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## Calendar

**October 24, 2012**  
Board Meeting  
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Board Meeting  
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## Moving? Change in

## How Are You Practicing in Nevada?

### Independently or under a board approved firm name ?

As a registrant, do our board records reflect that you are practicing independently under your own given name in Nevada? If so, please know the importance of actually practicing as an individual, rather than under your firm's name for any Nevada projects that come your way. Our office is being made aware of an increasing number of individual registrants using firm names that have not been approved by this board to practice in the state of Nevada pursuant to [NAC 623.740](#).

Just because a firm hires a Nevada architect, residential designer, or registered interior designer does not mean the firm is then qualified to practice in the state pursuant to [NRS 623.349.3](#). Unapproved firm names should not be displayed on business cards, proposals, contracts, letterhead, or title blocks for an individual registrant's Nevada projects. In order for a firm to meet the qualifications for board review and approval, 2/3 or more of the firm's ownership must be held by Nevada registrants consisting of any combination of the following: architects, residential designers, registered interior designers, engineers, and landscape architects.

If you are interested in applying for approval of your firm, please be aware that there are two different applications. If you plan to practice with other persons registered in Nevada, where 100% ownership of the firm will be held by Nevada registrants, you will only need to apply for [Firm Name Approval](#) pursuant to [NAC 623.740](#). However, if your firm consists of people not registered in Nevada, but meets the 66 2/3 % or more ownership requirement, then you will be subject to [NRS 623.349](#) and will need to submit the [Firm Registration Application](#) .

If you need further clarification as to how you are currently practicing according to our records contact the board office at 702-486-7300. If you would like to apply for approval of your firm name in Nevada, please visit our [website](#) for further information or feel free to give us a call. We prefer guiding Nevada registrants in the right direction at the onset, rather than addressing potential enforcement issues with them after

## 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 fax numbers
- New address, phone and fax numbers
- Email address
- Effective date of change
- A change to business or home address ?

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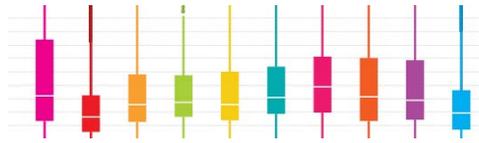
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they have improperly held themselves out.

## NCARB by the Numbers

### An inside look at data behind the profession



The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) recently released its inaugural edition of an annual data publication, *NCARB by the Numbers*. According to NCARB, the document has been received with much excitement and discussion.

*NCARB by the Numbers* is the first iteration of an annual review that the organization hopes to use to provide important information about key indicators in the profession. Part of their strategic plan over the coming year is to further produce trend snapshots as they continue to digitalize and data-enter paper files. The Council's intent is to provide a clear, definitive source of information about the past, present, and future of the architect profession.

Some information shared within the report, for example, reveals the average number of years an intern takes to complete the Intern Development Program (IDP). NCARB said the findings "bust a pervasive myth that IDP takes too long." Another finding in the report was that while many NCARB record holders achieve initial licensure in highly populated states with large metropolitan cities such as New York, Texas, and California, those seeking reciprocity are spread more evenly across the country, with the south and east picking up a significant share of license holders.

Learn more about the trend snapshots provided in the report by downloading [NCARB by the Numbers](#). NCARB is sincerely interested in hearing from anyone wishing to offer feedback on how they can add to and improve upon the report for future editions to be issued annually. See [NCARB by the Numbers Frequently Asked Questions](#) to learn more.

## Disciplinary Actions

(June 14-August 22, 2012)

Inquiries are routinely sent to both registrants and non-registrants for alleged violations of the Nevada Revised

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Statutes (NRS) and Nevada Administrative Codes (NAC). There were four cases this period that were submitted for board consideration and approved. Additionally, one case was closed because there was no basis for the allegation 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 and Engaging in the Practice of Architecture, Interior Design or Residential Design: NRS 623.360.1(a)(b)(c)**

#### ***Case No. 09-072N***

The allegations against *Robert Shachtman and Robert Shachtman Architecture* were that they held themselves out as being qualified to practice architecture and by engaging in the practice of architecture for a residential project located in Nevada without having certificates of registration issued by the board. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement and an administrative penalty of \$12,500 plus investigative costs in the amount of \$1,475.

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

#### ***Case No. 12-008N***

The allegations against *Dante Lepore and Dante Designs* were that they held themselves out as being qualified to practice architecture, registered interior design, and residential design without having certificates of registration issued by the board. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement and an administrative penalty of \$1,500 and investigative costs of \$1,000.

### **Failing to Engage a Consultant Where Necessary, Use of Unapproved Firm Name: NRS 623.145, NRS 623.270.1(f), Rule of Conduct 1.3 and NAC 623.740.1**

#### ***Case No. 12-042R***

The allegations against *Calvin Coatsworth (Reg. No. 3130)* were that he did not engage a consultant to prepare a fire protection report and used an unapproved firm name in Nevada. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement and an administrative penalty of \$3,500 and investigative costs of \$1,825.

**Not in Responsible Control, Aiding and Abetting  
Unlicensed Practice: NRS 623.270.1(d)(e)(f)**

***Case No. 12-043R***

The allegations against *David Udkow (Reg. No. 1156)* were that he reviewed and sealed architectural drawings that were not prepared under the respondent's responsible control and by aiding an unauthorized person to practice architecture in Nevada. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement and an administrative penalty of \$10,000 and investigative costs of \$1,650.

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## **Nevada Renewal Season and Deadline for Earning CEUs Fast Approaching**

As a courtesy to registrants, renewal notices will be mailed in late October this year. 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, 2012 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 2013 renewal packet. As per NRS 623.270, all registrants must advise the board of any change of address or place of employment within 30 days after the change.

Registrants will see a welcome change this fall to Nevada's continuing education reporting process. The board has done away with required submittal of the CEU Tracking Log in favor of an affidavit checkbox to be incorporated into the Registration/Renewal Form where the registrant will attest to having completed all required continuing education units during the previous renewal period. Randomly selected registrants will be audited and required to supply backup documentation to establish compliance with CEU requirements. The CEU Tracking Log will still be provided on the website for your own recordkeeping as you track CEUs throughout each year.

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, 2012. 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. If you have not yet earned all required CEU units for the year, refer to the next article in this issue of *Focus* for suggested upcoming continuing education opportunities that may be of interest.

CEUs must have been earned during the 2012 calendar year. No exceptions.

The only allowable structured CEU carryovers are those that were recorded on your 2011 CEU Tracking Log.

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

[Continuing Education Frequently Asked Questions](#)

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## **CEU Opportunities**

### **Renewal season is around the corner.....**

With the registration renewal season for Nevada registrants fast approaching, if you have not completed your CEU requirements, now is the time. It is possible to meet all of your Nevada CEU requirements online, free of charge, from a wide variety of providers.

Listed below you will find registration information and links to just a few of the many free or low-cost providers of continuing education. Please keep in mind that all units must be related to Health, Safety and Welfare (HSW).

#### **Attend a Class**

##### ***New ADA Regulations: What are the Impacts and How to Comply***

Friday, November 9, 2012

8:00 am-5:00 pm (check-in begins at 7:30 am)

Provider: Design Arts Seminars, Inc.

Location: Embassy Suites Convention Center

Ambassador Room

3600 Paradise Road

Las Vegas, NV 89169

RSVP: Register online at [Design Arts.net](#)  
or call 1-800-264-9605.

You may also register at the door.

Cost: \$245

This [8-hour seminar](#) provides in-depth coverage of the revised ADA-ABA guidelines in comparison with the currently-enforceable ADAAG standards. Also addressed are the implications of newly-revised state standards. The course helps designers and architects understand which standards to

use, and when. Design Arts Seminars, Inc. conducts a side-by-side comparison of the current ADA Accessibility Guidelines and the New ADA Accessibility Guidelines that are being released into the final phase of the legislative process. These will soon become enforceable standards for all US buildings and will affect just about every project built. This study will help participants learn how to integrate the new standards into designs and what to do when state requirements differ from the new federal requirements in preparation for the most major change in access standards in 18 years.

***Significant Changes in the 2009 IBC***

\*\*\*\*NOTE: Location Change \*\*\*\*

Thursday, October 18, 2012

8:00 am-3:30 pm

Provider: Southern Nevada Intl Code Council

Instructor: Doug Thornburg

Location: North Las Vegas City Hall

Training Rm 510

2250 No Las Vegas Blvd

No Las Vegas, NV 89030

Email: [snicc.org@gmail.com](mailto:snicc.org@gmail.com)

Phone: 702-406-3719

Cost: Free to ICC members (join and attend for free!)  
\$50 for non-members

***Variable Condenser Water Flow***

Tuesday, October 9, 2012

11:30 am - 1:00 pm (lunch will be provided)

Provider: Clark County School District Capital Program

Presenter: Keith Gritton of Gritton & Associates

Location: CCSD Capital Program Office

4170 McLeod

Las Vegas, NV 89121

RSVP to: Mark Emelko

Email: [memelko@interact.ccsd.net](mailto:memelko@interact.ccsd.net)

Phone: 702-799-6450 x 5011

Cost: Free

Description: Why is it that all other parts of the HVAC system have changed over to variable flow, but the condenser system has remained constant? Class discussion will focus on overcoming many of the obstacles that make it difficult to vary the flow in the condenser system. Presenter will then discuss with class whether variable flow makes economic sense.

***Green Building Design with Concrete Masonry Units***

Thursday, October 4, 2012

11:30am-1:30pm

Provider: AIA Las Vegas

Presenter: Patrick Jones of Superlite  
Block an Oldcastle Company

Location: Historic 5th Street School  
Auditorium  
401 S. 4th St.  
Las Vegas, NV 89101

RSVP to: [AIA Las Vegas](#)

Cost: Free (no-shows will be charged a \$30 fee)

In this seminar, attendees will discuss Green Building-Sustainable Design Benefits, including life-cycle costs and how building with concrete masonry contributes to Green Building and Sustainable Design. There will be a review of the new LEED 3.0 changes and a review of how concrete masonry can contribute to specific LEED 2009 credits and the health, safety and welfare of occupants.

***Fair Housing Act's Accessibility Guidelines:  
Design & Construction Requirements***

\*\*\*Attn: Northern Nevada Registrants\*\*\*

Friday, October 19, 2012

Registration begins at 8:30 am

Classroom instruction from 9:00am-Noon

On-site Demonstration from 2:00pm-4:00pm

Sponsor: Silver State Fair Housing Council

Presenter: Phillip Zook

2 Locations: Morning Classroom Instruction at:  
Reno/Sparks Association of Realtors  
5650 Riggins Court  
Reno, NV 89502  
Afternoon On-Site Demonstration at:  
Austin Crest Apartments  
1295 Grand Summit Drive  
Reno, NV 89523

Email: Register at [fairhousing@ssfhc.org](mailto:fairhousing@ssfhc.org)

Phone: 1-888-585-8634 or 1-775-324-0990

CEUs: 5

Cost: \$50 for entire day

More info: [Click here for a link to the classroom and on-site demonstration flier.](#)

**Browse the following sites for courses of your choosing:**

[AEC Daily](#)

[Lutron Electronics](#)

[Architectural Record](#)

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**New Registrants By**

## Examination

The board extends congratulations to the following individuals who were sworn-in as new Nevada registrants at the August 22, 2012 meeting held in Reno:

### Architects

- 6856 Todd Copenhaver (Reno, Nevada)
- 6857 Jason Jones (Las Vegas, Nevada)
- 6858 Paul San Gemino (Venice, California)
- 6859 Nathan Goodman (Las Vegas, Nevada)



*Congratulations to new architects pictured from left to right: Nathan Goodman, Jason Jones, Paul San Gemino, and Todd Copenhaver.*

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## UNLV's 2012-2013 Klai Juba Lecture Series Underway

The UNLV School of Architecture's 2012-2013 Klai Juba Lecture Series began September 24 and will continue with various lectures scheduled through to April 8, 2013. All lectures are held at the UNLV Downtown Design Center in the auditorium of the Historic Fifth Street School, 401 S. 4th Street in Las Vegas. Lectures begin at 6:00pm in the auditorium, with pre-event receptions in the gallery at 5:30pm. All lectures are free and open to the public. Click [here](#) for a [complete list of the upcoming lectures.](#)

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