty of \$60,000 and investigative costs of \$6,000.

Case No. 07-042N

The allegations against **Michael J. Bast** and **Mike Bast Construction** were that they held themselves out as being qualified to provide architectural and residential design services, and engaged in the practices of architecture and residential design, without having a certificate of registration issued by the board. The matter was resolved by a settlement agreement incorporating an "Assurance of Discontinuance" clause and assessing an administrative penalty of \$5,000 and investigative costs of \$3,800.

Case No. 08-034N

The allegations against **Robert Snow** and **Bob Snow Associates** were that they held themselves out as being qualified to provide architectural services, and engaged in the practice of architecture, without having a certificate of registration issued by the board. The matter was resolved by a settlement agreement assessing an administrative penalty of \$12,500 and investigative costs of \$1,500.

Unlicensed Practice: NRS 623.360.1(c)

Case No. 05-064N

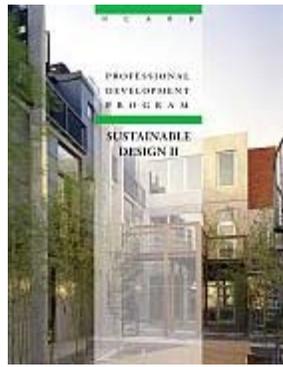
The allegations against **John MacDonald** and **Highpoint Drafting Assistance** were that they engaged in the practices of architecture and residential design without having a certificate of registration issued by the board. The matter was resolved by a settlement agreement incorporating an "Assurance of Discontinuance" clause and assessing investigative costs of \$1,000.

NCARB and NCIDQ Publish New Monographs

Both NCARB and NCIDQ recently announced new publications added to each organization's professional development monograph series. NCARB published *Sustainable Design II*. NCIDQ published *Ethical Decision-Making for Designers*, a follow-up to 2001's *Ethics and the Design Professions*.

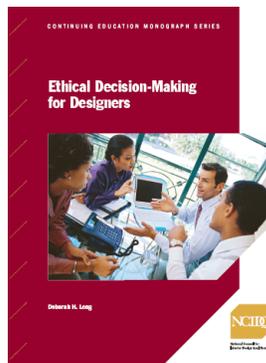
Sustainable Design II

NCARB published its first sustainable design monograph in 2001. NCARB says this 2008 publication, "provides the tools for the next generation of sustainable architects to continue leading the design of buildings that are cost effective and measurably green." The monograph reviews green building rating systems with a strong focus on the US Green Building Council's LEED rating system. It also reviews recent



research on the benefits of green building and discusses the process of using a collaborative, systems-based "integrated design." Muscoe Martin, AIA, LEED, founding principal of M2 Architecture, and Gregory Franta, FAIA, principal architect for the Rocky Mountain Institute, are the authors.

Sustainable Design II is \$275 (\$175 for NCARB record holders); completion of the quiz will earn 12 PDUs in health, safety and welfare. For more information or to order the monograph, go to the [NCARB website](#).



Ethical Decision-Making for Designers

NCIDQ's latest ethics-focused monograph will help design professionals develop the ethical decision-making skills that are critical to their long-term success. Author Deborah A. Long, an ethics specialist, hopes this monograph "will provoke heated discussion and critical thinking about the dilemmas that design professionals will face in the profession."

Ethical Decision-Making for Designers is \$115 (active NCIDQ certificate holders receive a 10 percent discount) and can be ordered via the [NCIDQ website](#). Completion of the monograph quiz will earn 0.6 CEUs.

New Registrants By Examination

The board extends congratulations to the following individuals who were sworn-in as new Nevada registrants at the March 2008 meeting:

Architects

- 6161.....Nathaniel B. Walker (Charlotte, NC)
- 6162.....Jason M. Andoscia (Las Vegas)
- 6163.....George A. Bergman (Las Vegas)

Registered Interior Designers

- 141-ID.....Sonja Foree (Reno)
- 143-ID.....Mayumi Koshiba (Las Vegas)
- 145-ID.....Kirsten Shull (Reno)



New architects registered at the March 2008 meeting: Jason Andoscia, George Bergman and Nathaniel Walker.

New registered interior designers at the March 2008 meeting: Mayumi Koshiba, Kirsten Shull and Sonja Foree.



Board Members Participate in Regional Meeting

Nevada board members and staff participated in the Western Conference of Architectural Registration Boards (WCARB) meeting, held in late March in Englewood, Colorado. During the three-day meeting participants discussed issues of interest to the western region, elected new leadership (see ["Nevada Board Members Elected to Regional Leadership"](#)) and participated in an education conference with the southern conference, Region 3 of NCARB.

The main focus of discussion during the joint education conference was the 2008 NAAB Accreditation Review Conference (ARC). NCARB has drafted a position paper for presentation at the ARC, which recommends changes to the NAAB Conditions for Accreditation and the "Student Performance Criteria." Many of these recommendations are based on the results of [NCARB's 2007 Practice Analysis](#).

The practice analysis found that 17 of 100 required knowledge and skills needed to practice independently as a registered architect are not being acquired prior to licensure. NCARB determined that the foundation learning for 12 of these 17 areas occur in the academy and should be incorporated into school curricula. These areas are: project financing and funding, project budget management, construction conflict resolution, legal and ethical issues pertaining to contracts, legal and ethical issues pertaining to practice, strategic planning, financial management, risk management, marketing and communications, contract negotiations, entrepreneurship, and business planning.

Additionally, NCARB is recommending incorporating appropriate

requirements for IDP enrollment during school and other matters strengthening education and registration.

Future Architects: Don't Forget...

The ARE 4.0 will be released in less than THREE months. For more information about the new exam, visit www.ncarb.org/are.

Candidates who have not taken and passed at least one section of the exam by May 15, 2008 will continue testing in ARE 4.0. Candidates who become eligible for the exam between May 13 and July 1, 2008 must wait until July 1 to begin testing in ARE 4.0.

Currently taking ARE 3.1? Concentrate on passing Building Technology and Site Planning before the transition ends (June 2009). See the [transition chart](#) for more information.

"IDP Reporting Rule" Update

At the 2008 Annual Meeting, NCARB Member Boards will be considering a resolution to require Intern Development Program (IDP) participants to report their training units at least every six months.

As currently proposed, interns that enroll in IDP on or after July 1, 2009 will be required to report their training units every six months. Training units older than six months will not be accepted. The reporting requirement will be effective for all IDP participants as of July 1, 2010; in other words, all interns participating in IDP will be required to file their report every six months.

We will report the outcome of this resolution and any implementation dates in future issues of *Focus*.

IDEP Fees to Increase

NCIDQ announced that IDEP fees will increase to \$85 per installment beginning July 1, 2008. This fee increase applies to new interns as well as those already enrolled in the program. IDEP participants currently pay three installments of \$75 each, for a total of \$225.

IDEP, the Interior Design Experience Program, is a monitored, documented experience program administered by NCIDQ for entry-level interior designers. The program assists entry-level interior designers in obtaining a broad range of quality professional experience. While not currently a requirement for registration in Nevada, the NSBAIDRD encourages all interior design students and new graduates to enroll in the internship program.

More information about IDEP can be found on the [NCIDQ website](#).

2007 ARE Pass Rates

Section	Nevada Number of Candidates	Nevada Number Pass	Nevada Percent Pass	National Percent Pass
Pre-Design	27	21	78%	79%
General Structures	30	20	67%	76%
Lateral Forces	24	18	75%	79%
Mechanical & Electrical Systems	27	15	56%	69%
Materials & Methods	25	22	88%	79%
Construction Documents & Services	32	26	81%	77%
Site Planning	30	16	53%	66%
Building Planning	30	13	43%	65%
Building Technology	28	19	68%	69%

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