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Calendar

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

October 1-2, 2010
Fall NCIDQ Exam

October 12-13, 2010
(tentative)
NSBAIDRD Board Meeting
Reno

January 19, 2011
NSBAIDRD Board Meeting
Las Vegas

Moving? Change of 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 Art Institute of Las Vegas Becomes Nevada's Second CIDA-Accredited Program

In August The Art Institute of Las Vegas announced that its Bachelor of Arts in Interior Design degree program had been awarded accreditation by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA). The program was awarded the maximum term of accreditation, six years, and will be accredited through 2016.

Nevada registration requirements for registered interior designers include a degree from a CIDA-accredited program (or one determined to be substantially equivalent by the board), two years of interior design experience and passage of the NCIDQ Exam.

The Bachelor of Science in Interior Architecture and Design degree program at University of Nevada, Las Vegas, is the only other CIDA-accredited program in Nevada.

Board to Accept Art Institute Degrees from March 2008

At the August 2010 board meeting, The Art Institute of Las Vegas asked the board to determine that a Bachelor of Arts in Interior Design, granted from March 2008 until August 2010, is substantially equivalent to a degree from a CIDA-accredited program (NRS 623.192.1(d)(1)). The board granted the request based upon the fact that the program's recent accreditation was based upon work completed by those who graduated from the program from March 2008 to present. CIDA does not retroactively accredit programs.

This determination by the board will allow recent Art Institute graduates to apply for registration in Nevada without having to complete the "Broadly Experienced Interior Designer Binder Process." Art Institute graduates who graduated in March 2008 or after will now only have to meet the other licensure requirements of two years interior design experience and passage of the NCIDQ Exam.

To find out more information about CIDA, or to see a list of accredited programs, go to the [CIDA website](#).

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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Southern Nevada Plans to Adopt 2008/2009 Codes

Clark County's Development Services recently announced that ordinances to adopt the following codes, with local amendments, were approved at the August 17 County Commission meeting. A public hearing on these ordinances will be held at the County Commission's September 7 meeting.

2009 Uniform Plumbing Code
2009 Uniform Mechanical Code
2009 International Building Code
2008 National Electrical Code
2009 International Residential Code
2009 International Energy Conservation Code
2009 Southern Nevada Pool Code

The Southern Nevada ICC anticipates some discussion at the September 7 hearing due to the requirement in the Residential Code for sprinklers in all new single-family residences.

Most of southern Nevada's jurisdictions are planning to adopt the national codes with a July 5, 2011 effective date. Each jurisdiction's governing body will have to formally adopt the codes.

If the codes are adopted at the September 7 hearing, plans may be submitted in Clark County under either the current codes (2006), or the 2009 codes. After July 5, 2011, all plans must conform to the new codes. Be sure to check with your local jurisdiction for its effective dates prior to submitting plans.

More information about the new southern Nevada building codes can be found on the [Clark County Development Services website](#).

Deadline Approaching for Earning CEUS

The Nevada continuing education requirement went into effect January 1, 2010. Registrants who wish to renew their licenses at the end of the year are required to complete eight CEUs in the areas of health, safety and welfare by the December 31, 2010. Nevada has no grace period.

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.

[Read the regulation in full](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Read an article about earning CEUs from the March 2010 issue of *Focus*](#)

[Download a tracking log](#), which must be submitted with your registration renewal.

Upcoming CEU Opportunities

To see additional CEU opportunities, including free and low-cost options, go to the [CEU page](#) of the board's website.

2009 Southern Nevada Pool Code (educational presentation at the monthly membership meeting)

Provider: Southern Nevada Chapter, International Code Council

Date/Location: September 9, 2010 (11:30am-1:30pm), Sierra Gold, 6515 S. Jones Blvd., Las Vegas

CEU Credit: 1 hr (Qualifies for NV code requirement)

Cost: \$20 (lunch included), free for members

Website: www.snicc.org

Course Description: Wesley Walters, with Clark County Development Services, will discuss the *2009 Southern Nevada Pool Code*, focusing on the primary differences with previous editions and the coordination necessary to develop a complete document. The improvements provide a more unified approach to public safety, with the goal of better protecting the public and expanding the pool code throughout Nevada.

The general meeting schedule is as follows:

Lunch: 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Business: 12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Educational Presentation: 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

ADA: Questions Answered and Answers Questioned

Provider: Design Arts Seminars, Inc.

Date/Location: November 12, 2010 (8am-5pm), Las Vegas

CEU Credit: 8 hrs (Qualifies for NV code requirement)

Cost: \$245 / person, \$220 / person for groups of 3 or more

Website: www.designartsseminars.com

Course Description: Are you and your company staying abreast of state and federal accessibility requirements? Are you and your clients in compliance?

Our 8-hour in depth seminar answers these questions and untangles current ADA issues to give design professionals a firm understanding of the new ADA / ABA guidelines. We explore -- with hands-on participation, lectures and much more -- how these changes affect both state and federal requirements as well as HSW issues. This course teaches interior designers, architects, and landscape architects the requirements under each law, the implications of non compliance, and the ways to ensure that they, their companies and their clients are protected from access-related litigation.

EduCODE International Conference & EXPO 2011

Provider: Southern Nevada Chapter, International Code Council

Date/Location: January 31-February 4, 2011, The Orleans Hotel, Las Vegas

CEU Credit: 4 hrs for half-day classes, 8 hrs for full-day classes (Most classes qualify for NV code requirement)

Cost: Early registration (ends January 14) \$150 / day, \$600 / all five days

Website: educode.snicc.org

Course Description: EduCode 2011 features highly specialized courses for working professionals, including architectural, plumbing, mechanical, electrical, structural, fire protection, code enforcement and leadership topics essential for building design, expanding your skills and earning and maintaining certifications and other credentials.

Disciplinary Actions

(June 9 – August 26, 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 five cases this period that were submitted for board consideration and approved. Additionally, 13 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.

Certificate holder convicted by court of justice of a crime involving moral turpitude; Offering or making a payment

or gift to a government official with the intent of influencing the official's judgment in connection with a prospective or existing project in which the architect is interested; Engaging in conduct involving fraud or wonton disregard of the rights of others; Making misleading, deceptive or false statements: NRS 623.270.1(b)(f) and Rules of Conduct 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.4 and 5.5

Case No. 07-100R

The allegations against *Marc Schiff (Former Reg. No. 3476)* were that he acknowledged in a New Mexico federal plea agreement that he was guilty of Conspiracy, in violation of 18 USC Sec. 371, and Frauds and Swindles (Mail Fraud), in violation of 18 USC Sections 1341 and 1346. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating the federal plea agreement, an admission of guilt and investigative costs of \$1,400. Mr. Schiff understands that should he seek future registration in Nevada he will be required to meet the registration requirements pursuant to NRS 623.190 and NAC 623.215 and that the board will take his criminal history into consideration.

Holding oneself out and unlicensed practice: NRS 623.360.1(a)(b)(c)

Case No. 08-089N

The allegations against *Theodore Bandvold and Commercial Architecture, Inc.* 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 through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$6,500 and investigative costs of \$1,200.

Case No. 10-041N

The allegations against *Michelle Dempsey and Dx Dempsey Architecture, Inc.* 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 \$13,000 and investigative costs of \$2,000.

Case No. 11-001N

The allegations against *Elizabeth Mitchell, Howard Backen, Jim Gillam, Loren Kroeger, John Taft and Backen Gillam Kroeger Architects* 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

through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$8,000 and investigative costs of \$1,300.

Case No. 11-002N

The allegations against *William McLees* and *William McLees Architecture, LLC* 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 through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$6,500 and investigative costs of \$1,000.

New Registrants By Examination

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

Architects

- 6582 Erik J. Chuddy (N. Las Vegas)
- 6583 Laura Dean-Barbosa (Henderson)
- 6584 Paul E. Fraga (Reno)
- 6585 Stephen S. Jang (Ft. Lee, NJ)
- 6586 Eric M. Roberts (Las Vegas)
- 6587 Tina L. Wichmann (Las Vegas)

Registered Interior Designers

- 185-ID Chelsea R. Hernandez (Pasadena, CA)
- 186-ID Alana Spacil (Las Vegas)
- 187-ID Andrea L. Hofer (Venice, CA)



New architects registered at the August 2010 meeting: Stephen Jang, Erik Chuddy, Eric Roberts, Laura Dean-Barbosa, Paul Fraga and Tina Wichmann.



New registered interior designers at the August 2010 meeting: Chelsea Hernandez, Alana Spacil and Andrea Hofer.

IDP News

IDP 2.0 Phase Three Delayed

The third and final phase of IDP 2.0, originally scheduled to launch in January, will now be implemented in fall 2011. NCARB will notify all current interns six months prior to the exact launch date, once it is set.

Phase Three will align current IDP training areas with new experience categories, experience areas and experience settings, identified in the practice analysis for the competent practice of architecture.

For more information about changes related to the final phase of IDP 2.0, download [NCARB's guide, *IDP 2.0: Experience Areas and Categories*](#).

New IDP Eligibility Dates

Beginning October 1, 2010, applicants will be able to enroll in IDP and start earning credits earlier than they are currently allowed. Interns must document one of the following to enroll in IDP:

1. Enrollment in a NAAB/CACB-accredited degree program.
2. Enrollment in a pre-professional architecture degree program at a school that offers a NAAB/CACB-accredited degree program.
3. Employment in Work Setting A after obtaining a US high school diploma or General Education Degree (GED) equivalent, or comparable foreign degree.

Please note that NCARB's change in eligibility dates does not affect Nevada's licensure requirements. To apply for licensure in Nevada, all applicants must have a degree from a NAAB-accredited program and complete the IDP, prior to sitting for the ARE.

New Ways to Earn Supplementary Education

NCARB has approved four new supplementary education opportunities for either core or supplementary education credit. Supplementary education for core hours counts toward IDP training areas 1-16. Supplementary education for elective hours counts toward the 1,880 training hours that may be earned outside of the IDP training areas 1-16.

New opportunities to earn core hours through supplementary education include: site visits with a mentor, design competitions (NCARB will release a criteria list for design competitions accepted for IDP credit later this year), and community based design center/collaborative. The new opportunity to earn elective hours through supplementary education is via the Construction Specifications Institute's (CSI) Continuing Education Network (CEN). One hour of an approved CSI CEN program will count for one hour of IDP training hours.

More information on these new opportunities can be found in the [August issue of IDP E-News](#).

NCARB Changes Authorization to Test for ARE

Beginning January 2, 2011, NCARB will terminate any candidate's authorization to test for the ARE unless that applicant has passed or failed a division of the ARE within the past five years. Any applicant whose authorization is terminated must establish a new eligibility under the current procedures of his member board. The applicant must also pay a fee to NCARB to reestablish his authorization to test.

At its June meeting, the Nevada board determined that once a candidate establishes eligibility, he will remain eligible to test. No new requirements will have to be met and no new fees will be assessed by the Nevada board.

NCARB has advised that Prometric will not be scheduling appointments for dates after January 1, 2011, in preparation for this rule change. The scheduling system for 2011 will likely be available again in fall 2010.

More information about the change to testing authorization can be found in the [May ARE E-news](#).

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CEUs



The NSBAIDRD now has a Facebook page to help it communicate with registrants and the public. To find the page and become a fan, go to www.facebook.com/NSBAIDRD.

As the board becomes aware of free online opportunities, or classes held in Nevada, it posts them simultaneously on the [board website](#) and on Facebook.

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