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Registrations Expire December 31

Last Year for Mailed Renewal Reminders

All certificates of registration expire on December 31, 2019. You can [renew online or download a renewal form](#) and mail it to the board office. All renewals must be received by December 31 or a late fee of \$220 will be charged, in addition to the \$150 annual renewal fee.

This year, 2019, will be the last year the board sends courtesy renewal reminders through the US Mail. Starting in 2020, a courtesy reminder that your license is set to expire will only be sent via email.

Please make sure your email address is current. (If you received this newsletter via email directly from the board, your email address is current.) Remember, if your email address changes during the year, you must update it with the board.

You can check and update your email address through the board's website or by contacting the board directly. To use the website, go to the [Renew Online page](#) and log in with your registration number and password.

Las Vegas Architect Tina Wichmann Appointed to Board

Current Board Members Reappointed

Governor Steve Sisolak recently appointed Tina Wichmann, a Las Vegas architect, to serve on the Nevada State Board of Architecture, Interior Design and Residential Design.

Wichmann has been a Nevada licensed architect since 2010 and received her Master of Architecture from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, School of Architecture. Wichmann is co-founder and principal of Bunnyfish Studio, an architecture and interior design firm with offices in downtown Las Vegas and Reno.

Wichmann serves as a leader and role model for women in a largely male-dominated field. She regularly participates in speaking engagements for women in the construction industry and mentors up-and-coming women architects through Bunnyfish's internship program.



Calendar

December 5, 2019

7th Annual NSBAIDRD /
AIA CEU Seminar
Las Vegas

December 31, 2019

Certificates of Registration
Expire

January 15, 2020

Board Meeting
Las Vegas

February 6, 2020

Residential Design Exam
Las Vegas and Reno

March 4, 2020

Board Meeting
Las Vegas

Board Members

Kimberly Ciesynski
Chair

James Mickey
Secretary/Treasurer

Gregory L. Erny

Ann Fleming

George F. Garlock

John Morelli

Additionally, Governor Sisolak reappointed the following board members whose terms expired on October 31: Kimberly Ciesynski, Chair (registered interior designer), John Morelli (residential designer), and William Snyder (architect).



Architect Board Member Tina Wichmann

William E. Snyder

Nathaniel Waugh

Tina Wichmann

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Moving? Changing Jobs?

Registrants have 30 days to notify the board of a change of address or place of employment per NRS 623.720.

Download a [change of address form](#), or [email the following information](#) to the board office:

- Full name
- Registration Number
- Prior Address & Phone #
- New Address & Phone #
- Email Address
- Effective Date of Change
- Type of Change (Business or Home)

NSBAIDRD / AIA

CEU SEMINAR

December 5, 2019

Worldview On 16
World Market Center
475 S Grand Central Pkwy
Las Vegas

**Las Vegas Continuing Education Seminar
Scheduled for December 5**

Still need your CEUs for renewal? Join us for the 7th Annual NSBAIDRD/AIA Continuing Education Seminar in Las Vegas. This year's southern Nevada seminar will be held at Worldview on 16 at the World Market Center, on Thursday December 5, 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Attendees can earn all eight CEUs required for registration renewal in Nevada. Registration is \$65 and includes continental breakfast and lunch.

Sessions include:

Professional Ethics: A Duty to Live Up To
Presented by James Mickey, AIA and Jared Zurn, AIA, NCARB

Aging in Place: Designing the Aging Experience in the 21st Century
Presented by Attila Lawrence and Marisela Thompson

Introduction to the Living Building Challenge
Presented by Alexia Chen, AIA

2018 IBC Transition from the 2012 IBC
Presented by Jerry Steuve, Clark County Department of Building & Fire Prevention

Registration is open until December 3. Don't delay, register now at [AIA Nevada](#).

NSBAIDRD on Social Media

Follow the board on Facebook and Twitter for the latest happenings, upcoming deadlines, CEU opportunities and more.

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New Registrants By Examination



New architects Andrew Martin (Las Vegas) #8232, Sean Miller (Las Vegas) #8233, Victoria Cousino (Las Vegas) #8229, Eric Gross (Las Vegas) #8230, and Charlotte Hagen-Cazes (Fallon) #89406, with Secretary/Treasurer James Mickey at the October board meeting.

TMCC Offering Revit Classes

Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC) is offering two sessions on Revit in January. Classes will be held at TMCC's William Pennington Applied Technology Center, 475 Edison Way, Reno. Advance registration is required.

Each student will receive TMCC's own Revit Handbook, a helpful guide "created by students for students" and edited by practicing architects. Course content includes:

SESSION 1: INTRODUCTORY CLASSES PART I

When: January 6-10, 2020, 5:30pm-9:30pm

Cost: \$500

CEUs: 10 HSW

Topics Covered:

- * Creating your project (creating a new file, tabs, commands, and phasing)
- * Creating walls (drawing/editing walls, creating new wall types, wall sweeps, and 3-D views)
- * Understanding drawing components (drawing floors, doors, windows, curtain walls, roofs, and creating custom roof types)
- * Understanding detailing components (detail level and visual style, components, columns, perspective views, dimensions, section views, filled regions and changing level names)

SESSION 2: INTRODUCTORY CLASSES PART II

When: January 13-17, 2020, 5:30pm-9:30pm

Cost: \$500

CEUs: 10 HSW

Topics Covered:

- * Creating your project site (creating property lines and site topography, building pads and graded regions)
- * Massing components (stair/railings and massing)
- * Finalizing your project (room tags, legends/schedules, sheets, and printing)

For more information about the class, please contact Kreg Mebust at (775) 378-1111 or kmebust@tmcc.edu. To enroll online go to TMCC.edu. For enrollment questions, please contact Bruncha at (775) 824-3819.

Residential Design Exam Scheduled for February

The next administration of the Residential Design Exam is February 6, 2020. The written exam is offered in Las Vegas and Reno.

The deadline to apply for the exam is January 6, 2020. [Download the registration form.](#)

Don't forget, residential designer candidates with out of state experience can now apply their out of state experience towards their work experience credits. Prior to implementation of the amended regulation ([LCB File No. R073-17](#)), candidates could only earn work experience working under the direct supervision of design professionals who were registered in Nevada, or as an employee of a Nevada-licensed contractor.

For more information about the residential design exam or to register, please contact the board office at 702-486-7300 or visit the board's [website](#).

Disciplinary Actions

(August 22 through October 23, 2019)

Inquiries are routinely sent to both registrants and non-registrants for alleged violations of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and Nevada Administrative Codes (NAC).

There were two cases this period that were submitted for board consideration and approved. Additionally, three 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 respondents 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.

Aiding or Abetting an Unauthorized Person to Practice: NRS 623.270.1(e)(f)

Case 19-054R

The allegations against *Benjamin Girardin* (#5878) and *PGAL, LLC* were that he aided and abetted Scott Meiers in the unlicensed practice of architecture. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating administrative penalty of \$7,000 plus investigative costs of \$1,800.

Unlicensed Practice of Architecture, Registered Interior Design or Residential Design: NRS 623.360.1(b)(c)

Case 20-008N

The allegations against *Barbara Leon* and *Heleo+* were that they engaged in the practice of architecture, without having a certificate of

registration with the board. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$3,500 plus investigative costs of \$1,500.

Promote Registration in Your Firm

Do you want to promote registration in your firm? Do you have staff who are in the licensure pipeline or thinking about it? Are there unlicensed staff in your firm who have questions about Nevada law?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, invite someone from the board to speak to your firm! These small, informal discussions allow your staff to get their questions answered in a comfortable environment and give them personal contact with board staff. The licensure process can be long, and is sometimes confusing. We want to help!

Contact Stacey Hatfield, Public Information Officer, at shatfield@nsbaidrd.nv.gov with questions or to schedule a meeting.

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