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Written Exam
Las Vegas & Reno

Board Votes to Allow ARE/IDP Concurrency

At its October 24, 2012 meeting, the Board voted to approve a recommendation from the ARE/IDP Concurrency Committee to amend Nevada law (NAC 623.400) to allow graduates from a National Architectural Accreditation Board (NAAB) architectural degree program to take the Architect Registration Examination (ARE) while they are still in the process of completing the Intern Development Program (IDP).

Currently, forty-six states have adopted a similar process, referred to as “Early Eligibility” or “ARE/IDP Concurrency.” After reviewing the position paper put forward by the Committee, the Board agreed that amending NAC 623.400 would continue to encourage and support a strong pathway toward registration for emerging professionals, and would help to advance and expedite the process toward registration while continuing to provide a system that protects the health, safety and welfare of the Nevada public.

Nevada will still require completion of the NAAB degree, the IDP and the ARE before a candidate is eligible for registration. The intent of the regulation change is simply to change the order and timing of all three current prerequisites for registration. Additionally, all ARE candidates are subject to NCARB’s five-year rolling clock, so they must wisely time their tests so they do not lose any passing scores and have to retest.

The Board will conduct a workshop and public hearing on this regulation change in mid-2013, and expects this regulation change will occur sometime in August-September next year following the 2013 Legislative Session.

The Board extends its thanks and appreciation to the members of the ARE/IDP Concurrency Committee, comprised of members of the Board as well as representatives from the American Institute of Architects (AIA), for working together on this important issue.

March 15-16, 2013
WCARB Meeting
Providence, RI

March 27, 2013
Board Meeting
Las Vegas

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

Board Members

Greg L. Erny
Chairman

John R. Klai II
Secretary/Treasurer

Kimberly Ciesynski

George F. Garlock

Proposed Legislative Bill Draft

The board has submitted one bill draft request (BDR) to the legislature for consideration in the 2013 Legislative Session that would allow non-registrants educated as architects the ability to pursue registration as a registered interior designer.

Board staff will be tracking legislation of interest to the board's three design professions.

Renewals Have Been Sent

As a courtesy to registrants, renewal packets were mailed in early November. All Nevada registrants must renew annually. It is each registrant's responsibility to ensure that his or her registration is current. If you did not receive your renewal notice, contact the board office and confirm that your current address is on file. [Click here for a renewal form](#) or you may download one from the board website.

Additionally, registrants who wish to renew their licenses are required to complete eight CEUs in the areas of health, safety and welfare by December 31, 2012. Please see the article below outlining this year's changes to the CEU reporting process.

Completed renewal packets (renewal form and renewal fees) must be received by December 31, 2012. Please be reminded that Nevada has no grace period. Registrants renewing after the due date will be charged a late fee of \$220, in addition to the \$150 annual renewal fee.

Change in CEU Reporting

This renewal season registrants will see a welcome change to Nevada's continuing education reporting process. The board has done away with the CEU Tracking Log in favor of an affidavit checkbox that has been incorporated into the Registration/Renewal Form where the registrant will attest to having completed all required continuing education units during the previous renewal period. Registrants who are randomly selected for audit will be required to supply the CEU tracking log and backup documentation to establish

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compliance with CEU requirements.

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.

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 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. Effective this renewal season, the board will no longer track CEU carryovers.

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

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

CEU Opportunities

The December 31 deadline is fast approaching !

With the registration renewal season for Nevada registrants in full-swing, 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/or 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

Concrete Moisture-Getting and Staying Dry

Date: Wednesday, December 5, 2012

Time: 12:00-1:00 pm (lunch will be provided)

Provider: Stego Industries, LLC

CEUs: 1

Location: Pugsley, Simpson, Coulter Architects
Large Conference Room
2480 E. Tompkins Ave Ste 222
Las Vegas, NV 89121

RSVP: by Monday, December 3 to Helen at 702-435-

1150

Cost: Free

Description: Moisture in concrete is essential, but excessive moisture can lead to major schedule delays, floor covering problems, and other negative results. This seminar will discuss the two main moisture-related floor slab concerns, getting the concrete dry and keeping it dry.

Built-Up Roofing Systems

Date: Tuesday, December 18, 2012

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

Provider: Clark County School District
Capital Program Office

Presenter: Johns Manville

Location: CCSD Capital Program Office
4170 McLeod
Las Vegas, NV 89121

RSVP to: *Mark Emelko*

Email: memelko@interact.ccsd.net

Phone: 702-799-6450 x 5011

CEU: 1

Cost: Free

Browse the following sites for courses of your choosing:

[Architectural Record/McGraw Hill CE Center](#)

[AEC Daily](#)

[Lutron Electronics](#)

Board Elects Officers

At the October 24, 2012 board meeting the NSBAIDRD re-elected Greg Erny, architect, of Reno as the Chairman and John Klai, architect, of Las Vegas as the Secretary/Treasurer for 2013.

Others members of the nine-member board currently include George Garlock of Las Vegas (architect), Larry Tindall of Las Vegas (residential designer), Kimberly Ciesynski of Sparks (registered interior designer), Bill Snyder of Henderson (architect), JoAnn Oppenheimer of Las Vegas (public member), Sean Tanner of Las Vegas (registered interior designer), and Jim Mickey of Reno (architect).

Executive Director Honored for Distinguished Service

Gina Spaulding Awarded NCARB's President's Medal



The highest honor bestowed upon architectural professionals by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB)—the President's Medal for Distinguished Service—was awarded by 2011-2012 President Scott C. Veazey, AIA, NCARB to Gina Spaulding of Henderson, NV, at the organization's 2012 Member Board Chairs/Member Board Executive Conference in Boston, MA.

In honoring Spaulding, Veazey commended her for her commitment to the architectural profession and to the Council whose mission is to protect the public's health, safety, and welfare by leading the regulation of standards for licensure and credentialing.

Spaulding has been the dedicated executive director of the Nevada State Board of Architecture, Interior Design, and Residential Design since 2002. She has provided her insights and expertise to multiple NCARB committees, including the Professional Conduct Committee, the Internship Committee, the Governance Task Force, and the IDP Advisory Committee. She is currently chair of the Member Board Executive Committee. In 2009, she was selected to be the executive director of NCARB's Western Conference (Region 6), which represents Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Guam, Hawaii, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, and Washington.

NSBAIDRD Chairman, Greg Erny of Reno stated, "Gina's years of dedication to the professions of architecture, interior design and residential design extend beyond just serving Nevada's registrants, citizens, and visitors at the state level. Her genuine concern for the profession, her peers, and the public is reflected by her unselfish commitment to serve in various organizational leadership roles at both the regional and national levels. To say this award is well-deserved would be an understatement."

Information from this press release provided courtesy of NCARB.

New Registrants By Examination

The board extended congratulations to the following individuals who were sworn-in as new Nevada registrants at the October 2012 meeting:

Architects

6882 Marko Blagojevic (Fremont, California)
6883 Vincent Esposito (Las Vegas, Nevada)
6884 Rainer Grubmueller (Las Vegas, Nevada)
6885 Kevin Turchin (Las Vegas, Nevada)

Residential Designer

321-P John Hyeong Kim (Honolulu, Hawaii)

Registered Interior Designer

200-ID Megan Tagliaferri (Long Beach, California)

New architects pictured from left to right are: Vincent Esposito, Rainer Grubmueller, Kevin Turchin, and Marko Blagojevic.



Board member John Klai congratulates new residential designer, John Hyeong Kim.

Board member John Klai congratulates new registered interior designer, Megan Tagliaferri.



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.

Disciplinary Actions (August 23, 2012 through October 24, 2012)

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 ten cases this period that were submitted for board consideration and approved. Additionally, three 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 and Engaging in the Practice of Architecture, Interior Design or Residential Design: NRS 623.360.1(a)(b)(c)

Case No. 10-019N

The allegations against *Ahsin Rasheed and Development Design Group, Inc.* were that they held themselves out as being qualified to practice architecture and engaged in the practice of architecture for projects located in Nevada without having certificates of registration issued by the board. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$12,000 plus investigative costs in the amount of \$1,875.

Case No. 12-034N

The allegations against *Tima A. Bell and Tima Winter, Inc.* were that they held themselves out as being qualified to practice architecture and registered interior design, and engaged in the practice of architecture and registered interior design without having certificates of registration issued by the board. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$16,250 and investigative costs of \$2,250.

Case No. 12-039N

The allegations against *Kai Chan and KC Design Architects, Inc.* were that they held themselves out as being qualified to practice architecture and engaged in the practice of architecture for projects located in Nevada without having certificates of registration issued by the board. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$34,500 and investigative costs of \$2,200.

Case No. 12-052N

The allegations against *Anthony S. Tompkins and The Tompkins Group, LLC* were that they held themselves out as being qualified to practice architecture and registered interior design, and engaged in the practice of architecture and registered interior design without having certificates of registration issued by the board. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$5,000 and investigative costs of \$1,825.

Case No. 13-001N

The allegations against *Stephen M. Black* were that he held himself out as having a current certificate of registration as a Nevada architect and engaged in the practice of architecture

for projects located in Nevada. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$10,000 plus investigative costs in the amount of \$1,650.

Case No. 13-006N

The allegations against *Pamela Anderson, Laurie Miller, and Anderson/Miller, LTD* were that they held themselves out as being qualified to practice registered interior design and engaged in the practice of registered interior design without having certificates of registration issued by the board. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$7,500 plus investigative costs in the amount of \$2,375.

Case No. 13-008N

The allegations against *Jeffrey S. Kovel and Skylab Architecture, LLC* were that they held themselves out as being qualified to practice architecture and registered interior design and engaged in the practice of architecture and registered interior design without having certificates of registration issued by the board. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$8,000 plus investigative costs in the amount of \$2,345.

Holding Oneself Out and Engaging in the Practice of Architecture, Interior Design or Residential Design: NRS 623.360.1(b)(c)

Case No. 12-056N

The allegations against *Mountain West Senior Housing LLC dba Bonaventure Senior Housing* were that they held themselves out as being qualified to practice architecture and engaged in the practice of architecture for a project located in Nevada without having a certificate of registration issued by the board. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement and an administrative penalty of \$5,000 and investigative costs of \$3,375.

Not Being in Responsible Control of Architectural Documents, Permitting the Use of a Name to Assist Unlicensed Individual/Firm to Practice Architecture, Aiding and Abetting the Unlicensed Practice of Architecture: NRS 623.270.1 (d)(e)(f)

Case No. 13-005R

The allegations against *David B. Meleca and Meleca Architecture, Inc.* were that the respondent permitted the use of his name and seal to assist an unlicensed design firm to

evade provisions of Chapter 623 of the NRS and aided and abetted an unlicensed person to practice architecture in Nevada. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$10,000 and investigative costs of \$2,050.

Holding Oneself Out: NRS 623.360.1(b)

Case No. 09-031N

The allegations against *Takashi Sugimoto and Super Potato* were that they held themselves out as being qualified to practice architecture and registered interior design without having a certificate of registration issued by the board. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$3,000 and investigative costs of \$1,225.

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