

The 2005 IDP Coordinators Conference, jointly hosted by NCARB and the American Institute of Architects, focused on exceptional models of professional development in practice and education.

## IDP Coordinators Network in DC

NCARB was well represented at the February 2005 IDP Coordinators Conference, which was jointly hosted by the Council and the American Institute of Architects. Among those in attendance were IDP member board liaisons from 27 boards, regional directors, NCARB First Vice President/President-elect H. Carleton Godsey, FAIA, and NCARB staff.

Held in conjunction with AIA Grassroots, the conference provided state, local, and educator coordinators with many opportunities to share their experiences and network with AIA state and local components. Attendees also took part in panel discussions and learned more about the *Emerging Professional's Companion (EPC)*, the web-based resource that is redefining supplementary education opportunities for many stakeholders, including students of architecture, interns, and newly licensed architects. The *EPC* is especially geared toward interns who can use the resource to earn IDP credit.

### NCARB MEMBER BOARDS PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN IDP

Each NCARB member board is encouraged to name a current member board member as its IDP liaison. Architect members are often chosen as liaisons given the expectations associated with this position: IDP liaisons should understand IDP criteria and resources, state registration requirements, reciprocity issues, NCARB certification standards, and how IDP is organized at the local, state, and national levels.

Among their responsibilities, IDP liaisons keep fellow member board members apprised of IDP activities, national resources, and coming changes to the program; monitor IDP activities and encourage their member board to be proactive in IDP matters; and work with the IDP state coordinator and IDP educator coordinators to ensure program implementation and maintenance.

### WHAT COORDINATORS NEED FROM NCARB

During the 2005 conference, NCARB's Manager, Council Records, Sonia E. S. Woolf, fielded questions from attendees and noted that many were pleased with their Council interactions. Woolf explains, "We received rave reviews. Many explained that NCARB staff seemed more helpful than in the past, which I personally think is a step in the right direction."

Woolf also noted that the coordinators were interested in receiving NCARB publications, including the *Direct Connection* newsletter and the *IDP Guidelines*. Some also requested a clearer explanation of the roles and responsibilities of NCARB staff members.

At the close of this year's conference, it was clear that IDP liaisons and coordinators alike have much to share with one another and that NCARB would continue to build on its positive momentum with these integral groups as one primary means to strengthen IDP. **DC**