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Calendar

April 14, 2016
RID NV
Supplemental Exam
Las Vegas

May 26, 2016
2016 NSBAIDRD/AIA
CE Seminar
Las Vegas

Governor Sandoval Appoints Ann Fleming to Board

Governor Sandoval appointed Ann Fleming, a Nevada registered interior designer since 2001, to serve on the Nevada State Board of Architecture, Interior Design and Residential Design (NSBAIDRD).



Fleming is a native Nevadan with over 20 years of design experience, specializing in hospitality and gaming. Along with her business partner Ken Kulas, she is founder and owner of Cleo Design, based in Las Vegas. The duo has built a notable client list including the Seminole Hard Rock in Hollywood and Tampa, Florida; the MGM Grand Detroit; Wynn Las Vegas; and CityCenter Las Vegas, where they worked on the Cirque du Soleil Theater. Fleming graduated from University of Nevada Las Vegas with a degree in interior architecture.

Other members of NSBAIDRD include: Chairman George Garlock (architect), Secretary/Treasurer James Mickey (architect), Kimberly Ciesynski (registered interior designer), Greg Erny (architect), John R. Klai II (architect), William Snyder (architect), Larry Tindall (residential designer), and Nathaniel Waugh (public member).

Use of the Term "Architect" How to Stay Out of Trouble



A degree in architecture is the first step in obtaining a certificate of registration as an architect. During your studies, you may be asked to prepare drawings by your instructors. You may even be expected to include a title block showing yourself as the architect of record. While this may be acceptable practice inside the classroom it is a violation of state law to call yourself an architect unless you have a certificate of registration with the Nevada State Board of Architecture, Interior Design and Residential Design (NSBAIDRD). The terms "architect" and its derivatives (architects, architecture, and architectural) are protected terms and may not be used unless you are properly registered.

Don't forget about social media! Sites like Facebook, Twitter, Houzz, LinkedIn, etc. are great places to advertise that you are on the path to obtaining your Nevada architectural license but do not be misled

June 8, 2016
Board Meeting
Las Vegas

June 15-18, 2016
NCARB
Annual Meeting
Seattle, WA

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
- Prior Address and Phone Number
- New Address and Phone Number
- Email Address
- Effective Date of Change
- Type of Change Business or Home?

Board Members

George F. Garlock
Chairman

Jim Mickey
Secretary/Treasurer

Kimberly Ciesynski

Greg L. Erny

Ann Fleming

into calling yourself an architect or architectural drafter/designer. Remember you must be registered with NSBAIDRD in order to use the term or any derivative of the term "architect" as stated in [NRS 623.180](#) and [NRS 623.360](#).

This also applies to individuals who are registered architects in other states. You may not call yourself an architect in the State of Nevada unless you hold a certificate of registration with the Nevada State Board of Architecture, Interior Design and Residential Design (NSBAIDRD).

Additionally, you may be asked by friends and family to "draft" or prepare drawings for a project they have in mind. Don't do it! Preparing drawings for a project contemplated in Nevada without proper registration is also a violation of state law.

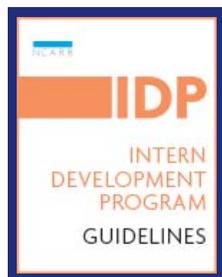
There are some circumstances where you may be allowed to prepare plans or specify furniture, fixtures, finishes, and equipment but these exemptions still do not allow you to call yourself an architect or imply that you are qualified to practice architecture. See [NRS 623.330](#).

The information above also applies to the terms "registered interior designer" and "residential designer" as they are also protected by Chapter 623 of Nevada Revised Statutes.

NSBAIDRD asks that all registrants share this information with their interns and help spread the word to unlicensed individuals.

Remember if you are unclear whether you need to be registered to proceed with something, please call the NSBAIDRD office. Ignorance does not absolve you from the penalties levied for violating the law.

Give Back to Your Profession Become an IDP Supervisor or Mentor



In an effort to support the next generation of architects, NSBAIDRD is asking its architectural registrants to consider becoming Intern Development Program (IDP) supervisors or mentors. Serving in either of these positions will allow you to play a vital role in the future of the profession of architecture.

For more information about becoming an IDP supervisor or mentor, visit the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards' (NCARB) [website](#). Please feel free to contact Glenn NP Nowak, NCARB's Architecture Licensing Advisor for the UNLV School of Architecture, at glenn.nowak@unlv.edu with questions concerning supervising or mentoring.

Today's interns need you so that they may become tomorrow's competent architects! Please give back to your profession.

Continuing Education Audits

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In April a percentage of registrants that renewed for 2016 will be randomly selected for audit of continuing education units claimed. Registrants will be notified by mail that they have been selected to provide verification of meeting NSBAIDRD's continuing education requirements. The notice of audit will explain the audit process and require a response from the registrant by a specified date.

Board staff will review the documentation submitted and determine if the continuing education requirements have been met. Registrants that have met the requirements will be contacted confirming compliance. Registrants failing to meet the requirements will be notified of the deficiency and offered an opportunity to resolve the violation.

The consequences of failing NSBAIDRD's continuing education audit are as follows:

1st Violation - The registrant will have 30 calendar days from the date of notification of failed audit to complete and submit new hours to meet the continuing education requirements. The registrant must pay a fine of \$250 and will automatically be audited the next registration renewal period.

2nd Violation - The registrant will have 30 calendar days from the date of notification of failed audit to complete and submit new hours to meet the continuing education requirements. The registrant must appear before the board, pay a fine of \$500, and will automatically be audited the following three registration renewal periods.

3rd Violation - The registrant will not be offered further resolution and will be subject to disciplinary action.

Registrants selected for continuing education audit are to adhere to the following:

- Carefully review CEUs before submittal. The board only accepts CEUs in the areas of health, safety, and welfare (HSW).
- Courses that are only of the "LU" type do not meet the board's continuing education requirements. Courses of the "LU/HSW" type are acceptable.
- Provide acceptable supporting documentation as proof of completion of a course or activity. CEUs claimed without acceptable supporting documentation will not be accepted by the board.

Please visit [NSBAIDRD's website](#) or call the board office at 702-486-7300 for further information.



NSBAIDRD and AIA NEVADA



Continuing Education Seminar

Coming to Las Vegas - Thursday, May 26

This is the fourth year that AIA Nevada and NSBAIDRD will be hosting their annual continuing education seminar for NSBAIDRD registrants. The seminar allows NSBAIDRD's design professionals to meet Nevada's annual continuing education requirement of eight health, safety, and welfare (HSW) continuing education units (CEUs) in one day at a minimal cost.

The first presentation of the 2016 seminar will be held on Thursday, May 26 in Las Vegas at World Market Center. The registration fee will be \$30 per registrant. Session content will be announced in the near future via email and on [NSBAIDRD's website](#).

The seminar will be offered again in December in Reno to accommodate registrants in northern Nevada.

ATTENTION REGISTRANTS!

2016 marks the fourth year that NSBAIDRD and AIA Nevada have been providing high quality, convenient, low cost continuing education to Nevada registrants through their annual Continuing Education Seminar. Last year, in order to keep the cost of registration low, the event was sponsored.

**SPONSORSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES**

While sponsorship for 2016 has already been filled, NSBAIDRD and AIA Nevada are seeking sponsorship for 2017 and future seminars.

Do you know anyone that may be interested in sponsorship? If so, please contact **Ginger Hahn** at 702-486-7300 or ghahn@nsbaidrd.nv.gov.

[Please click here for an overview of the event and sponsorship details.](#)

New Registrants by Examination

The board extended congratulations to the following individuals who were sworn in as new Nevada registrants at the January 14, 2016 meeting held in Reno and the March 2, 2016 meeting held in Las Vegas:

Architects:

7373 Jared A. Lebo (Las Vegas, NV)
7374 Clemente Cicoria (Las Vegas, NV)
7375 Aaron M. Malmedal (Las Vegas, NV)
7377 Arlee Fisher (Reno, NV)
7378 Namyd Lyoubi (Henderson, NV)
7417 Anthony Yue (Las Vegas, NV)
7418 Jeffrey Current (Reno, NV)
7419 Lisa Guiang (Foster City, CA)
7420 Ilon Kielson (Pasadena, CA)

Registered Interior Designers:

227-ID Quinn T. Lyttle (Sparks, NV)
228-ID Rachel Andersen (Las Vegas, NV)



Pictured from left to right are Nevada's newly registered professionals: Namyd Lyoubi, Clemente Cicoria, Jared Lebo, Arlee Fisher, Aaron Malmedal, and Quinn Lyttle.



Pictured from left to right are Nevada's newly registered professionals: Ilon Kielson, Lisa Guiang, Anthony Yue, Jeffrey Current, and Rachel Andersen.

Continuing Education Opportunities



Below is a list of a few of the many free or low-cost providers of continuing education. Keep in mind that all continuing education units (CEUs) must be related to health, safety and welfare (HSW). Visit the [continuing education section of our website](#) to find out more about Nevada's continuing education requirements and to see more continuing education course offerings.

Attend a Class:

2016 NSBAIDRD/AIA Nevada Continuing Education Seminar

The Nevada State Board of Architecture, Interior Design, & Residential Design (NSBAIDRD) in partnership with the Nevada Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) offers this full day of continuing education for all architects, interior designers, and residential designers in Nevada.

Date: Thursday, May 26, 2016
Provider: NSBAIDRD/AIA Nevada
Units: 8 Structured HSW CEUs
Location: Las Vegas World Market Center
Cost: \$30

Further information and a link to registration will be available in April at www.aianevada.org.

Online Courses with NCARB:

Program: Monographs
Location: [Online at NCARB](#)
CEU Credit: Hours vary from 8 - 20 by course
Cost: Free to NCARB record holders; \$100 -\$275 for others

Program: Mini-monographs
Location: [Online at NCARB](#)
CEU Credit: Hours vary from 1 - 1.5 by course
Cost: Free to NCARB record holders; \$35 for others

Browse the Following Sites for Courses:

[AEC Daily](#)

[The Architect's Resource](#)

[McGraw-Hill Construction Continuing Education Center](#)

[Red Vector](#)

Note: All Nevada continuing education units (CEUs) must be related to health, safety, and welfare (HSW). Courses approved for Learning Units (LUs) ONLY do not meet Nevada's CEU requirements.

Expired Certificates of Registration

[Click here to see the list of certificates of registration that expired on December 31, 2015.](#)

Late Registration Policy

A registrant whose certificate of registration has been expired for one year or less may renew by:

- (1) completing the online renewal process or submitting a completed Registration/Renewal form to the board office;
 - (2) paying the late renewal fee (\$220) and the renewal fee for the current year (\$150);
 - (3) and submitting a completed Continuing Education Unit (CEU) Tracking Log if not using the online renewal process.
- *Registrants using the online renewal process for late renewal will automatically be audited for completion of CEUs the following year.

A registrant who does not renew registration within one year of expiration may renew before the end of the third year by:

- (1) completing the online renewal process or submitting a completed Registration/Renewal form to the board office;
- (2) paying the late renewal fees (\$300 plus \$150 for every year lapsed) and the renewal fee for the current year (\$150);

(3) and submitting a completed CEU Tracking Log for each year registration was lapsed if not using the online renewal process. *Registrants using the online renewal process for late renewal will automatically be audited for completion of CEUs the following year.

A registrant who has not renewed registration within three years of expiration is no longer entitled to renew registration, but may restore registration. A new registration number and certificate will be issued upon restoration. The processes for restoration are as follows:

- If the initial certificate was obtained through reciprocal registration, the applicant must reapply with the board by reciprocity.
- If the initial certificate was obtained through examination in Nevada, the person must:
 - (1) submit a new application to the board and pay the required fees;
 - (2) submit a certificate of good standing from every state in which he/she is licensed;
 - (3) and appear for an oral interview if required by the board.

For more information please contact the board office at (702) 486-7300.

Disciplinary Actions

(October 22, 2015 through March 1, 2016)

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 7 cases this period that were submitted for board consideration and approved. Additionally, 3 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 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, Advertising, and Unlicensed Practice of Architecture, Registered Interior Design, or Residential Design: NRS 623.360.1 \(a\)\(b\)\(c\)](#)

Case Number 16-006N

The allegations against *James H. Eserts and Eserts Architecture* were that they held themselves out as being qualified to practice architecture in Nevada and engaged in the practice of architecture in Nevada without having a certification of registration issued by the board. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$13,500 plus investigative costs of \$1,500.

Case Number 16-009N

The allegations against *Shaheen Bouman and Technical Group, Inc.* were that they held themselves out as being qualified to practice architecture in Nevada and engaged in the practice of architecture in Nevada without having a certification of registration issued by the board. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$5,000 plus investigative costs of \$1,500.

Case Number 16-010N

The allegations against *Margit Whitlock and Architectural Concepts, Inc.* were that they held themselves out as being qualified to practice architecture and advertising Nevada projects without having a certificate of registration issued by the board. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$3,500 plus investigative costs of \$1,500.

Case Number 16-014N

The allegations against *Nicholas Dietch, Deborah Guthrie, and Mainstreet Architectes + Planners, Inc.* were that they held themselves out as being qualified to practice architecture and 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 \$12,500 plus investigative costs of \$1,000.

Case Number 16-015N

The allegations against *Lindsay Works and Polkingham Group Architects, Inc.* 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 incorporating an administrative penalty of \$7,500 plus investigative costs of \$1,000.

Case Number 16-017N

The allegations against *Caryn M. Bailey and rAd Architects, Inc.* 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 incorporating an administrative penalty of \$12,500 plus investigative costs of \$1,000.

Case Number 16-022N

The allegations against *Daniel L. Witting* were that he held himself out as being qualified to practice architecture in Nevada and engaged in the practice in Nevada without having a certification of registration issued by the board. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of

\$8,500 plus investigative costs of \$1,000.

Board Finds Non-Registrants in Violation of Law

Case No. 15-001N

The respondent, **Lewis Zaumeyer**, was alleged to have violated NRS 623.360.1(a), (b), and (c) by holding himself out as being qualified to practice architecture and engaging in the practice of architecture without having a certificate of registration issued by the board. The facts showed that while Mr. Zaumeyer had a valid Nevada architect's registration, he had allowed it to lapse in 2008 and had continued, thereafter, to perform architectural services.

The board unanimously found Lewis Zaumeyer to be in violation of NRS 623.360.1(a), (b), and (c). The board levied the maximum civil administrative penalty of \$10,000 for the cause of action and ordered the respondent to pay all fees and costs associated with the investigation and prosecution of the matter in the amount of \$4,242.21. The board ordered Lewis Zaumeyer to cease and desist any and all activities that constitute the practice of architecture, residential design, or interior design in Nevada until he is registered in Nevada.

Case No. 16-001N

The respondent, **Ronald B. Chalmers**, was alleged to have violated NRS 623.360.1(a) and (b) by holding himself out as being qualified to practice architecture and advertising himself as an architect without having a certificate of registration issued by the board; NAC 623.740 by using a firm name that was not properly and validly approved by the board; and NAC 623.310(5) by using the term "principal" on his business card without holding a valid registration as an architect or interior designer.

The board unanimously found Ronald B. Chalmers to be in violation of NRS 623.360.1(a) and (b), NAC 623.740, and NAC 623.310(5). The board levied the maximum civil administrative penalty of \$30,000 for the three causes of action and ordered the respondent to pay all fees and costs associated with the investigation and prosecution of the matter in the amount of \$3,165.29. The board also ordered Ronald B. Chalmers to cease all advertising indicating the he is qualified to practice architecture, residential design, or interior design.

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