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Calendar

August 12-13, 2010
Residential Design Exam

August 26, 2010
NSBAIDRD Board Meeting
Las Vegas

September 24, 2010
Nevada Supplemental
Exam for Registered
Interior Designers
Las Vegas

October 20, 2010
NSBAIDRD Board Meeting
Reno

Moving? Change in Employment?

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

Disciplinary Actions

(March 18 – June 8, 2010)

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, 26 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, Unlicensed Practice, Residential Designer Not Under Responsible Control of Architect, Using the Name of Another Registrant in a Manner which Falsely Reflects a Business Association, and Making False and Misleading Statements: NRS 623.270.1(f), NRS 623.360.1(b)(c), NRS 623.353, NAC 623.740.6 and Rule of Conduct 5.5

Case No. 08-074R

The allegations against *Sheldon Colen (Reg. No. 095-P)* and *SCA Design* were that they worked outside the scope of licensure, disseminated proposals for architectural services, engaged in the practice of architecture, failed to enter into a residential designer-architect agreement, added the name of an architect to a contract with the client without the architect's knowledge, and made false and misleading statements to the client. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating a two-year probationary period, an administrative penalty of \$10,000 and investigative costs of \$2,400.

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

Case No. 08-070N

The allegations against *George Yabu, Glen Pushelberg* and *Yabu Pushelberg* were that they held themselves out as being qualified to provide architectural and registered interior design services without having a certificate of registration issued by the board. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$12,500 and investigative costs of \$2,500.

Case No. 10-034N

The allegations against *Chelsea Hernandez, Tony Hernandez* and *Hernandez Design Associates* were that they held themselves out as being qualified to provide architectural and registered interior design services

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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without having a certificate of registration issued by the board. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$15,000 and investigative costs of \$1,500.

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

Case No. 09-009N

The allegations against *Adam Weintraub, Mishi Hosono, Eiko Sakai and Koko Architecture and Design, 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 \$12,500 and investigative costs of \$2,700.

Case No. 09-076N

The allegations against *Laura Rachlin, Karen Hansen Heddle, Elizabeth Rotondi Allen and In.Design Studio, 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 \$20,500 and investigative costs of \$6,400.

Unlicensed Practice: NRS 623.360.1(c)

Case No. 10-029N

The allegations against *Mark Warner, Cynthia Warner and Warner Design Associates* were that they 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 \$10,000 and investigative costs of \$2,500.

Reminder: Update Employment and Firm Status with Board

Per NRS 623.720, all registrants must advise the board of any change of address or place of employment within 30 days after the change. Registrants who are principals in a firm must also advise the board of any change in the firm's status, such as if it is defunct or goes out of business.

New Registrants By Examination

The board extends congratulations to the following individuals who were sworn-in as new Nevada registrants at the June 2010 meeting:

Architects

6545 Michael K. Burroughs (Las Vegas)
6546 Patrick R. Castellano (Las Vegas)
6547 Darian Radac (Huntington Beach, Calif.)

Registered Interior Designers

180-ID Jennifer C. Wood (Sutter Creek, Calif.)

181-ID Sheri Kovac (Reno)

183-ID Carl L. Ross (El Segundo, Calif.)

Residential Designer

302-P Michael Johnston (Sparks)



New architects registered at the June 2010 meeting: Darian Radac, Patrick Castellano and Michael Burroughs.



New registered interior designers at the June 2010 meeting: Jennifer Wood, Carl Ross and Sheri Kovac.



Secretary/Treasurer Larry Henry congratulates new residential designer, Michael Johnston.

NCARB Increases Fees

Effective July 1, NCARB increased fees for a number of its services. [The new fees can be found on the NCARB website.](#)

In announcing the fee increases, NCARB said, “In order to deliver - and continue to improve - the service you expect, we had to make the very difficult decision to increase fees at our April Board of Directors meeting. For the past several years, we felt strongly that fee increases had to be delayed due to the economy, even though throughout this time we’ve been working hard to bring you new tools, improved services, and improved communication. We must consider other fees not included in these changes that will be evaluated throughout this fiscal year.”

ARE Confidentiality Agreement Changes July 1

Beginning July 1, 2010, Prometric test centers are using a new Confidentiality Agreement acceptance procedure for all divisions of the ARE. Prior to beginning the exam, all candidates will be required to acknowledge that they have read and understand the Confidentiality Agreement before taking the exam. Candidates who decline to accept the agreement will have their exam session terminated. The exam fee for the division will not be refunded in these circumstances.

Details of the new procedure can be found in the [May 2010 issue of the ARE e-News](#).

IDP “Six-Month Rule” In Effect for All Interns

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. As of July 1, the rule is effective for all interns, regardless of when IDP was started. All training unit reports must be submitted electronically through NCARB’s electronic Experience Verification Reporting (e-EVR) system.

[More information about the Six-Month Rule can be found on the NCARB website.](#)

Investigator Retires from Board

Long-time investigator, Rebecca Gaul, retired from the board in June. Gaul was the board’s first dedicated investigator for

northern Nevada.

At the June board meeting, Gaul was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for her many years of service. Board members wished her well in her “next phase of life.”



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The board has recently created a Facebook page to help it communicate with registrants and the public. To find the page and become a fan, go to [Facebook](#).

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