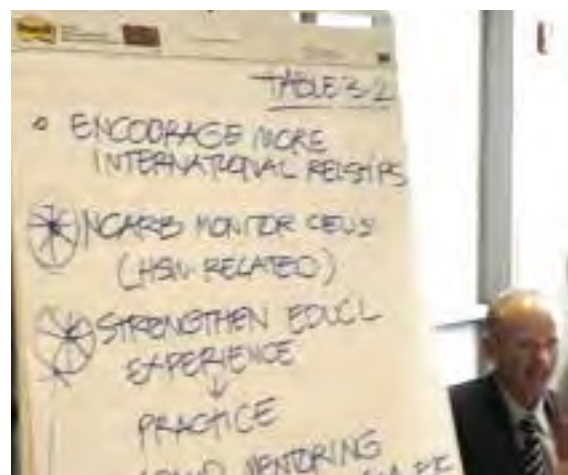


REPRESENTATIVES FROM 47 OF THE 54 NCARB JURISDICTIONS POSE WITH NCARB OFFICERS AND NCARB STAFF AT THE 2007 MEMBER BOARD CHAIRS CONFERENCE.



Member Board Chairs gathered in Memphis to share their thoughts about NCARB's goals at the biennial Member Board Chairs Conference last October.

Voices Heard in Memphis

In October 2007, leaders representing 47 of our 54 jurisdictions gathered in Memphis for the Member Board Chairs Conference. The two-day conference provided an opportunity for the Chairs and other delegates to voice their thoughts about where the future efforts of NCARB should be directed, and to discuss common issues and concerns they are facing in relation to licensing, regulation, and enforcement.

James P. Cramer of The Greenway Group, Inc. served as facilitator for the conference. In his opening comments, Cramer talked about why changing contexts will drive a different kind of future for everyone in licensing and architecture. He looked at the macro and micro trends in the global design and construction industry, and examined the ways architects can increase their significance and relevance in the future. He also presented a report from The Greenway Group on the 35 trends reshaping and revolutionizing the industry.

Members of NCARB's Board of Directors presented a summary of some of the major issues and dilemmas they are facing including: National Certification, Interior Architecture, the IDP Contemporaneous Reporting Rule, and the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) Accreditation Review Conference.

NCARB Executive Vice President Lenore M. Lucey, FAIA and Vice President, Operations

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Mary S. de Sousa gave an overview of the new NCARB organizational structure, introduced staff members, and outlined some of the major projects staff is working on. They also shared some of the challenges NCARB has faced in the past year including the need to hire a large number of senior staff and the unexpected office move.

NCARB staff teamed with Board members to present an update on each of the 11 Strategic Plan Initiatives. The Member Board Chairs then had the opportunity to comment on and inform NCARB's "living strategic plan." They also provided Board members and staff with feedback regarding services that are important to the Member Boards.

The conference, now held every two years, is an important piece of the information

gathering process NCARB uses to keep its goals current with the expectations of the Member Boards. **DC**



LEFT: DOUGLAS K. ENGBRETSON, FAIA, PRESIDENT, NCARB

CENTER: GEORGE GARLOCK, NEVADA CHAIR

RIGHT (LEFT TO RIGHT): DEMETRIUS A. NORMAN, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, RECORDS; LUIS A. MARTINEZ, ILLINOIS CHAIR; ROBERT E. LUKE, AIA, PAST PRESIDENT, NCARB