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Calendar

September 30-October
1, 2011
Fall NCIDQ Exam

October 18, 2011
NSBAIDRD Board
Meeting
Reno

November 11-12, 2011
NCIDQ Annual Meeting
Alexandria, VA

**Moving?
Change in
Employment?**

Board to Issue Certificates of Eligibility

[SB268](#) of the 2011 Legislative Session was recently enacted and signed by the Governor. The bill requires the board to issue certificates of eligibility to qualified architects to receive a design professional preference of five percent when competing for public works projects.

The board is in the rulemaking process to implement regulations that specify how the architect may apply for a certificate of eligibility as well as what the required fees for a certificate of eligibility will be.

A workshop to receive public comments on the proposed regulations pertaining to the issuance of certificates of eligibility has been scheduled for September 28, 2011 at noon in the board office, and the public hearing for the proposed regulations has been set for September 29, 2011, also at noon in the board office. During the public hearing, board members will be present to hear comments, answer questions and vote on the draft regulations.

[Review the draft regulations for the "Public Hearing for R045-11 \(SB268\)."](#)

Board to Send Annual Renewal Notices

As a courtesy to registrants, renewal notices will be mailed in late October. All registrations must be renewed annually. Registration renewal notices are sent as a courtesy; it is each registrant's responsibility to ensure their license is current. All Nevada registrations expire December 31, 2011 and must be renewed annually.

As a reminder, if your correspondence address has changed and you have not yet notified the board, please submit an [Address Change Form](#) to help ensure receipt of your 2012 renewal packet. As per NRS 623.270, all registrants must advise the board of any change of address or place of

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 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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Deadline Approaching for Earning CEUs

It's time to start documenting the CEUs you earned in 2011 so that your tracking log can be submitted with your 2012 renewal form. All renewal forms, CEU tracking logs and fees must be sent in to the board office in one packet or they will be returned to you. 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 December 31, 2011. 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 building code-related research or learning.

CEUs reported on the 2011 CEU Tracking Log must have been earned during the 2011 calendar year. No exceptions.

The only allowable structured CEU carryovers are those that were recorded on your 2010 CEU Tracking Log.

Read CEU Regulations: [NAC 623.630-646](#)

Frequently Asked Questions

Download the [2011 CEU 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.

Lighting Design Technologies

Provider: Design Arts Seminars Inc

Date/Location: November 11, 2011 (8:00am - 5:00pm) • Embassy Suites Convention Center, 3600 Paradise Rd., Las Vegas

CEU Credit: 8 hrs

Information: [Design Arts Seminars](#) or call 800-264-9605

Cost: \$245 for first time participants, \$235 for return customers, \$220 each for groups of 3 or more

Course Description: This seminar provides a holistic



approach to lighting design. Specific topics addressed are: light quality, quantity, and energy consumption; effects on the user's safety and health; artificial light source properties, their use, and applications in interior environments; effects of light on the visual aspect - safety, accessibility, and implications for older adults; effect of light on the non-visual aspect (health); and energy codes and sustainability standards as they pertain to lighting design; latest lighting technologies

Code Update Webinars

Provider: International Code Council

Date/Location: See schedule below

CEU Credit: 1 Unit each (Meets NV building code requirement)

Information: [International Code Council](#) or call 888-422-7233 ex. 33818

Course Description: Update webinars will introduce the major changes from the 2009 Code to the 2012 Code. The major changes and reasons for the changes will be presented. Information presented will allow participants to apply these new code requirements to design, plan review, and/or inspection.

- 2012 IPC Update | 10/13/11

Register before September 30th and receive 10% off. Just use promo code OCT10 at checkout.

- 2012 IMC Update | 10/20/11

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- Free ICC to the Point Webinar Series:

Stay current with ICC codes while interacting with nationally recognized code experts. This *free* webinar series will address current issues in the building and safety industry. Participants will participate in a live webinar with ICC on a variety of topics.

Learn of new CEU opportunities as we hear of them by ["liking" our Facebook page.](#)

Disciplinary Actions

(June 16-August 16, 2011)

Inquiries are routinely sent to both registrants and non-registrants for alleged violations of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and Nevada Administrative Codes (NAC). One case this period resulted in an administrative hearing; Case Numbers 08-080R and 11-019R (*Spaulding vs. Rusk*) were heard on August 16, 2011. The findings for this case are detailed below under [*Board Finds Registrant in Violation of Law.*](#)

There were two cases this period that were submitted for board consideration and approved. Additionally, twelve 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.

**Presenting a Proposal without a Temporary Certificate:
NRS 623.182 and Holding Oneself Out and/or Putting Out
Any Sign, Card or Other Device: NRS 623.360.1(a)(b)**

Case No. 11-028N

The allegations against Stephen Jensen and Blue Sky Architecture were that they held themselves 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.

**Holding Oneself Out and/or Putting Out Any Sign, Card
or Other Device: NRS 623.360.1(a)(b)**

Case No. 10-026N

The allegations against Brian Wolfe and Green Valley Design were that they held themselves 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 \$1,600.

Board Finds Registrant in Violation of Law

Case Nos. 08-080R and 11-019R

The respondent, *Dennis Rusk (Reg. No. 1309)*, is alleged to have violated NRS 623.270(1)(c), NRS 623.270(1)(f) and Rule of Conduct 1.1 as incorporated by NAC 623.900(1) by not applying the technical knowledge and expertise that is normally applied by architects practicing in Nevada. By submitting incomplete drawings that did not meet the minimum standards, Mr. Rusk was found guilty of negligence

and incompetence, which is a violation of NRS 623.270(5)(b)(1) and NRS 623.270(5)(c)(1). Additionally, the board found that Mr. Rusk, in the second case, violated NRS 623.270(1)(d), 623.270(1)(f) and Rule of Conduct 1.1 as incorporated by NAC 623.900(1) by stamping architectural and structural plans for which he was not in responsible control of and by allowing the submittal of substandard plans with his stamp.

The board imposed a requirement that Mr. Rusk take and pass five International Code Council (ICC) courses related to the practice of architecture by March 21, 2012. Failure to pass the required educational courses by the deadline will trigger an automatic six-month suspension of his architectural license.

Additionally, the board imposed an administrative fine of \$10,000 on the first project (Case No. 08-080R), an administrative fine of \$3,000 on the second project (Case No. 11-019R), and ordered reimbursement of all fees and costs incurred for the investigation and prosecution of both cases.

Mr. Rusk was ordered to be placed on probation for a three-year duration and all of his contracts must be submitted to the board office within five business days of execution. Board staff will review each contract to determine the complexity of each project. All complex projects must be reviewed by a peer reviewer assigned to Mr. Rusk at his expense. Mr. Rusk will remain on probation until all fines and fees are paid and all terms and conditions of the settlement agreement are met. During this time Mr. Rusk must comply with all statutes, regulations, ordinances and codes regarding the practice of architecture in the state of Nevada.

Consultant Selected and Work Begins on NCARB's 2012 Practice Analysis of Architecture Survey

The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) selected PSI Services, LLC as the consultant for the 2012 Practice Analysis of Architecture. PSI representatives joined the Practice Analysis Steering Committee (PASC) for a project kick off meeting 18-19 August in Chicago, IL.

The Practice Analysis will guide NCARB in the future development of the Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®), the Intern Development Program (IDP), and

NCARB's contribution to the 2013 NAAB Accreditation Review Conference. The results will also be used to inform the Council's continuing education policies and programs.

Practice Analysis Survey participants will benefit from the ability to complete the survey in multiple short sessions, enhanced navigation and graphics, and the use of new survey techniques such as "matrix sampling." Matrix sampling tailors the number of questions delivered to each survey participant, thereby reducing the amount of time to complete the survey, while still providing coverage of a broad range of content areas across all participants.

The 2007 Practice Analysis of Architecture survey was distributed to approximately 50,000 architects with just under 10,000 responses. The 2012 Practice Analysis of Architecture survey is scheduled to be released in April 2012 and is anticipated to be distributed to more than 80,000 members of the profession due to the inclusion of interns and educators.

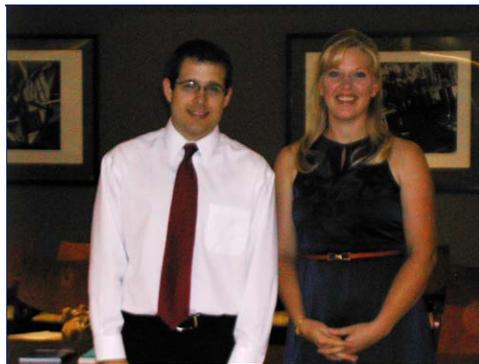
New Registrants By Examination

The board extends congratulations to the following individuals who were sworn-in as new Nevada registrants at the August 2011 meeting:

Architects

6711 Catherine Reyes (Chino Hills, CA)

6712 Philip J. Stewart (Hemet, CA)



New architects registered at the August 2011 meeting: Philip Stewart and Catherine Reyes.

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