



## Moving to Green

In early December, NCARB moved to a new “green” office on the seventh floor of 1801 K Street. This move was necessitated by the sale of the building in 2006, and the new owner’s plan for a major building renovation.

After a serious search process, NCARB selected Gensler to design the new office space. NCARB’s commitment to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) goals and the environment were paramount when creating the new space. Basic sustain-

able design practices were incorporated into the design, such as re-using existing system furniture, specifying regional materials, and using low Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) emitting finishes and products. Now that construction is largely complete, the project team is compiling documentation that will be submitting to the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) to support LEED certification. USGBC comments and commissioning are expected later this year.

In the meantime, the staff has settled into the new, natural-light filled office. All phone numbers and e-mail addresses remain the same. Only the suite number has changed:

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## Council Celebrates Staff Milestone Anniversaries

In December 2007, six NCARB staff employees were honored for their milestone anniversaries. Shirley Lee, Customer Service Representative; Kelly Harrison, Senior Record Coordinator; Reggie Mattock, Senior Record Coordinator; and Roxanne Wheeler,

Manager, Records Processing all were honored for 10 years of service. Kenji Bohlin, Manager, Communications/Graphic Designer and Kekku Lehtonen, Assistant Director, ARE Development, were honored for five years of service. Congratulations to all! **DC**



# Tell NAAB What You Think

The National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) wants to hear your thoughts about the future of architecture education and accreditation. In preparation for the 2008 Accreditation Review Conference (ARC), NAAB has established a web forum where you can voice an opinion, make a suggestion, or share an idea on how conditions and criteria can be revised, improved, or expanded.

The web forum will be used to complement and supplement the work that NCARB, and the other architectural organizations have been doing as part of cross-collateral task groups. If you'd like to read the *NCARB Draft Position Paper for the NAAB 2008 Accreditation Review Conference*, or

learn more about the other collaterals' preparations, visit:

[www.naab.org/accreditation/collaterallinks.aspx](http://www.naab.org/accreditation/collaterallinks.aspx)

To join the dialogue about architecture education and accreditation, visit the ARC Forum at: [www.naab.org/forum](http://www.naab.org/forum). If you have a paper or other document you'd like to share, these can be submitted to: [forum@naab.org](mailto:forum@naab.org).

The NAAB will host the 2008 ARC in Tucson, AZ on October 22-23, 2008. This conference is held every five years to assess the policies pertaining to the accreditation of architecture education. The next edition of the NAAB's *Conditions and Procedures for Accreditation* will be used on program visits through 2016.

## Member Board Executive Workshop Recap

2007 MBE Committee Chair Jenny Wilkinson of Mississippi welcomed 39 Member Board Executives and staff representing 37 jurisdictions to Arlington, VA, in early November. The annual event brings together executives from across the country to discuss common issues and concerns state boards are facing in relation to licensing and architecture regulation.

The workshop began with the election of an MBE to the NCARB Board of Directors. Alabama's Member Board Executive, Cynthia J. McKim, was the unanimous selection of MBEs in attendance to serve on NCARB's Board of Directors for FY09. Member Board Members will officially vote McKim on to the Board at the 2008 Annual Meeting and Conference in Pittsburgh, PA, in June. She will be the first MBE to serve on the Board and will have full voting privileges. McKim asked her fellow MBEs to come to her if they have a concern and she promised to listen to them and vote with their best interest in mind.

MBEs heard presentations about the state of Records processing and evaluation from Vice President, Operations Mary de Sousa and Director, Records Doug Morgan. De Sousa highlighted the electronic advancements MBEs could expect in the coming year and other long-term goals that will help decrease

the time it takes to process and evaluate Records for IDP and certification. Morgan addressed the challenges his directorate has faced over the last few years and said he believes MBEs and Record holders will begin to see improvements in 2008.

Director, IDP, Harry Falconer gave an update of what IDP committees are currently working on, including the proposed six month reporting requirement rule that will likely be voted on by Member Boards at the 2008 Annual Meeting. He stressed to MBEs that the rule would not be implemented until NCARB is ready to handle the increased workflow in the Records department and the rule would not apply to interns enrolled in IDP prior to implementation. The current resolution for Member Board consideration has a 2009 implementation date.

Also, MBEs heard informative and useful presentations on ARE 4.0, disciplinary methods and models, national licensure, application processing, AIA/state board relations, collaborative outreach, online renewals, and licensure database programs.

The MBEs' next opportunity to meet will be at the Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh at the MBE Forum. **DC**

## IN MEMORIAM: WILLIAM N. WILCOX, AIA

(1939–2007)

William N. Wilcox, AIA, the former Member Board Executive of the Ohio Board of Examiners of Architects passed away on October 11, 2007 after a long battle with cancer.

Born in Bellefontaine, OH in 1939, Wilcox graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a Bachelor of Arts in Architecture in 1963. He spent the early part of his career working for the firm of Ballard H. T. Kirk and Associates. In 1976, Wilcox became the Executive Director of both the Ohio Board of Examiners of Architects and the Ohio Board of Landscape Examiners. Wilcox served on numerous NCARB and CLARB committees during his 28-year tenure as MBE of the Ohio Boards, before retiring in 2004. He was awarded the prestigious NCARB President's Service Medal and the CLARB Service Medal for his dedication to both organizations.

Wilcox is survived by his wife Charlotte (who retired in 2005 as the executive assistant to Region 4); six children: Mark, Dane, Karyn, Cindy, Pam, and Marcie; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

# Member Board Round Up

At the annual AIA Alabama awards gala held in January in Birmingham, **Alabama Board of Registration of Architects** member, Jim Seay Jr., was awarded the Alabama Council AIA Accolade Award for his service to the intern architect community and promotion of the Intern Development Program in the state.

Former Alabama Board member Billy Herrin from Huntsville, AL, was recently inducted into the Alabama Associated General Contractors Hall of Fame. These individuals are held in esteem by their peers and have demonstrated their professionalism through active support of the industry and through their civic and community involvement.

The **Guam Board of Registration for Professional Engineers, Architects, and Land Surveyors** elected officers for 2008 on January 30, 2008. Paul Santos, PLS, was re-elected chairman; Sonny P. Perez, PE, was elected vice chairman; and Liza J. Provido, RA, AIA, was elected secretary/treasurer.

Longtime Member Board Executive Betty L. Rose has announced her retirement from the **Kansas State Board of Technical Professions**. Betty has been actively involved with NCARB activities on a regional and national level since the 1980s. She volunteered as the NCARB's Central State

Conference (Region 5) Executive Director from 1995-2004 and served on both the Member Board Executives and Professional Conduct Committees throughout her time with the Kansas Board.

Architects who passed the Louisiana licensing exam in 2007 were honored at a luncheon sponsored by the **Louisiana State Board of Architectural Examiners** on January 18. The event was held at the Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center, and the AIA Louisiana Board of Directors was invited to help celebrate and welcome the new licensees to the architectural community. NCARB Second Vice President, Jeffrey A. Huberman, FAIA, was the guest speaker for the event.

The father of LA Board Member Ron Blicht, FAIA, James Buchanan Blicht Sr., FAIA, was posthumously awarded AIA Louisiana's highest honor, the 2007 Medal of Honor. Blicht Sr., was twice the president of AIA Louisiana and a founding member of AIA's Academy of Architecture for Health.

The **Ohio Board of Examiners of Architects** will reimburse the enrollment fee for the Intern Development Program (IDP) for students in Ohio's four accredited schools of architecture. Applicants must provide proof of current enrollment in an architecture program at the University of Cincinnati, Kent

State University, Miami University or Ohio State University and verification of their National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) Record number. Students must also meet the eligibility requirements to enroll in the IDP program. Upon approval, students will be reimbursed the \$100 enrollment fee. For more information, contact the Board office at (614) 466-2316 or amy.kobe@arla.state.oh.us

Mark Humphreys in the new executive director of the **South Dakota Board of Technical Professions**. He replaces Ann Whipple, who retired in January.

Texas is the first state in the country to require that some of the continuing education for architects, interior designers, and landscape architects is "green." At least one hour of continuing education in sustainable or energy-efficient design is required, per the Legislature. A reduction of **Texas Board of Architectural Examiners' (TBAE)** resident renewal fees took effect September 1, 2007. Texas also allows new applicants to apply for first-time registration online. Since NCARB is now also collecting data from new applicants in this manner, TBAE is collaborating to allow sharing of information so applicants will not be required to enter all of their information online twice. **DC**

## AIA Honors Redstone

The American Institute of Architects Detroit presented its highest honor, the Gold Medal, to Daniel A. Redstone, FAIA, of Southfield, MI, during its annual Celebration of Excellence on November 16, 2007 at the Detroit Athletic Club.

Redstone is the chair of the Michigan Board of Architects and has served on his state board since 1992. In 2001, Redstone served on the NCARB Board as Director of Region 4, an area comprising the Mid-Central states (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri,

Ohio, and Wisconsin). During his long tenure with NCARB, Redstone has been named to a number of NCARB committees, including the Procedures and Documents Committee, the Committee on Education, the Professional Conduct Committee, and the Certification Task Force.

Redstone is president and CEO of Redstone Architects, Inc., a firm founded by his father, Louis Redstone, more than 70 years ago. His long-time contributions to and volunteer leadership within the architectural profession were recognized upon his nomination to

the AIA College of Fellows in 2002. He holds a Bachelor of Architecture (1965) and a Master of Business Administration (1967) from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Redstone holds an NCARB Certificate and is licensed to practice in 12 states. **DC**