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Calendar

June 12, 2013
Board Meeting

Design Professionals Earn Free CEUs in Joint NSBAIDRD/AIA Seminar Held in Las Vegas

"Codes with a sense of humor"...This was what one attendee had to say about the codes segment of the recent full-day continuing education seminar hosted jointly by the Nevada State Board of Architecture, Interior Design & Residential Design and the Las Vegas Chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

The NSBAIDRD partnered with the AIA on Wednesday, May 1 to provide registrants the opportunity to meet their annual continuing education requirement for Nevada in one day and at no cost to them. A boxed lunch was provided between sessions.

Held in Las Vegas in the World Market Center's

"WorldView on Sixteen" room, the seminar provided a great opportunity for members of the three design professions to join together in one location to interact and engage with their peers while experiencing an amazing panoramic view of the Las Vegas skyline from the expansive classroom. Several registrants commented that, in addition to the education that took place, it was a reunion of sorts with friends many had not seen in several years.

Those who attended the seminar have now met their 2013 Nevada requirement of 8 HSW CEUs, including Nevada's required minimum of two building-code related units. Certificates of completion will be provided to each of the 187 attendees. Anyone who was unable to attend, but would like to review the information covered in the three sessions can click below for the link to the presentation material or visit the board website and click into 'Continuing



Las Vegas Board Office

June 19-22, 2013
NCARB Annual Meeting
San Diego, CA

August 8-9, 2013
Residential Design Exam
Las Vegas & Reno

August 21-22, 2013
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 fax numbers
- New address, phone and fax numbers
- Email address
- Effective date of change
- Business or home address change ?

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John R. Klai II
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Education'.

The following featured sessions and speakers included:

["Top Ten Drop-Dead Contract Clauses Design Professionals Cannot Ignore"](#)

Presented by Jean Weil, Construction Litigation Specialist and founding partner of Weil & Drage

["Significant Changes to the 2012 IBC"](#)

Presented by Douglas W. Thornburg, AIA, VP & Technical Director of Product Development & Education for the International Code Council

["2012 IBC Southern Nevada Local Amendments"](#)

Presented by Kevin McOsker, Plans Examination Manager for the Clark County Building Department

Both the board staff and the AIA would like to express thanks to the presenters, the attendees, and an extra thanks to those who gave beneficial feedback on the Presenter Evaluation Reviews. Of the many positive remarks expressed, the general consensus was that attendees felt the topics were relevant, well-presented, and timely. Many specifically asked that we continue to host the biannual seminars.

The next joint NSBAIDRD/AIA full-day CEU Seminar is scheduled to be held in Northern Nevada on Wednesday, December 4th at the Silver Legacy Resort Casino in Reno. A list of featured topics and presenters will be forthcoming as the date draws near.



Governor Sandoval Appoints New Public Member to Board

The board would like to welcome Sandy Peltyn of Las Vegas as the new public member of the Nevada State Board of Architecture and Design.

Recently appointed by Governor Brian Sandoval to serve on the board, Ms. Peltyn, has been a Las Vegas resident for more than 25 years and is currently a principal of DeSimone Consulting Engineers of Las Vegas in charge of Business Development and Marketing.

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Peltyn stays actively involved in both a fundraising and organizing capacity with many local charity and cultural organizations having helped raise in excess of \$10 million in charitable proceeds over the years. Peltyn's philanthropic work includes involvement in more than a dozen organizations. Especially close to her heart is the organization Peltyn created together with her son R.J., the Foundation for Excellence and Distinction, an organization that has awarded over 500 scholarships to motivated and talented students of diverse backgrounds and cultures wishing to pursue higher education in Nevada.

Peltyn was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico, where she attended the Inter-American University and majored in Humanities with a minor in Music. She has performed throughout the world as a singer and hosted and produced two award winning television shows in Puerto Rico, and a talk show in New York.

Fluent in three languages, Peltyn is also a volunteer substitute Spanish teacher. Sandy has one son R.J., a grandson, Antonio, and a stepson, Michael.

Dewey Jones Residential Design

Exam Scholarship Announced

Starting in 2013, a group of Nevada residential designers will be fully sponsoring a residential design exam scholarship



being offered to all first-time exam candidates. The \$300 scholarship, which covers the cost of the four-part exam, will be awarded to every candidate who takes and passes all four parts of the residential design exam their first time. The four-part exam is administered in Las Vegas and Reno once a year.

Board member Larry Tindall said that the intent behind offering the scholarship is to demonstrate that "with hard work there comes reward" and to encourage residential design candidates to study and work hard to pass the entire residential design exam the first time.

The scholarship was named in honor of the late Dewey Jones, the 29th residential designer to be registered in the state of Nevada. The career achievements Jones was known to have been most proud of were his contributions to the creation and approval of the legislation enacting the Nevada Residential Design Registration and his service on the Nevada State Board

of Architecture. Tindall, who regarded Jones as a great mentor, went to work for Jones right out of school. Tindall said, "The Dewey Jones Residential Design Scholarship will help others fulfill their dreams as Dewey helped me fulfill mine. Dewey will never be forgotten."

Are you interested in applying? Upon notification that you passed all four exams, download the scholarship application from the Residential Design tab of the board's website. Return the completed application to the Residential Design Exam Scholarship Committee for review and approval. Once approved, each candidate will be recognized and awarded the scholarship in the form of a \$300 reimbursement of their exam fees at the board's residential design registration ceremony. The scholarship application and complete details will be made available on the NSBAIDRD website after July 1, 2013.

The next four-part residential design exam is scheduled for August 8th and 9th in Las Vegas and Reno. Contact the board office for more information at 702-486-7300.

Attn: RID Candidates and Employers
NCIDQ Announces
Important Exam
Changes



The board would like to urge all employers of potential interior design exam candidates to forward the information contained in this article to anyone in their firm that might be affected by the following changes to the NCIDQ Exam:

NCIDQ recently announced the following [important changes to the NCIDQ Exam](#) for 2013:

1. You can now take the first section of the exam anytime after graduation, before completing your work experience.
2. There will be new multiple-choice sections with a different focus on content.
3. You must pass BOTH the current paper-and-pencil multiple-choice sections by the end of 2013 or you will lose credit for the one you have already passed.
4. The new multiple-choice sections are now entirely computer-delivered at a network of over 300 testing locations in the U.S. and Canada.

For more information on how these changes might affect you [visit NCIDO here](#).

Central Registry for Interior Designers Launched

Joint Announcement From CIDQ and IDCEC



A new, streamlined automated process for interior designers to track their continuing education units and professional development activities has recently been launched. For the first time in history, the Interior Design Continuing Education Council Inc. (IDCEC) has centralized and automated the course submission process and the continuing education registry.

The central online registry will provide secure access for interior designers across North America to keep track of their continuing education activities. For more information on the features of the online self-serve system please visit idcec.org.

Disciplinary Actions

(January 24, 2013 through March 28, 2013)

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 matter this period resulted in an administrative hearing; Cases No. 12-022N, 12-030N, and 12-035N (*Spaulding vs. Puffinburger and Ideal Solutions*) were heard on March 27, 2013. The findings in this matter are detailed below under Board Finds Non-Registrant in Violation of Law.

There were five cases this period that were submitted for board consideration and approved. Additionally, five 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. 13-022N

The allegations against *Rex Lalire, Christopher March and Lalire March Architects, LLP* were that they held themselves out as being qualified to practice architecture and by engaging in the practice of architecture for a project 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 \$7,500 plus investigative costs in the amount of \$1,625.

Case No. 13-024N

The allegations against *Mountain Architects LLC* were that they held themselves out as being qualified to provide services that fall under the practice of architecture and residential design for three residential projects located in Nevada and engaging in the practice of architecture and residential design without having been issued certificates of registration issued by the board. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$4,000 and investigative costs of \$1,200.

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

Case No. 13-023N

The allegations against *Gary Wang and Gary Wang and Associates, Inc.* were that they held themselves out as being qualified to practice architecture and registered interior design for two projects 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 \$3,500 and investigative costs of \$1,625.

Case No. 13-014N

The allegations against *Alan J. Mayer and Alan J. Mayer Architect, PC dba Mayer + Associates* were that they held themselves out as being qualified to practice architecture without having certificates 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 \$1,875.

Not Acting With Reasonable Care Ordinarily Applied by Architects, Making Misleading and Deceptive Statements or Claims, and Using an Unapproved Firm Name: NRS 623.270.1(f), NAC 623.740.2, NAC 623.900.1(a), and Rules of Conduct 1.1 and 5.5

Case No. 12-026R

The allegations against *Allyson Denby Wong* (Registration No. 4564) were that she made misleading or deceptive statements or claims to complainants that she could design a home using complainants' design criteria that would be within their construction budget. Wong did not communicate clearly and effectively to complainant that the cost to construct their custom home far exceeded their construction budget. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement requiring the respondent to pay restitution to the complainants in the amount of \$6,500 and the board's investigative costs of \$7,500.

Board Finds Non-Registrant in Violation of Law

Case Nos. 12-022N, 12-030N, and 12-035N

The respondents, *Robert D. Puffinburger and Ideal Solutions*, are alleged to have violated NRS 623.360.1(b) and (c) by holding themselves out as being qualified to practice architecture and by engaging in the practice of architecture without having a certificate of registration issued by the board.

The board unanimously found Robert D. Puffinburger and Ideal Solutions to be in violation of NRS 623.360.1(b) and (c). The board imposed an administrative penalty of \$10,000 for the six causes of action violated. The board also ordered Mr. Puffinburger and Ideal Solutions to pay all fees and costs associated with the investigation and prosecution of the matter. The Respondent was ordered to cease making representations that he can provide design services and was ordered to contact the board office within 30 days of the order. Failure to do so will result in all fines, fees, and costs becoming due and owing within 60 days of the order unless other payment arrangements have been made with board staff.

CEU Opportunities

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). It is possible to meet all of your Nevada CEU requirements online, free of charge, from a wide variety of providers.

Plan to Attend a Class:

Roofing/Insulation & Coverboard Lunch 'n' Learn Opportunity

Date: Monday, June 10, 2013
11:30 am-1:00 pm

Provider: Johns-Manville

CEUs: 1 HSW

Location: CCSD Capital Program Office
1st Floor Large Conference Room
4170 McLeod
Las Vegas, NV 89121

Contact: Mark Emelko, CCSD
702-799-6450 x 5011
memelko@interact.ccsd.net

Cost: Free

Description: The Roofing/Insulation and Coverboard presentation will cover value and impacts of insulation on human comfort, heat flow principles, types of insulation with relative merits, how much to use, importance of a base for the roof membrane and the importance of energy conservation.

Lunch 'n' Learn Opportunity

Date: Tuesday, May 28, 2013
11:30 am-1:00 pm

Provider: COOK Fans

CEUs: 1 HSW

Location: CCSD Capital Program Office
1st Floor Large Conference Room
4170 McLeod
Las Vegas, NV 89121

Contact: Mark Emelko, CCSD
702-799-6450 x 5011
memelko@interact.ccsd.net

Cost: Free

Description: Contact Mark Emelko for more information.

2013 Northern Nevada NSBAIDRD/AIA CEU Seminar

Date: Wednesday, December 4, 2013

Providers: NSBAIDRD and NV AIA Chapter
CEUs: 8 Structured HSW (and code-related)
Location: Silver Legacy Resort Casino, Reno, NV
Cost: Free
Topics: To be announced

Browse the following sites for courses of your choosing:

[McGraw Hill Construction Continuing Education Center](#)

[AEC Daily](#)

[Lutron Electronics](#)

New Registrants By Examination Congratulated

The board extended congratulations to the following individuals who were sworn-in as new Nevada registrants at the March 2013 meeting in Las Vegas:

Architects

6930	Brian Michael Callanan (Jackson, NJ)
6931	Neil Lahav (Las Vegas, Nevada)
6932	Casey D. Sibley (Reno, Nevada)
6933	Audrey L. Snyder (Reno, Nevada)
6934	Jordan B. Wilday (Reno, Nevada)
6938	Kevin C. Burke (Los Angeles, California)
6939	Glenn NP Nowak (Las Vegas, Nevada)



New architects pictured from left to right are: Kevin Burke, Casey Sibley, Neil Lahav, Brian Callanan, Jordan Wilday, Glenn Nowak, and Audrey Snyder.

Registered Interior Designer



Board Secretary/Treasurer, John Klai congratulates new registered interior designer, Debrah L. Mach.

Attn: Reminder to ARE Candidates New ARE Systems and Blackout Period

In late August 2013, NCARB will launch a new portal for the ARE within My NCARB. The new service, called 'My Examination', will be located within the candidate's NCARB Record offering easy access to exam information (history, authorization to test, rolling clock dates, and score reports) and providing the ability to schedule appointments.



In order to facilitate the migration of data to the new portal, there will be an estimated eight-week blackout for candidates, beginning July 1, 2013. Though there will be no changes to exam content, the process to schedule an exam appointment and receive score reports will be different.

For all candidates, NCARB will grant an automatic 12-week extension to the rolling clock dates that expired during or after the blackout.

Learn more by visiting [NCARB's ARE portal link](#).