

The newest members of the 2005-2006 NCARB Board of Directors are also some of the profession's most experienced and well-regarded volunteer leaders. Meet the recently elected regional directors who will help shape Council policies, programs, and services in the coming years.

Four Highly Experienced Practitioners Join NCARB's Board

by Bill Houseman

This almost never happens. Four of the six regional directors who now serve on the NCARB Board are first-year members. And while they nominally may be called Board "rookies," their experience as mainstays in the Council's committee system aggregates into decades of invaluable service. All four enjoy recognition as well-regarded contributors to the examination process, gained through years of leadership responsibility for the Architect Registration Examination (ARE).

Old in service but brand-new to the Board, they were each asked how they regard the mission of NCARB and their expectations for it, and for themselves, as they undertake their work as regional directors. Their individual responses are reported here.

Andy Prescott of Potomac, MD, is recognized for his important contributions to the development, grading, and administration of the ARE. Prescott has served as chair of the Committee on Examination, the ARE Subcommittee, and the Vignettes Enhancement Task Force. He also has been a writer, grader, and group coordinator for both multiple-choice and graphic divisions. For nearly 30 years, Prescott was affiliated with Einhorn Yaffee Prescott, a well-regarded firm with offices in Albany, Boston, New York, and Washington, DC. As a founder and executive principal, Prescott managed projects in 45 states and 15 foreign countries that generated more than \$100 million annually in fees.

What is it about NCARB that persuaded you to commit yourself to assuming a leadership role in its work?

I find both the staff and volunteers associated with NCARB to be professionals who are clearly dedicated to the betterment of the profession while protecting the public. There is little politics, lots of caring, and good, hard work accomplished. I believe in giving back to the profession. It is the least I can do.

How do you manage to balance your family, professional, and NCARB responsibilities, considering the heavy work load?

Architects by nature and training are planners. So, if you plan your time and manage it like a good project architect, you should deliver the goods on time within budget. I budget one-third of my time for NCARB, one-third for my professional activities, and one-third for my family. Check with me at the end of the year, and I will let you know how I did!

What are your ambitions for NCARB?

My ambition this year is to represent Region 2 to each of its state's expectations. My ambition for the future is to represent all of the regions and states to their expectations.

Jeff Huberman of Charlotte, NC, is a well-respected volunteer leader whose professional acumen has augmented many of NCARB's most integral programs. He has chaired important Council committees, including the Committee on the IDP, the Committee on Procedures and Documents, and the Reciprocity Impediments Task Force. In 1971,

Huberman co-founded Charlotte-based Gantt Huberman Architects, a partnership that continues today. He is actively involved in project management, design, production, and construction contract administration.

What is it about NCARB that persuaded you to commit yourself to assuming a leadership role in its work?

My involvement with NCARB began many years ago when I was asked to serve as a grader for the graphic building design exam. Over the past years, I have chaired the IDP Committee, the Reciprocity Impediments Task Force, and the Procedures and Documents Committee. I believe that NCARB has a very clear set of goals within our profession and that my experience can help NCARB achieve its goals while at the same time recognizing that there are changes happening within the architectural profession.

Considering the heavy work load how do you manage to balance your family, professional, and NCARB responsibilities?

The most valuable item in the world is time, as it cannot be created or purchased. I am fortunate to have a high energy level, as well as understanding life and business partners who understand that it is important to contribute back to the profession.

What are your ambitions for NCARB?

My ambition for NCARB is to help make it the world leader in architectural licensing through the sequence of education, experience, and examination; to provide the means for reci-



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WESTERN CONFERENCE
(REGION 6)

procity for those who have earned NCARB certification; and to partner with member boards on common issues.

Mark Aspaas of Sioux Falls, SD, is a dedicated volunteer leader who has chaired or served on the Committee on Examination, the ARE Subcommittee, and the ARE Alternate Item Type Task Force. He also has written questions for the Pre-Design division and vignettes for the graphic divisions. As a principal architect and vice president of Architecture Incorporated, Aspaas has directed a wide variety of design, construction, and renovations projects. And as the energetic leader of the All Stars, a South Dakota-based “general business” band, Aspaas can rock out with the best of them.

What is it about NCARB that persuaded you to commit yourself to assuming a leadership role in its work?

I started grading the paper-and-pencil exam before I was on the South Dakota Board, back around 1990. I met a number of people who are still friends—and will be for life. More importantly, I found out how incredible the process is to write, administer, and grade the ARE. I had no idea how thorough the process was, and how fair it was to the candidate. I served for many years as a writer, grader, coordinator, assistant chair, and chair of ARE subcommittees and task forces. These commitments have indeed taken a great deal of time away from family and office, but the rewards of friendship, knowledge, and contribution to the profession have been worth it.

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I am very lucky in terms of my family situation. My wife Dawn loves to travel with me when she can and has made many close friends in the NCARB family. I take most of my time away from the office as vacation or continuing education. It is well worth the effort.

What are your ambitions for NCARB?

As a member of the Board of Directors, I find myself in an unusual situation within the NCARB family: I am a rookie again. Now, within the Board structure, I am seeing and learning another level of NCARB that is new to me. I have not decided whether I intend to run for higher office or not. Region 5 has not had national representation at that level for many years or [even] decades. If the rigor of the office and the demands of my personal and professional life do not prohibit it, I may consider higher office.

Ken Naylor of Salt Lake City, UT, has volunteered his time and expertise as a member of NCARB committees that draft questions for the General Structures and Lateral Forces divisions of the ARE. He also currently serves as the chair of the Architectural Licensing Board of the Utah Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing. For more than 25 years, Naylor has been associated with Naylor Wentworth Lund Architects, PC, which has offices in Salt Lake City and St. George and specializes in educational, commercial, and governmental architecture. As a founding

principal and president, Naylor has provided new ideas and concepts to a variety of clients.

What is it about NCARB that persuaded you to commit yourself to assuming a leadership role in its work?

My first experiences with NCARB, particularly while serving on the ARE Subcommittee, were extremely positive. NCARB seems to attract a wonderfully committed segment of the architectural profession, a group that is extremely enjoyable to work with. I also support the role of NCARB and consider its mission as very important to the practice of architecture.

Considering the heavy work load how do you manage to balance your family, professional, and NCARB responsibilities?

My wife and my firm are very supportive. If I had young children at home (my wife and I are now empty nesters), I probably wouldn't be able to participate at the national level. The educational experience, coupled with the association with very good people, makes the limited sacrifice well worth the effort.

What are your ambitions for NCARB?

I would like to see NCARB continue all the good services it provides—and to become even more successful in responding to individual record holders' needs, as well as furthering the effectiveness of the member boards. NCARB is in a unique position to impact and improve the future of the profession; many critical decisions will be made in the future impacting emerging professionals. I hope to assist in making decisions that will have the most beneficial outcome. **DC**