

Member Board Roundup

The **Alaska Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors** has welcomed four new board members: Burdett Lent, Wasilla (landscape architect); Daniel E. Walsh, Fairbanks (mining engineer); Terry Gorlick, Anchorage (public member); and Charles Leet, Palmer (civil engineer).

The **California Architects Board** has moved to a new location as of January 2006. Updated board contact information can be found on the CAB web site (www.cab.ca.gov).

The **Colorado Board of Examiners of Architects** is completing the legislative sunset process in which its program, statutes, and effectiveness are evaluated. The sunset report was issued in October 2005 and contained a number of recommendations.

One major recommendation concerns the protection of the term "architect." The report recommended that the word is too broad and should be "licensed architect."

During a mid-January 2006 hearing on the draft bill, the industry was successful in maintaining protection of the term "architect" with the legislative committee's support. However, there is a long way to go on the issue. The hearing on the bill was held on February 13.

Another recommendation is to combine this board with the Engineers/Surveyors Board due to the low level of enforcement activity. Without strong opposition the merge will likely occur on July 1, 2006.

The **Georgia State Board of Architects and Interior Designers** has implemented improvements for online license renewals and address changes. The board hopes that most license renewals will be completed online—and the improvements are a step in that direction.

The **Mississippi State Board of Architecture** has adopted the following Rules regarding price proposals under practice procedures:

3.02.9 Architects are encouraged to seek professional employment on the basis of

qualifications and competence for proper accomplishment of the work. This procedure restricts the architect from submitting a price for services until the prospective client has selected, on the basis of qualifications and competence, one architect or firm for negotiations. However, competitive price proposals may be submitted or solicited for professional services if all the following restrictions are met:

- a. The prospective client has first sought statements of qualifications from interested licensees, and*
- b. those licensees chosen by the client on the basis of qualifications and competence for proper accomplishment of the work have received in writing a comprehensive and specific Scope of Work, and*
- c. the Scope of Work has been prepared, signed, and sealed by a licensed architect who has attested to the completeness and adequacy of the Scope of Work, assuring that it fully identifies and describes the factors affecting the required architectural services, and*
- d. assurances have been given by the prospective client that factors in addition to price were considered in selecting the architect.*

Neither the architect that sealed the Scope of Work nor his firm will be allowed to submit a price proposal.

Randall B. (Randy) Miltenberger has been elected Chair of the Architectural Division of the **Missouri Board for Architects, Professional Engineering, Professional Land Surveyors, and Landscape Architects**. Charles C. Hill, the previous Chair of the Architectural Division, will remain on the board until his term expires in August 2007.

The **Nebraska State Board of Engineers and Architects** welcomed a new executive director. Melinda E. Pearson, AIA, replaced outgoing director, Charles Nelson, AIA, in early January 2006. Pearson has served on the board as an architect member since 1994 and was instrumental in drafting legislation that established the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act in 1997.

The **Ohio Board of Examiners of Architects** has changed several Rules in recent months. Electronic seals and signatures are now permitted; twenty-four hours (12 must be HSW)

of continuing education is required every two years. The Rule prohibiting retroactive assessment of IDP Training Units has been eliminated.

The **Oregon Board of Architect Examiners** has made amendments to chapter 806 of the Oregon Administrative Rules relating to direct supervision. The amended direct supervision Rule requires architectural services be delivered by agreement or contract directly between the architect/architectural firm and the person or entity for which architectural services are provided. Except as allowed when an architect works for a general contractor, an architect must now work directly for the owner and not for a designer, engineer, or any other non-registered entity.

The **South Carolina Board of Architectural Examiners** hosted a joint regional meeting for NCARB's Middle-Atlantic Conference (Region 2) and Southern Conference (Region 3) in Charleston in early March 2006. The board's newest member, Stephen A. Russell, was among those in attendance.

The board also hosted two "Ethics in Architecture" continuing education workshops in Charleston and Greenville during March and April. Attendees earned six hours of CE in health, safety, and welfare—and enjoyed low registration fees, thanks to the board's funding of these events.

In other news, the South Carolina Board has initiated legislation for proposed regulations to allow electronic seals and signatures. They will not likely be approved until 2007.

South Dakota Governor Mike Rounds recently appointed David B. Stafford, AIA, an architect with Rapid City-based Thurston Design Group, LLP, to a three-year term on the **South Dakota Board of Technical Professions**. Stafford has attended NCARB's Member Board Chairs Conference in Kansas City, MO, and the IDP Coordinators Conference in Washington, DC.

The **Texas Board of Architectural Examiners** has changed its renewal periods. Annual reg-

istration/renewal periods will begin and end on the last day of a registrant's birth month. Because of the shift in most renewal deadlines, invoices will have a prorated fee.

In other news, the TBAE has redesigned its public web site (www.tbae.state.tx.us) in order to make information more accessible to licensees and the general public. Using a password-protected section, registrants and exam candidates are now able to log in to their accounts to update address and personal information, submit required renewal data, and pay the annual renewal fee via credit card.

On January 10, 2006, the Texas Attorney General issued Opinion GA-0391 regarding the respective roles of architects and engineers in the design of buildings. The opinion concludes that Texas Law maintains the practice of engineering and the practice of architecture as distinct professions. The opinion holds that there is an overlap between the two professions in the area of building design that should be addressed in the Joint Advisory Committee (JAC), which

comprises architects, engineers, and landscape architects.

The **Virginia Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers, and Landscape Architects (APELSCIDLA Board)** has developed a web site that serves as a "forum" for debate about architecture at the University of Virginia (www.uva-architecture-forum.org/).

Built around an open letter sent to the UVA Board of Visitors and initially signed by 24 faculty members of the UVA School of Architecture, the forum encourages discussion about ongoing efforts to develop UVA's venerable Lawn.

The **Virginia Department of Professional & Occupational Regulation**, co-sponsored an accessibility student design competition, titled "New American Front Door," with the UVA School of Architecture. Students from Hampton University, UVA, and Virginia Tech worked toward re-envisioning landscape and architectural elements as a means to address accessibility and visitability challenges.

Selected from more than 20 entries, two student teams from UVA—Daniel Norman/Carter Williams and Mark Buenavista/Mark Craig—shared the \$2,000 first prize. More information about this initiative is available online (www.arch.virginia.edu/news/96 and www.arch.virginia.edu/competitions/visitability).

The **Washington Board of Registration for Architects** reports that the legislature passed Engrossed House Bill (EHB) 1848 during its 2005 session. The bill contains several sections that affect building permit application submittals and stamping requirements. The bill also defines multi-unit residential buildings and creates a system of inspections. Licensees practicing in this area are advised to educate themselves regarding the new law, and to work cooperatively with building officials as they attempt to implement these new requirements. **DC**

The state boards regulating the profession of architecture can vary in their board composition and in the scope of their responsibilities.

A Closer Look at NCARB's Member Boards

The 55 NCARB member boards share a common mission: establishing standards in order to regulate the profession of architecture while protecting public health, safety, and welfare. Often, though, they are quite unique from one another in their scope and member composition.

While some member boards concentrate on the architectural profession, many are known as multi-disciplinary boards. That is, architecture merely is one of potentially several professions regulated by the given board.

Certain multi-disciplinary boards stand out for the range of professions they regulate. For example, the Minnesota Board examines, licenses, and regulates six professions: architecture, engineering, land surveying, landscape architecture, geoscience, and interior design. Similarly, the Virginia Board oversees five professions: architecture, engi-

neering, land surveying, interior design, and landscape architecture.

The graphic found below offers a basic breakdown, by profession, of the 398 people who currently serve on an NCARB member board. Each of them has been appointed by their respective governor for a term that usually runs for five years.

For more information, visit the NCARB web site for an easy-to-navigate listing of member boards. A link to each board's web site is available. **DC**

Tally of member board member composition:

233	Architects
60	Public & Consumer
29	Engineer
22	Landscape Architect
19	Land Surveyors
15	Interior Designers
6	Civil Engineers
3	Mechanical Engineers
2	Structural Engineers
2	Geologists
1	Electrical Engineers
1	Mining Engineers
1	Environmental Engineers
1	Residential Designers
1	General Contractor
1	Geoscience
1	Soil Scientist
398	Total