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Calendar

September 17, 2009
RID Nevada Supplemental Examination
Las Vegas

October 2-3, 2009
NCIDQ Examination

October 21, 2009
NSBAIDRD Board Meeting
Reno

November 12-14, 2009
NCIDQ Annual Meeting
San Antonio, Texas

Moving? Change in Employment?

Per NRS 623.720, all registrants must advise the board of any change of address or place of

Reminder: “Principals” Must Be Registrants

The board has seen a proliferation of publications recently referring to nonregistrants as “principals.” Per [NAC 623.310.5](#), “The term ‘principal’ may only be used by persons registered pursuant to chapter 623 of NRS.”

Please share this information with others in your firm as well as those who may be unknowingly publishing incorrect information.

Continuing Education Documents Posted to Website

In preparation for the January 2010 implementation of the continuing education requirement, the board began posting related documents to the website.

The first two documents posted to the site are [Frequently Asked Questions](#) and a [Certificate of Completion](#).

More documents will be posted later this year, including a CEU log and exemption form.

Board Sending Renewal Notices in October

All Nevada registrants should receive their renewal notices in mid-October. If you do not receive one, please contact the board office. Alternately, you can download a [renewal form from the board’s website](#).

Registration renewal notices are sent as a courtesy; it is each registrant’s responsibility to ensure their license is current. All

employment within 30 days after the change. Download a [change of address form](#), or [email](#) the following information to the board office:

- 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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Nevada registrations expire December 31, 2009 and must be renewed annually.

Enforcement Actions (June 11 – August 19, 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 four cases this period that were submitted for board consideration and approved. Additionally, five 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.

Not in Responsible Control and Operating a Nevada Architectural Office without a Resident Registrant: NRS 623.270.1(d)(f), NRS 623.350.1 and Rules of Conduct 5.1 and 5.2

Case No. 08-047R

The allegations against *Brian Tiedge (Reg. No. 5615)* and *MCG Architecture, Inc.* were that they operated a Nevada architectural office without having a resident registrant regularly working in that office, and by sealing plans for Nevada projects from that office without being in responsible control of the work. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$10,000 and investigative costs of \$2,200.

Failing to Associate with Persons Qualified to Perform Professional Services: NRS 623.270.1(f) and NAC 623.860.2(b)

Case No. 08-064R

The allegations against *Herbert Gordon Press (Reg. No. 041-ID)* and *Herbert Gordon Press Design Associates* were that

they failed to associate with persons who were qualified to perform professional services. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating completing and passing the NCIDQ monograph, "Ethical Decision-Making for Designers," an administrative penalty of \$2,000 and investigative costs of \$2,500.

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

Case No. 07-056N

The allegations against *Richard Watts, Doug Watts and Richard Watts Construction, Inc.* 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 \$5,500 and investigative costs of \$1,400.

Case No. 09-075N

The allegations against *Kadie Remaklus and KDesign 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 \$2,500 and investigative costs of \$2,000.

NCIDQ Exam Transition Deadline Nears Details of New Design Practicum Released

Last year NCIDQ announced it would be updating its two-multiple choice exams in 2010, and earlier this year, the organization announced it would be updating the design practicum section as well. The changes to the exam are based on the results of the recent survey of practicing interior designers, also known as a "practice analysis." All three sections will be administered for the first time in April 2010.

The changes to the two multiple-choice sections are significant and will require candidates who have passed only one of the current sections to pass the remaining section by the end of 2009, or both multiple-choice sections will have to be

retaken in 2010.

The new interior design practicum will be an eight-hour exam. It will be a series of seven unique exercises that will focus on the following areas: space planning, lighting design, egress, life safety, restroom (washroom) design, systems integration and millwork. The practicum exam will continue to be hand-drafted and will include both commercial and residential components.

All project descriptions, project code requirements, project design requirements and the list of drawings will be provided in examination booklets. The size of the drawing sheets will increase to 18" x 24", and the scales will vary according to the project size and amount of detail required to be shown.

NCIDQ is preparing new preparatory materials for the 2010 exam, which will be available this fall.

The last exam date for 2009 is October 2-3; the registration deadline for this exam has already passed. The dates for 2010 are April 9-10 and October 1-2. More information about the exam can be found on the [NCIDQ website](#).

New Registrants By Examination

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

Architects

- 6457 Taichi Azegami (Las Vegas)
- 6458 Travis C. Bryan (Reno)
- 6459 Michael R. Larson (Las Vegas)
- 6460 Jacob K. Young (Las Vegas)



New architects registered at the August 2009 meeting: Taichi Azegami, Travis Bryan, Michael Larson and Jacob Young.

Nevada Secretary of State Streamlines Business Services Beginning Oct. 1

The article below is a guest article from the Nevada Secretary of State's Office.

Effective October 1, 2009, Nevada Secretary of State Ross Miller's office will be responsible for issuing the State Business License. The business license is required of all entities who are conducting business in this state.

The 2009 Legislature approved AB 146, which transfers the authority to issue annual business licenses and collect the business license fee from the Department of Taxation to the Secretary of State. The legislation also provides for the development of a new business portal in the Secretary of State's office. The portal will eventually provide a more comprehensive one-stop shop for businesses incorporated in Nevada.

Secretary of State Ross Miller says his goal is to make Nevada the gold standard for business services in the country. "The consolidation of the business license program with the other services my office provides is the first step toward creating an online service like no other state offers," he said. "We will be reaching out far and wide into the business community to let them know of these improvements. We look forward to better serving Nevada businesses."

The change in the administration of the state business license will enable businesses to apply, pay the license fee, and be

issued a state business license online at www.nvsos.gov. Online payment options will be expanded to include debit card, e-check, credit card or a trust account.

Business entities formed under Title 7 of the Nevada Revised Statutes that are required to file an initial or annual list of officers will file for their annual business license at the time the annual list is filed. The business' annual \$200 business license fee may be prorated based on when their current state business license expires. Other businesses, such as sole proprietorships and partnerships, will file with the Secretary of State for a renewal of their existing license not later than the date of expiration or apply for a license when they begin conducting business in Nevada.

All businesses are encouraged to visit www.nvsos.gov and click on the State Business License Information button under the Licensing Center to learn more about the new process and find answers to questions about the State Business License requirements. While at the site, businesses should also click on whynevada.com to learn more about why Nevada is such a great state to start and conduct a business.

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