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Calendar

March 26, 2014
Board Meeting
Las Vegas

April 17, 2014
RID NV Supplemental

2014 NCARB Regional Summit

The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) held its 2014 Member Board Executive Workshop & Regional Summit March 6-8 in San Antonio, Texas. Delegates gathered from each jurisdiction with the exception of Maine being the only state not in attendance. Representing Nevada at the Summit were the board's Chairman Greg Erny currently serving as the WCARB Region 6 Director on NCARB's Board of Directors and Gina Spaulding, Executive Director who currently serves as the WCARB Region 6 Executive Director.



This was the first-ever Regional Summit with all six regions in attendance. NCARB's Regional Leadership Committee purposed an agenda that would maintain a "regional flavor," including two-region networking sessions to discuss by-laws and other matters, individual regional caucuses, interesting special presentations, and opportunities to learn from each other.

NCARB's Annual Business Meeting will be held June 18-21 in Philadelphia, PA.

Regulatory Update

The Nevada Legislative Commission approved the adoption of new regulations revising provisions governing the practice of architecture, interior design and residential design on February 26. These laws went into effect immediately and were primarily housekeeping in nature, with the exception of the two changes to the law summarized below. The newly adopted regulations have been posted on the board's website under [Laws and Rules](#).

Exam
Board Office

May 26, 2014
Memorial Day
Board Office Closed

June 11, 2014
Board Meeting
Las Vegas

June 18-21, 2014
NCARB Annual Meeting
Philadelphia, PA

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?

Board Members

Greg L. Erny
Chairman

John R. Klai II
Secretary/Treasurer

Early Eligibility for the ARE

One regulation change to NAC 623.400 regarding 'Examination for registration' will now allow Early Eligibility for Architect Registration Exam (ARE) candidates. The passage of the Concurrent Licensure regulation allows graduated students and emerging professionals with a NAAB-accredited degree to begin ARE examinations before completing all Intern Development Program (IDP) credits. Nevada is the 44th state to now allow some form of concurrent IDP and ARE.

News of the recent passage of the concurrent licensure regulation was well-received Friday, March 7 as NSBAIDRD's Executive Director, Gina Spaulding and Tammy Bond, Public Information Coordinator spoke to a group of UNLV School of Architecture students in an AIA Students (AIAS) meeting held at the Architecture Library.

Spaulding shared that interns will now be able to begin sitting for exams immediately upon graduation prior to completing all of their required IDP credits. In the discussion with students, Spaulding explained the new regulation in detail, shared other valuable information in regards to testing and the pathway to licensure after graduation.

The meeting ended with a question and answer session between the students and speakers, Gina Spaulding and Chris Lujan, Associate AIA, the AIA NV Emerging Professionals Director.

Chapter 623 of the NAC is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 623.400 Examination for registration; oath before Board.

1. The Board hereby adopts the architectural examination prepared by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards as the examination to be used in this State to test applicants for registration as architects.

2. In addition to the qualifications of minimum age and good moral character which are prescribed in subsection 1 of NRS 623.190, to participate in the examination an applicant must, except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, have completed or be enrolled in the Intern Development Program of the National Council as the Program existed at the time of application for registration and have received a first professional degree in architecture from a program accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board, Inc.

3. An applicant who received 7 years of credits for education and practical training before January 1, 1986, may participate in the examination after the applicant has received a total of 8 years of credits for education and practical training pursuant to NAC 623.445. Of the 8 years immediately preceding the date on which the application is submitted, the applicant must have had 3 years of experience in the office and under the direct supervision of a registered architect.

4. An applicant who has completed or is enrolled in the Program for interns must have the National Council transmit

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adequate evidence thereof to the Board. If necessary, to evaluate the training received by an applicant who participated or is enrolled in the Program, the Board will require the applicant to substantiate the quality and character of the training during the Program.

5. Requests for information regarding the Intern Development Program must be directed to the: National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, 1801 K Street, NW, Suite 700K, Washington, DC 20006-1310, (202) 783-6500, www.ncarb.org

6. Upon the applicant's successful completion of all parts of the written examination, each applicant must personally appear before the Board to take an oath prescribed by the Board.

New Seal for Residential Designers

The second regulation change was the adoption of a new 'Seal for Residential Designer' under NAC 623.760 where the design of the seal has been changed to reflect a new round-shaped residential design seal (as pictured below) and the license number series will no longer end in the letter 'P' but will now end in 'RD'. A new stamp will be provided to each of Nevada's current residential designers at no cost to registrants. The board will be contacting all residential designers in the near future regarding the stamp replacements.

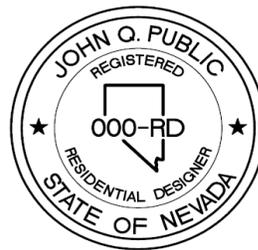
Chapter 623 of the NAC is hereby amended to read as follows:

NAC 623.760 Seal for residential designer. (NRS 623.140, 623.185)

1. Each residential designer shall obtain and possess an embossed seal, a seal designed as a rubber stamp or a seal in electronic format that complies with the following specifications:

(a) The diameter of the seal must be approximately 1 7/8 inches.

(b) The seal must contain the name of the registrant, his or her number of registration and conform to the following design:



Attn: Architect Interns Report Your IDP Hours with New Mobile App

NCARB recently launched a new mobile app that allows the reporting of hours for Intern Development Program



(IDP) credit making it easier than ever to report hours and review progress on the go.

The mobile app is currently available for free from the App Store for iPhone iOS7. The Council plans to develop a version for Android services in the near future.

This is just one of several recent system advances rolled out by NCARB intended to enhance services. In 2013, the council launched *My Examination*, re-designed *My NCARB*, and released a cloud-based practice programs service, to name a few.

For complete details on use of the new app, click [here](#).

Note: My IDP is designed for interns who have already established a Record and have begun reporting hours. To learn more about establishing a Record, click [here](#).

Attn: ARE Candidates Rolling Clock Reminder

A campaign is underway by NCARB to remind ARE candidates that any examination scores from before 2006 will expire July 1, 2014.

This July marks the fifth year since the June 2009 update to the Rolling Clock. Those divisions passed prior to January 2006 will begin to expire unless a candidate has passed all divisions of the ARE by the deadline of July 1 of this year.

To review your Rolling Clock history, log on to *My NCARB* and go to *My Examination*. All exams taken after 1996 (the start of computer-based testing) are visible there identifying the date the division or division credit will expire. Click [here](#) for answers to further questions regarding the rolling clock reminder.

Deadline Nears for AIA Las Vegas Scholarships

This spring the AIA Las Vegas Chapter will award

\$11,000 in scholarships to UNLV Architecture students.

The deadline for applications is Monday, April 21. Submit applications to : Randy Lavigne, Hon. AIA Executive Director, AIA Las Vegas via email at rlavigne@aianeveda.org OR mail to :

AIA Las Vegas
401 S 4th Street, Ste 175
Las Vegas, NV 89101
Attn: Randy Lavigne, Hon. AIA



Scholarships awards are available as follows:

For all students from 2nd to 5th year:
Carpenter Sellers DelGatto Travel Award-\$1,500

For students entering 3rd year in the fall of 2014:
Felicia Friedlander Memorial Scholarship-\$1,000

For students entering 4th year in the fall of 2014:
AIA Las Vegas Scholarship-\$1,500
Ric Licata, FAIA Scholarship-\$1,500
William Snyder Honorary Scholarship-\$1,000
SH Architecture Scholarship-\$2000

For students entering 5th year in the fall of 2014:
John R. Klai Honorary Scholarship-\$2,500

[Click here for further information and to download a scholarship packet.](#)

Expired Certificates of Registration

[Click here to see the list of certificates of registration that expired on December 31, 2013.](#)

Late Registration Policy

Registrants whose certificate of registration expired and have failed to renew their registration or complete required CEUs prior to the December 31, 2013 deadline must pay a late renewal fee of \$220, in addition to the \$150 annual registration fee.

Registrants who do not renew their certificate of registration within one year of its expiration can renew it before the end of the third year by: submitting a renewal form; paying the required late registration fees (\$300 late fee plus \$150 for every year lapsed); paying the renewal fee for the current

year (\$150); and completing the required CEUs for each year the license was lapsed.

Registrants who have not renewed their registration within three years of the certificate's expiration date are no longer entitled to have it renewed, but may have their certificate restored. The board will issue a new registration number and certificate if the person complies with the following procedure:

- a. If the expired certificate was obtained through reciprocal registration, the person must reapply to the board using the same procedure.
- b. If the expired certificate was obtained through examination in Nevada, the person must:
 - (1) Submit a new application to the board;
 - (2) Submit a certificate of good standing from every state in which he is licensed; and
 - (3) Appear for an oral interview.

For further questions regarding late registration, or to see if your certificate is current, please contact the board office at (702) 486-7300.

Disciplinary Actions

(October 23, 2013 through January 29, 2014)

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 six cases this period that were submitted for board consideration and approved. Additionally, nine 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. 13-025N

The allegations against *Philippe Starck* were that he held himself out as being qualified to practice architecture and registered interior design by engaging in the practice of architecture and registered interior design for two projects located in Nevada without having a certificate of registration issued by the board. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$20,000 plus investigative costs in the amount of \$4,075.

Case No. 13-035N

The allegations against *John McDonald and Wingstop* were that they held themselves out as being qualified to practice architecture and by engaging in the practice of architecture for two 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 \$15,000 and investigative costs of \$2,300.

Case No. 13-052N

The allegations against *Jill and Marc Abelman and Inside Style* were that they held themselves out as being qualified to practice registered interior design and by engaging in the practice of registered interior design for a project located in Nevada without having been issued certificates of registration issued by the board. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$7,500 and investigative costs of \$1,750.

Case No. 14-005N

The allegations against *Branislav Hetzel and Hetzel Design Inc.* were that they held themselves out as being qualified to practice architecture in Nevada and engaged in the practice of architecture for a project located in Nevada without having been issued certificates of registration issued by the board. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$10,000 and investigative costs of \$1,675.

Case No. 14-003N

The allegations against *Donna Levanthal and DL Design Architects, Inc.* were that they held themselves out as being qualified to practice architecture in Nevada and engaged in the practice of architecture for a project located in Nevada without having been issued certificates of registration issued by the board. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative

penalty of \$10,000 and investigative costs of \$4,100.

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

Case No. 14-006N

The allegations against *Philip Hettema and THG, LLC* were that they held themselves out as being qualified to practice architecture in Nevada. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$2,500 and investigative costs of \$1,675.

Northern Nevada's First Annual Joint NSBAIDRD/AIA CEU Seminar Held in Reno

One-hundred twenty-eight Northern Nevada design professionals braved Reno's first winter snow last December to attend Northern Nevada's 1st annual Joint NSBAIDRD/AIA CEU Seminar held at the Silver Legacy Resort Casino.



The NSBAIDRD partnered with the AIA for the second time to provide registrants the opportunity to completely meet their annual continuing education requirement for Nevada in one day and at no cost to them.

Some comments from attendees:

"This has been like a reunion...seeing people I've not seen in 20 years!"

"I need 18 CEUs for another state. This full day helped me meet those requirements for FREE!"

"I like getting the education credits all in one day! Please make this an annual event."

"Much better than online education. If it cannot be free, I am willing to pay!"

"Presenters were great resource people! Hard act to follow."

Like the Southern Nevada seminar held in May at Las Vegas' World Market Center, the Northern Nevada 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.

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 ICC

"2013 Northern Nevada Local Amendments"
Presented by Don Jeppson, Architect and Building Official for the Washoe 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. Like the Las Vegas seminar held in May, 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 Las Vegas in May. The location, date, and a list of featured topics and presenters will be forthcoming via email blast to Nevada residents and posted on our website as the date draws near.

Coming in May to Las Vegas 2nd Annual NSBAIDRD and Nevada AIA Continuing Education Seminar

NSBAIDRD, in conjunction with the AIA Nevada, will be hosting the 2nd annual Southern Nevada code-related continuing education seminar for Nevada registrants in Las Vegas in the month of May. The biannual seminars, held in Southern Nevada in May and Northern Nevada in the latter part of the year provide a way for the board to give back to the professions of architecture, registered interior design, and residential design by providing continuing education credits and educating registrants to potentially aid in preventing future

violations.

Specific date, location, and session content details will be forthcoming to all Nevada based registrants in a single subject email blast and posted on the board's website.

New Registrants By Examination Congratulated

The board extended congratulations to the following individuals who were sworn-in as new Nevada registrants at the January 29, 2014 meeting held in Las Vegas:

Architects

7053 Lance Kirk (Las Vegas, Nevada)
7052 Mark Mohning (Las Vegas, Nevada)

Residential Designers

327-P Alexander Mireles (Las Vegas, Nevada)
328-P Carlos Rivadeneira (Las Vegas, Nevada)

Registered Interior Designer

206-ID Chelsea Lavell (Las Vegas, Nevada)



Board Member George Garlock congratulates new architects Mark Mohning and Lance Kirk.



Secretary/Treasurer, John Klai congratulates new residential designers Alexander Mireles and Carlos Rivadeneira.



Board Member George Garlock congratulates new registered interior designer Chelsea Lavell.



January 2014 new Nevada base state registrants smile displaying their wall certificates as a crowd of proud friends and family witness the swearing-in and registration ceremony.

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

AIA+2030 Professional Series

Dates: Begins August 12, 2014 with Tuesday sessions twice per month through December 16, 2014
Time: 2pm to 6pm
CEUs: 10 sessions=40 structured HSW CEUs
Provided by: AIA Las Vegas

Created by: AIA Seattle in collaboration with 2030 Architecture
Location: The LGBTQ Center of Southern Nevada
Cost: Varies, depending on AIA membership or student status
To Register: Click [here](#).

Course Description: Helps design professionals create buildings that meet the ambitious energy efficiency goals of the 2030 Challenge. Ten, 4-hour sessions offer strategies to reach 60% reduction in fossil fuel greenhouse gas emissions, giving design professionals the knowledge and leverage to create next-generation, super-efficient buildings—and provide firms with the skills that will set them apart in the marketplace.

Sessions assume participants have an intermediate understanding of the suite of energy efficiency strategies and technologies available to a design professional. Session information is cumulative and aims to provide an overall understanding of specific design strategies and how they can be integrated to provide optimal results. Regional case studies will illustrate concepts and lessons learned. Experts from both academia and active practice will lead the sessions. Participants will be provided tools to take back to their firms to help share and implement the knowledge and skills gained.

Inspiration in Flooring Design

Dates: Thursday, March 27, 2014
Time: 11:30am to 1:00pm
CEUs: 1 HSW CEU
Provided by: AIA Las Vegas
Instructor: Mary Stewart of Centiva
Location: Historic Fifth Street School Auditorium
401 S 4th Street
Las Vegas, NV 89101
Cost: AIA Members are free. Guests are \$20.
To register: Click [here](#).

Course Description: The presentation will evaluate the sustainable attributes of vinyl products from a life cycle perspective. It will also address vinyl misconceptions and introduce new opportunities for raw materials and recycling.

Klai Juba Wald Lecture Series-Weather is What You Get

Dates: Monday, March 31, 2014

Time: 5:30pm to 8:00pm
CEUs: 2 HSW CEUs
Provided by: AIA Las Vegas
Presenter: Craig Borum
Founding Principal-Ply Architecture
Professor, University of Michigan
Location: Historic Fifth Street School
Auditorium
401 S 4th Street
Las Vegas, NV 89101
Cost: FREE!!
RSVP: No need to RSVP-just show up!

Klai Juba Wald Lecture Series-Inside BIG

Dates: Monday, April 14, 2014
Time: 5:30pm to 8:00pm
CEUs: 2 HSW CEUs
Provided by: AIA Las Vegas
Presenter: Kai-Uwe Bergmann
Partner at BIG
(Blake Ingels Group)
Location: Historic Fifth Street School
Auditorium
401 S 4th Street
Las Vegas, NV 89101
Cost: FREE!!
RSVP: No need to RSVP-just show up!

Coverings-Showcasing Tile & Stone

Dates: April 29 through May 2, 2014
Time: Daily featured sessions-see link
Location: Las Vegas Convention Center
3150 Paradise Road
Las Vegas, NV 89109
Cost: FREE!!
Register at: www.coverings.com

Overview: The Coverings Conference is offering the industry more than 70 conference sessions over four days - many of which provide CEU credits - it is completely free to attend. Coverings is an AIA/CES Provider and a NKBA CEU Provider Partner. Coverings also applies for continuing education units through IDCEC.

Note: Please be reminded that all Nevada CEUs must be related to HSW (Health, Safety, Welfare). Courses approved for LUs (Learning Units) ONLY do not meet Nevada's CEU requirements.

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