

NCARB focuses on increasing the integration of education, internship, and practice at the fall NAAB conference.

COLLATERALS EXAMINE ACCREDITATION STANDARDS AT ARC

The National Council of Architecture Registration Boards participated in the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) 2008 Accreditation Review Conference (ARC) 22-23 October 2008 in Tucson, AZ. The ARC, formerly the Validation Conference, is held once every five years. The conference provides the opportunity for NCARB to join NAAB and other collateral organizations, the American Institute of Architects (AIA), the American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS), and the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA), to assess and further develop standards for accreditation of programs that grant professional degrees in architecture.

Over 30 representatives attended, six from each organization. NCARB was represented by Gordon E. Mills, FAIA, President; Andrew W. Prescott, AIA, First Vice President/President-Elect; Scott C. Veazey, AIA, Treasurer; Jeffrey Morgan, Chair, NCARB Committee on

Education; Lenore M. Lucey, FAIA, Executive Vice President; and Greg G. Hall, AIA, Ph.D., Director, Education.

The conference built upon a year-long collaborative discussion through online forums, exchange of discussion papers, and a pre-ARC, held in Washington, DC, 4-5 June 2008. In all discussions, each organization brought issues critical to their mission. NCARB's contribution focused on increasing the integration of education, internship, and practice in education as well as raising awareness of related issues in education. These issues included professional knowledge and practice, leadership, sustainability, globalization, cultural diversity, and registration and were outlined in NCARB's position paper for the NAAB 2008 Accreditation Review Conference (<http://www.ncarb.org/forms/ARCpositionpaper.pdf>).

NCARB's participation in the conference is critical to the ongoing development of accreditation standards for professional architecture degrees. NCARB and its Member Boards are responsible for establishing and maintaining requirements for education, training, and examination of architects. The education requirement, a professional degree in architecture from a NAAB-accredited program, is one of three requirements for architectural licensing and NCARB certification.

NAAB is proceeding to develop the 2009 Conditions and Procedures for Accreditation; further information and updates will be posted on the NAAB web site (http://www.naab.org/accreditation/2008_accreditation.aspx). **DC**