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## Calendar

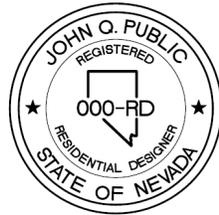
**June 11, 2014**  
Board Meeting  
Las Vegas

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

**July 4, 2014**  
Independence Day  
Board Office Closed

**August 7 & 8, 2014**

## Attn: Residential Designers Board Replaces RD Seal



All current residential designers will soon be receiving a letter via US mail from board staff regarding the recent board adoption of the 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). All residential designers will be required to obtain the new seal to comply with the regulation change. The license number series will no longer end in the letter 'P' but will now end in 'RD'.

The board will be providing the new stamp at no cost to each of Nevada's current residential designers who respond to the letter within the allotted timeframe given to respond. If we do not have your current mailing address on file please contact the board office with your change of address to ensure you receive this letter in order to meet the deadline to receive this stamp at no cost.

*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: (see above at left)*

## Is Your Firm Approved in Nevada? Protect Your Client...Protect Yourself

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](#).

NSBAIDRD  
Residential Design  
Exam  
*Las Vegas and Reno*

**August 20, 2014**  
Board Meeting  
*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?

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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.

At its last board meeting the board discussed a recent [Nevada Supreme Court ruling](#) in a case regarding corporate ownership of architectural practices. The board wishes to caution all Nevada registrants of the importance of ONLY entering into contracts with your clients under Nevada board approved firm names pursuant to NRS 623.349 and NAC 623.740.

Registrants are reminded to mind your contractual p's and q's when it comes to signing contracts with the client. The firm named in that contract must be the exact firm name approved to practice in Nevada or you run the risk of not being paid pursuant to [NRS 623.357](#) should your client bring any action in the Nevada courts for the collection of compensation for the performance of any act or contract for which registration is required pursuant to NRS 623.

While the board staff thoroughly educates new registrants we strongly urge registrants who may need to be reminded about Nevada's requirements to always know they can call our board office or email us with any questions. The website contains a wealth of information as well as archived past editions of the Focus newsletters that from time-to-time have featured issues of importance regarding how firms must practice in Nevada.

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. Or, as in the case of the Nevada Supreme Court ruling, we would hate to see a registrant not get paid for their services.

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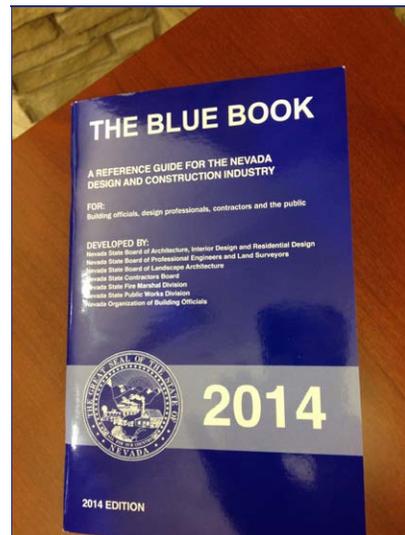
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## 2014 Blue Book Edition Released

The Nevada Construction Industry Relations Committee (NCIRC) published the 2014 edition of The Blue Book: A Reference Guide for the Nevada Design and Construction Industry. A copy of the booklet was mailed to each Nevada registrant in May with an [enclosed summary citing each major change to the 2014 edition.](#)



The Blue Book is a free reference manual developed for building officials, design professionals, contractors and the public. The booklet is intended to provide readers with a summary and guide to key elements of the laws, regulations and policies governing design and construction in the state of Nevada. It includes information about the role and duties of each design and construction professional, as well as information about standards for building plans. The last section in the manual covers Frequently Asked Questions.

You can access The Blue Book in its entirety at the board's [website](#) or stop by the board office for your own hardcopy of the book at 2080 East Flamingo Road, Suite 120, Las Vegas, NV 89119.

## Disciplinary Actions

**(January 30, 2014 through March 26, 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 was one case this period that was 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)**

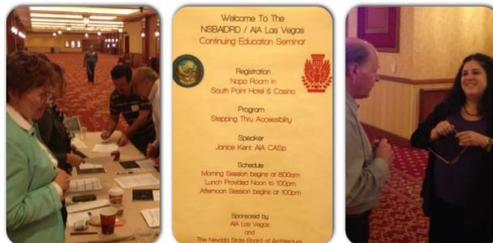
Case No. 13-0485N

The allegations against *Ryan K. Winterfeld and RKW Drafting & Design Solutions* were that they held themselves out as being qualified to practice architecture by engaging in the practice of architecture for three 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 \$10,000, which is stayed upon the condition of the Respondents being in compliance with all the terms in the settlement agreement and committing no violations of NRS 623 during the next three years. The Respondents are required to pay investigative costs in the amount of \$1,700.

## **Southern Nevada's 2nd Annual Joint NSBAIDRD/AIA CEU Seminar Held in Las Vegas**



On Thursday, May 22, the NSBAIDRD joined with the Las Vegas Chapter of the AIA to host Southern Nevada's second annual continuing education seminar. The one-hundred seventy-three design professionals in attendance were able to meet



Nevada's annual requirement of 8 CEUs in one information-packed day.

The seminar, held at the South Point Hotel and Casino, was presented in its entirety by Certified Access Specialist, Janis Kent, a licensed California architect with over 30 years of design professional experience. Kent's seminar series entitled, 'Stepping Thru Accessibility' was broken out into three sessions throughout the day: 'Stepping Thru Existing Buildings,'

'Stepping Thru Accessible Businesses,' and 'Stepping Thru Accessible Environments As We Age.'

Some comments from attendees were:

"The all-in-one day is great! Be sure to have it in Las Vegas at least once a year. Thank you!"

"Energetic and fact-oriented presentation made practical by speaker's experience and passion for the subject."

"I do a lot of ADA work. I noted at least ten new things to look for."

"Janis was the best speaker on this topic I have ever heard. Informative, practical, open-ended, long-term view. Wonderful!"

"Hit on items I thought I had a good understanding of; realized there is much more to it; clear aisles, etc..."

Both the board staff and the AIA would like to express our thanks to speaker, Janis Kent and each attendee, especially those who took the time to share valuable feedback with us on the presenter evaluation forms. Each form is carefully reviewed, taking into consideration the ratings of the program as a whole, the venue, speakers, and suggested presentation topics to aid in the planning of future seminars to fit the needs of Nevada registrants.

The next joint NSBAIDRD/AIA full-day CEU Seminar is scheduled to be held in Reno on Thursday, December 4. As she did in Las Vegas, Janis Kent will be presenting from her seminar series, 'Stepping thru Accessibility.' Watch for the location and further details to be forthcoming in the coming months via email blast to Nevada residents and posted on our website.

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## **Your Opportunity to Give Back Volunteers Needed: RD Exam Writing Committee**

The time is fast-approaching for the board to facilitate an update to the residential design exam.



We are looking for volunteer residential designers and architects to sign up for a 1-2 day commitment to serve in early 2015 on the Residential Design Exam Writing Committee.

Please contact the board office at 702-486-7300 or email us at [nsbaidrd@nsbaidrd.nv.gov](mailto:nsbaidrd@nsbaidrd.nv.gov) if you are interested in volunteering for the committee.

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## **New Registrants By**

## Examination Congratulated

The board extended congratulations to the following individuals who were sworn-in as new Nevada registrants at the March 26, 2014 meeting held in Las Vegas:

### Architects

7077 Marjuven Lucero (North Hollywood, California)

7078 Jerry Vargas (Las Vegas, Nevada)

7079 Amanda Twitchell (Reno, Nevada)

### Registered Interior Designers

207-ID Lyndsay Atwood (Las Vegas, Nevada)

208-ID Briana Tiberti (Las Vegas, Nevada)



*New architects pictured from left to right are: Marjuven Lucero, Amanda Twitchell, and Jerry Vargas.*



*New registered interior designers pictured from left to right with*

Secretary/Treasurer John Klai are: Briana Tiberti and Lyndsay Atwood.



March 2014 new Nevada base state registrants meet and greet with board members and display their wall certificates at swearing-in ceremony and reception.

## 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 provide 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: [AIA Las Vegas](#)

**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.

### **Acoustics for Architects: Myths, Misconceptions & Design Considerations**

**Date:** Thursday, June 12, 2014  
**Time:** 11:30am to 1:30pm  
**CEUs:** 1 HSW CEUs  
**Provided by:** AIA Las Vegas  
**Presented by:** Dave Kotch  
**Location:** FBP Systems  
625 E. Pamalyn  
Las Vegas, NV 89119  
(off Bermuda & Caballo)  
**Cost:** FREE to AIA Members. Guests are \$20

**Register at:** [AIA Las Vegas](#)

**Course description:** This course is aimed at architects in the hospitality market. Many in this market now realize they often require an acoustical consultant for their projects, but most don't know where to begin when it comes to hiring and communicating with acoustical consultants. Additionally, this course will begin to explain some of the fundamental concepts behind acoustics and provide some example design solutions.

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

[Architectural Record](#)

[AEC Daily](#)

[Lutron Electronics](#)

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