

Member Board News Round Up

ALASKA

The Alaska Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers and Land Surveyors welcomed three new members: Harley Hightower, Anchorage (architect); Mark Morris, Juneau (electrical engineer); and Richard Heieren, Fairbanks (land surveyor). All will serve through March 2009.

ARKANSAS

The Arkansas State Board of Architects has announced that several Rule revisions will go into effect on June 1, 2005, including a revised definition of "Emeritus Architect"; definitions for "Responsible Control" and "Technical Submissions"; and a further effort to define architectural practice by a firm (all offices in Arkansas must have a licensed architect on staff). Under these new changes, broadly experienced architects also will be able to qualify for licensure in Arkansas.

MASSACHUSETTS

The Massachusetts Board of Registration of Architects is working with the Boston Society of Architects (BSA) to support a policy that will give continuing education credit to architects who contribute their time by serving on public boards. BSA calls the proposed continuing education activity "Learning Through Public Policy." BSA is hopeful that the American Institute of Architects (AIA) will accept appropriate levels of credit toward their continuing education requirement. Recommendations for the level of credit and reporting process are being considered by the BSA; more information will be forthcoming.

MICHIGAN

The Michigan Board of Architects attempted to develop a joint agreement with engineers on continuing education; however, the engineers, citing a broad and varied profession, felt continuing education was difficult to manage and impossible to police. Architects have a requirement for maintenance of their membership in the AIA, and the board will continue to investigate incorporating CE requirements.

NEBRASKA

The Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects reports that the first year of mandatory continuing education has passed without crisis. Every 40th architectural renewal is audited by a board member for compliance with Nebraska requirements, those of other states, or the AIA. Those who do not meet one of those standards have until July 1 to correct the deficiency or their license will lapse without hearing.

TENNESSEE

The Tennessee Board of Architectural & Engineering Examiners reports that several pending Rule changes will become effective on May 28, 2005. They include: the addition of a procedure allowing applicants who do not hold an accredited degree in architecture to have their education background reviewed by NAAB's Education Evaluation Services for Architects (EESA)—a process that determines substantial equivalency to an accredited degree; and the reduction from 24 to 12 the number of professional development hours a

registrant must have at first renewal after initial registration.

TEXAS

The Texas Board of Architectural Examiners (TBAE) reports that the state's legislative Sunset Commission has initiated a new statute that can affect registered architects. Architects who allow their registration to lapse for more than 365 days will have their registration canceled. They must then basically start over again; licenses canceled under such circumstances may not be reinstated. A new application must be admitted, and the applicant must retake and pass the licensing examination.

WASHINGTON

Washington Architect Registration Board Chair and NCARB Region 6 Director Peter T. S. Rasmussen, FAIA, has received the 2005 Charles T. Pearson Community Service Award given by the AIA Southwest Washington Chapter. Rasmussen has practiced architecture for more than 30 years while also serving in a variety of civic and community roles within the greater Tacoma region. He is a former deputy mayor and councilman for the City of Tacoma. He and his wife Wendy donated the \$1,000 Pearson honorarium to support melanoma cancer research in memory of their late daughter Shelley.

Veteran Washington Board member (and former chair) Henry C. Hardnett, FAIA, will be among 66 architects invested in the AIA's College of Fellows in May 2005 during the AIA's National Convention in Las Vegas. **DC**