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## Calendar

December 4, 2013  
NSBAIDRD/AIA CEU  
Seminar  
*Reno*

December 25, 2013

## Board Members Receive Prestigious Silver Medal Awards

### John R. Klai II, AIA Honored with Western Mountain Region Silver Medal

John Klai, NSBAIDRD Secretary/Treasurer was recently honored by being presented with the AIA Western Mountain Region's highest honor, the WMR Silver Medal. The award was presented to Klai at the annual WMR Conference at the Jackson Lake Lodge in the Grand Tetons, Wyoming. It recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the institute, the profession, their community, the citizens of the Western Mountain Region and those who have transcended local boundaries in making those contributions.

Klai was selected for this prestigious award based on his years of continued support of the profession in the giving of his time and of his resources to the profession, the community, and architectural education. Klai volunteers as adjunct faculty and professional partner in the Hospitality Design Concentration at UNLV's School of Architecture for the lecture series program he established in 1997 that brings nationally recognized designers to speak on campus. In addition to Klai's support of Nevada's emerging professionals at UNLV, Klai travels regularly to his alma mater, North Dakota State University to meet with students, fundraise and serve as a trustee. He is well respected within his field and maintains an active role in licensing and regulating the professional practice of architects, interior designers, and residential designers on a state, regional and national level. Klai has received numerous other awards recognizing his personal work, passion and philanthropic support.



Klai has served on the NSBAIDRD since 1999 and was

Christmas Holiday  
*Board office closed*

January 1, 2014  
New Year's Holiday  
*Board Office Closed*

January 20, 2014  
Martin Luther King  
Holiday  
*Board Office Closed*

January 29, 2014  
Board Meeting  
*Las Vegas*

February 13, 2014  
Residential Design  
Written Exam  
*Las Vegas & Reno*

## Moving? Change in Employment?

Did you know that you have 30 days to notify the board of a change of address or place of employment per NRS 623.720? Conveniently download a [change of address form](#), or [click here to email](#) the following information to the board office:

- Full name
- Registration number, if applicable
- Old address, phone and fax numbers
- New address, phone and fax numbers
- Email address
- Effective date of change
- Let us know type of change-Business or home?

the board's chairman from 2005 to 2007 and is an architect member of the National Council for Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ) Board of Directors. In 2009, Klai, a NCIDQ Certificate holder became the first licensed architect to serve on the NCIDQ board. He has served on the Executive Committee of Western Council of Architectural Registration Boards (WCARB), committees for both NCIDQ and NCARB, and is currently on the Board of Nevada Public Radio. Klai is the president and founding partner of the Las Vegas-based firm, Klai Juba Architects.

## Gregory L. Erny Honored with AIA Nevada Silver Medal

Greg Erny, Board Chair of the Nevada State Board of Architecture, Interior Design and Residential Design was recently awarded with the AIA Nevada Silver Medal, an award considered to be of the highest honor for a Nevada architect to receive. The award, which recognizes a lifetime of distinguished service to the profession of architecture was presented at the 2013 AIA Nevada Excellence in Design Awards Ceremony held at the World Market Center in Las Vegas on September 20th.

In 1977, Erny graduated from Ball State University in Muncie, IN, with both a Bachelor of Architecture degree and a Bachelor of Environmental Design degree. He became licensed to practice architecture in Nevada in 1981 and founded Architects + LLC in 1983. Erny holds the NCARB Certificate for national reciprocity.

Erny, who has been on the Nevada board since 1996, has served in various leadership roles throughout his thirty years of service to the profession. Erny has served as president of both the AIA Northern Nevada and AIA Nevada Chapters. For more than a decade, Erny has also been an active participant on various NCARB committees, including the Procedures and Documents Committee, Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®) Graphics Grading Committee, the Alternative Item Writing Task Force, the Committee on Professional Development, and the Professional Conduct Committee.



Erny served on the Western Council of Architectural Registration Boards' (WCARB) Executive Committee from 2000 to 2006, including a term as Regional Chair from 2004 to 2006, as Regional Director from 2008 to 2010, and was again re-elected as Regional Director in

## Board Members

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2012. As the Regional Director, Erny is now a member of the Board of Directors for the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB), a position that influences and helps drive the future of the architectural profession. Additionally, Erny serves on the NCARB committee that is responsible for the development of the next version of the Architect Registration Examination (ARE). He is a resident of Reno and owner of the firm, Architects + LLC. His diverse practice includes a resume of single-family residences, as well as commercial and public works projects.

Randy Lavigne, Executive Director of AIA Nevada and AIA Las Vegas shared, "It is so appropriate that Greg was chosen to receive the AIA Nevada Silver Medal. He is directly responsible for establishing the Nevada Distinguished Service Awards program and the AIA Nevada Silver Medal back in 1993. Twenty years after establishing this important program for Nevada architects, he is, at last, being honored for his outstanding contributions to the AIA, the State of Nevada, his community and his profession."



*John Klai, AIA, and 2013 Western Mountain Region Silver Medal recipient presents the Nevada Silver Medal at AIA's 2013 Nevada Design and Service Awards Ceremony to Christina Erny, daughter of Silver Medal Award Winner, Greg Erny, who accepted on his behalf, with Randy Lavigne, Hon. AIA and Eric Roberts, AIA.*

## Reminder: It's Renewal Season...

The time has come to send in your annual Nevada renewal and attest to completion of the eight required CEUs. As a courtesy to registrants, renewal packets were mailed in late October. It is each registrant's responsibility to ensure that his or her registration is current. If you did not receive your renewal notice, you can download and print the renewal form from the board's website. Mail the completed form along with a

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check for \$150 to the board office address as indicated on the form.

Nevada registrants renewing their licenses are required to complete eight CEUs in the areas of health, safety and welfare by December 31, 2013. Two of those eight units must be building code related. New registrants are exempt from the CEU requirement the year they are licensed and the year following licensure.

Completed renewal packets (renewal form and renewal fees) must be received by December 31, 2013. 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.

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## **Attn: Registrants Upcoming Workshop and Public Hearing Scheduled**

The NSBAIDRD will be conducting a workshop and public hearing to garner feedback on proposed housekeeping amendments to the NAC 623 Regulations. A workshop has been scheduled for 10 am on Tuesday, January 28. The board will hold a public hearing at 4:30 pm at the January 2014 board meeting on Wednesday, January 29. Both meetings will be held in the board office in Las Vegas. [Click here to review the proposed amendments.](#)

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## **How Are You Practicing in Nevada? Independently or under a board approved firm name?**

Not only is it registration renewal season at the board office, but it is also that time of year for registrants to take a look back into their archives to check and see how they are really approved to practice in Nevada before completing and submitting their 2014 registration form.

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 continues to be 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 the application and 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 they have improperly held themselves out.

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## **Board Elects Officers**

At its October 22, 2013 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 2014.

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), Sandy Peltyn of Las Vegas (public member), Sean Tanner of Las Vegas (registered interior designer), and Jim Mickey of Reno (architect).

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## Board Welcomes NCARB Guests at October Meeting



Members of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) executive management team headquartered in Washington, DC were in attendance for the entire October board meeting as special

guests of the board. NCARB's Chief Executive Officer, Michael Armstrong, Chief Operating Officer, Mary de Sousa, and Director of Council Relations, Kathy Hillegas visited Las Vegas as part of a nationwide tour of state licensing boards, state and local AIA chapters, and schools of architecture throughout the United States aimed at gathering information to take back and share with their colleagues in Washington, DC.

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## Nevada Board Members Attend NCIDQ's Annual Meeting in Las Vegas

The National Council for Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ) held its national meeting in Las Vegas on November 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at the beautiful World Market Center in Las Vegas. Four of Nevada's board members and board staff were in attendance at the meeting. Member board delegates, the NCIDQ Board of Directors, NCIDQ staff, volunteers, and guests attended the annual delegates' meeting from across the United States and Canada.

Nevada board member Kim Ciesynski serves currently as the NCIDQ President and John Klai, NSBAIDRD Secretary/Treasurer is a NCIDQ Board Member.

Throughout the course of the meeting leaders and delegates focused collaboratively on the organization's ultimate goals to strive for and work towards in the coming year: Examination, Leadership and Marketing.

NCIDQ is the global leader in establishing standards of competence for interior design/interior architecture professionals. More information about the organization may be found at [www.ncidq.org](http://www.ncidq.org).



*Kim Ciesynski, John Klai, and Ernie Rhoads lead QTalk Session; Delegates receive Q2013 token 'poker' chips for presenting their state's Golden Nugget topic; The weekend kicks off with delegates enjoying a 60-minute excursion tour of Zappos new corporate headquarters in downtown Las Vegas.*

## **Disciplinary Actions**

**(August 23, 2013 through October 22, 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).

There were three cases this period that were submitted for board consideration and approved. Additionally, four 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. 13-049N***

The allegations against *James N. Wines and Sculpture In the Environment Inc. dba S.I.T.E.* 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 certificates of registration issued by the board. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$12,500 plus investigative costs in the amount of \$2,525.

Not Acting with Reasonable Care Ordinarily Applied by Architects and Deviating from the Normal Standard of Professional Care Generally Exercised by Other Architects: NRS 623.270.1 (c)(f) and Rule of Conduct 1.1

*Case No. 13-050R*

The allegations against *Shaun Yauch (Registration #6208)* were that he did not act with reasonable care and competence and did not apply the knowledge and skill ordinarily applied by architects of good standing. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement requiring the respondent to pay the board's investigative costs of \$7,125. Mr. Yauch was also placed on probation for two years, the terms of which include taking education courses in large vehicle maneuverability and advanced site planning approved by Board staff within 60 days of the Board approved settlement agreement in order to stay the administrative penalty of \$10,000.

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

*Case No. 14-002R*

The allegations against *Joel Sherman, Residential Designer (Registration No. 111-P) and JLS Design* were that they held themselves out as being qualified to practice architecture on the internet. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement and an administrative penalty of \$2,500 and investigative costs of \$1,000.

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## **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.

*Attend a Class*

### *2013 Winter NSBAIDRD/AIA CEU Seminar*

Date: Wednesday, December 4, 2013  
Provider: NSBAIDRD/NV AIA Chapter  
Units: 8 Structured HSW CEUs  
Location: The Silver Legacy Resort Casino  
407 N Virginia St  
Reno, NV 89501

Cost: Free

To Register: RSVP at [AIA's link](#)

**Course Description:** The Nevada State Board of Architecture, Interior Design & Residential Design in partnership with the Nevada Chapter of the American Institute of Architects offers this full day of Continuing Education provided without charge for all architects, interior designers and residential designers in Nevada. Session topics will include: Top Ten Drop-Dead Contract Clauses Design Professionals Cannot Ignore, Significant Changes to the 2012 IBC, and 2013 Northern Nevada Local Amendments.

### *Specifying Architectural Woodwork*

Date: Thursday, December 12, 2013  
11:30am-1:00pm

Provider: AIA Las Vegas  
Presenter: Richard McClure  
of the Woodwork Institute

Units: 1 Structured HSW CEU

Location: Pacific Showcase  
4555 S Procyon Ave  
Las Vegas, NV 89103

Cost: \$20 for Non-AIA Members  
Free for AIA Members

To Register: RSVP at [AIA link](#)

**Course Description:** This is an informational refresher course on architectural millwork and casework componentry.

*[Browse the following sites for courses of your choosing:](#)*

[McGraw Hill Construction Continuing Education Center](#)  
[AEC Daily](#)  
[Lutron Electronics](#)

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## **New Registrants By Examination Congratulated**

The board extended congratulations to two new registrants sworn-in by Secretary/Treasurer, John Klai at a ceremony held at the October 2013 board meeting in Las Vegas. The following individuals were

presented with their official stamp and certificate, and were welcomed into the profession by the board, staff, family, and friends:

**Registered Interior Designers**

204-ID Todd-Avery Lenahan (Las Vegas, NV)

205-ID Tiina Martin (Las Vegas, NV)



*Secretary/Treasurer John Klai congratulates new registered interior designers Todd-Avery Lenahan and Tiina Martin.*

*Wishing You & Yours a Joyous Holiday Season  
and a Prosperous 2014!*



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