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Calendar

March 18, 2009
NSBAIDRD Board Meeting
Las Vegas

March 27-29, 2009
WCARB Meeting
Salt Lake City, Utah

April 3-4, 2009
Spring NCIDO
Examination

June 10, 2009
NSBAIDRD Board Meeting
Las Vegas

June 17-20, 2009
NCARB Meeting
Chicago, Ill.

Moving? New Job?

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

Board Clarifies Interpretation of NAC 623.800

At the board's January 2009 meeting, it clarified the interpretation of NAC 623.800, regarding proposals for public works projects. The regulation states that a registrant may not submit a proposal for a public works project "which would enable the public agency to evaluate the proposal on any basis other than the competence and qualifications of the registrant..."

The board was asked if a registrant could respond to a proposal for a public works project if the proposal requests fees and the services requested do not require a professional license and are not regulated by NRS 623. Board members stated that registrants may not include fees in their proposals for any public works projects and that it did not matter if the services fell under the practice of architecture, registered interior design or residential design. They emphasized that in order to protect the public, a design professional must be evaluated on his competence and qualifications to perform the services required, not on his ability to charge the lowest fees.

[Read the full text of NAC 623.800 here.](#)

Board Bills Move Through Senate

The three board-requested bills were passed out of the Senate Commerce and Labor Committee on February 4, 2009. SB90 and SB91 were passed from committee with no amendments, while SB49 received a "do pass as amended" for a technical amendment.

SB90 and SB91 passed unanimously from the full Senate on February 12 and are now in the Assembly Commerce and Labor Committee.

SB90 creates an emeritus title for some retiring architects. SB91 makes various housekeeping changes to the current statute. SB49 will require registrants have written contracts with their clients under certain circumstances.

Full text of the bills can be found on the [Nevada Legislature](#)

- Full name
- Registration number
- 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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Enforcement Actions (October 16, 2008 – January 21, 2009)

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 were submitted for board consideration and approved. Additionally, seven 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.

Deviation from Standard of Professional Care and Working Outside Scope of Practice: NRS 623.270.1(c)(f) and NRS 623.360.1(c)

Case No. 07-105R

The allegations against *Herbert Gordon Press (Reg. No. 041-ID)* were that he acted in a negligent manner by deviating from the normal standard of professional care and that he worked outside the scope of practice for a registered interior designer by engaging in the practice of architecture. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$7,500 and investigative costs of \$2,000.

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

Case No. 07-015N

The allegations against *Lars Kruckeberg and Graft, LLC* were that they held themselves out as being qualified to provide services that fall under the practices of architecture and registered interior design, and practiced as architects and registered interior designers, without having a certificate of registration issued by the board. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$18,000 and investigative costs of \$2,500.

Case No. 08-006N

The allegations against *Rodney Highsmith and Hightech*

Consulting were that they held themselves out as being qualified to provide architectural services, and practiced as architects, without having a certificate of registration issued by the board. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$3,500 and investigative costs of \$1,600.

Case No. 08-036N

The allegations against *Denny McDavid, Harmon Miller III* and *Miller Zell, Inc.* were that they held themselves out as being qualified to provide services that fall under the practice of registered interior design, and practiced as registered interior designers, without having a certificate of registration issued by the board. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$15,500 and investigative costs of \$1,800.

Case No. 08-077N

The allegations against *Scott Maynes* were that he held himself out as being qualified to provide architectural services, and practiced as an architect, without having a certificate of registration issued by the board. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$7,500 and investigative costs of \$3,000.

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

Case No. 09-041N

The allegations against *Kenneth B. Harris* were that he held himself out as being qualified to provide architectural services without having a certificate of registration issued by the board. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$2,500 and investigative costs of \$1,500.

State Partners With Local AIA for Emergency Response

The AIA Nevada chapter is currently working with the Nevada Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, to establish a call list of architects willing to assist in disaster recovery/assessment operations under the state of Nevada's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. The groups are also working together to create an agreement that will include details of the state and AIA's mutual expectations, as well as the professional liability protection under NRS 414.110.

Nevada architects interested in helping out individually or as a firm should contact [Randy Lavigne](#).

CEU Page Updated on Board

Web Site

The [Continuing Education](#) page of the board's Web site has been updated to include information about the new continuing education regulation, which goes into effect January 1, 2010.

"Frequently Asked Questions" and a CEU reporting form will be added in the coming months.

Next year the board will post some of the continuing education opportunities available, with an emphasis on those which are available at little or no cost to Nevada registrants.

NCIDQ Updates Multiple-Choice Exams

Transition planned for 2009

At the end of last year, NCIDQ announced that it would be updating its two multiple-choice exams in 2010. The changes are based on the results of the recent survey of practicing interior designers, also known as a "practice analysis."

There will still be two multiple-choice sections of the NCIDQ Exam. The content of these examinations will be organized differently. Section I will cover codes, building systems, construction standards and contract administration. Section II will cover design application, project coordination and professional practice.

The change to the multiple-choice sections will require those candidates who have not previously passed both the current Section I (Principles of Interior Design) and Section II (Construction Documents and Administration) to pass both of these sections by the end of 2009 or retake each of the new sections in order to receive the NCIDQ Certificate and/or qualify for state licensure.

The 2009 exam dates are April 3-4 and October 2-3.

More information about the exam, as well as exam registration information can be found on the [NCIDQ Web site](#).

New Registrants By Examination

The board extends congratulations to the following individuals who were sworn-in as new Nevada registrants at the January 2009 meeting:

Architects

- 6335.....Lennard L. Davis (Reno)
6336.....Raymond De Filippis (Las Vegas)
6337.....Justin Lam (Las Vegas)
6338.....Joseph A. Lassonde, II (Reno)
6339.....Jessica M. Meyer (Las Vegas)

Residential Designers

- 286-P.....John “Jack” Sharitz (Mesquite)
287-P.....Derek T. Koelzer (Sparks)

Registered Interior Designers

- 163-ID...Christopher Williams (Las Vegas)
164-ID...Casey G. Potash (Gilbert, Ariz.)
165-ID...Michael J. Arias (Las Vegas)



New architects registered at the January 2009 meeting: Justin Lam, Joseph Lassonde, Jessica Meyer, Lennard Davis and Raymond De Filippis.



New registered interior designers at the January 2009 meeting: Casey Potash, Christopher Williams and Michael Arias.



New residential designers at the January 2009 meeting: Derek

Six Month Rule Goes Into Effect in July

The NCARB Six-Month Rule requires interns to submit their training units in reporting periods of no longer than six months and within two months of completion of each reporting period. The rule will go into effect on July 1, 2009 for interns who begin an NCARB record on or after that date and July 1, 2010 for all interns regardless of application date. All training unit reports must be submitted electronically through NCARB's electronic Experience Verification Reporting (e-EVR) system.

The rule stems from a 2005 study conducted by NCARB and AIA that indicated regular reporting improves reporting accuracy, encourages better supervision, and targets needed experience. The IDP Guidelines have long recommended that interns submit reports regularly. Although six months will be the maximum amount of time allowed, interns may report more frequently.

Once interns have submitted their training units by entering them into their record online, those units are protected from the Six-Month Rule reporting requirements while any loose ends are tied up. Interns will not be affected by any delay caused by their supervisor or NCARB. However, submitted training units can be lost if they are deemed invalid by the supervisor, or if they are not earned in accordance with the IDP rules.

The Six-Month Rule only applies to interns. It does not apply to registered architects that must document past experience for NCARB certification. Extensions are available for birth or adoption of a child, serious medical conditions and active military service.

More information about the Six Month Rule can be found on the [NCARB Web site](#) and on the [Six-Month Rule webcast](#).

NCARB Launches e-EVR

NCARB's new electronic Experience Verification Reporting system (e-EVR) was launched on December 31, 2008. The e-EVR allows interns to enter their IDP training units online and offers many benefits over the paper employment verification forms.

The e-EVR makes it easier for interns to submit experience reports and for supervisors to review and approve the reports. Once submitted by the intern, the report is saved instantly within the intern's record and a link to the report will be sent

to the supervisor. The supervisor can review the report online and have the option to approve, return for edits, or reject the report. Once the supervisor acts on the report, it will be saved to the intern's record with the updated status. All reports are subject to NCARB's final review once an intern completes the IDP.

NCARB touts additional benefits of e-EVR to include: catching some of the common reporting errors, checking IDP progress through "My NCARB Record," and easily identifying training area deficiencies.

A [webcast about the e-EVR](#) can be viewed on the NCARB Web site.

NCARB Publishes New Guidelines

NCARB released new IDP Supervisor Guidelines in December 2008 and the updated IDP Guidelines in January 2009. The new publications cover the recent and upcoming changes to the IDP program, including e-EVR and the Six-Month Rule.

Supervisors can download the [new guidelines](#) as well as a [webcast for supervisors](#) from the NCARB Web site.

Interns can download the [new IDP Guidelines](#) and view the webcast, "[Essential IDP](#)," on the NCARB Web site.

ARE Transition Deadline Four Months Away

Candidates who passed at least one section of ARE 3.1 before May 15 have until June 30, 2009 to pass all remaining sections of the exam. After that date, candidates will be transitioned to ARE 4.0. Candidates who are currently taking ARE 3.1 should concentrate on passing Building Technology and Site Planning before the transition ends. See the [transition chart](#) for more information.

Expired Certificates of Registration

See a [list of certificates of registration that expired on December 31, 2008](#).

Late Registration Policy

Registrants whose certificate of registration expired and have failed to renew their registration must pay a late renewal fee of \$220, in addition to the \$150 annual registration fee.

Per NAC 623.280, registrants who do not renew their certificate of registration within one year of its expiration can renew it before the end of the third year by:

- a. Submitting a letter of application for renewal;
- b. Obtaining the board's approval; and
- c. Paying the required late registration fee (\$300).

Registrants who have not renewed their registration within three years of the certificate's expiration date are no longer entitled to have it renewed, but may have their certificate restored. The board will issue a new registration number and certificate if the person complies with the following procedure:

- a. If the expired certificate was obtained through reciprocal registration, the person must reapply to the board using the same procedure.
- b. If the expired certificate was obtained through examination in Nevada, the person must:
 - (1) Submit a new application to the board;
 - (2) Submit a certificate of good standing from every state in which he is licensed; and
 - (3) Appear for an oral interview.

For further questions regarding late registration, or to see if your certificate is current, please contact the board office at (702) 486-7300.

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