



MEMBER BOARD NEWS ROUND UP

Daniel D. Bennett, FAIA, of Auburn, AL, is the newest member of the **Alabama Board of Architects**. Kristine Harding, AIA, Huntsville, AL; Charles Penuel, AIA, Birmingham, AL; and Carswell "Mac" Walcott, Fairhope, AL, have been reappointed to the board.

The **Mississippi State Board of Architecture** has recently adopted rule changes in response to the introduction of NCARB's new electronic reporting system, e-EVR. The new rules were implemented on 1 January 2009.

The revisions include two key changes: Mississippi IDP candidates should submit IDP training unit reports directly to NCARB, and review and signature by Mississippi's IDP State Coordinator is no longer required.

The board will forward all reports received to date to NCARB. After 15 January 2009, any reports received by the board will be returned to the intern with direction to mail or transmit the report to NCARB.

Mississippi's six-month rule is still in affect. For Mississippi IDP candidates, training unit reports must be submitted to NCARB at intervals not to exceed 180 days or six

months, and reports must be submitted within 60 days after the end of the IDP reporting period. For example, if the reporting period is 1 January 2009 through 30 June 2009, the intern must submit the report to NCARB on or before 31 August 2009.

It is important to note that the NCARB Six-Month Rule, which will be implemented in July 2009 and July 2010, will not allow retroactive reporting by students or new residents to the state. This differs from Mississippi rules on retroactive time. Upon implementation of the NCARB rule, the board and NCARB will no longer accept retroactive IDP time.

The board's laws and rules are accessible at www.archbd.state.ms.us

Governor Dave Heineman has appointed Krista L. Kester, Lincoln, NE, to a five-year term as the public member of the **Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects**. Kester is a partner at Woods & Aiken LLP and her practice has focused on commercial and construction litigation, appellate practice, and the representation of foreign insolvency liquidators. Melinda Pearson, executive director and former board member, said

Kester will bring a diverse voice to the board. "As an attorney practicing in construction law, Krista will be a valuable addition to the board," said Pearson. "She is the second woman to serve as a member of the board since it began in 1937."

The Nebraska Board also welcomed Dale Crawford as a public information officer. Crawford was elected as mayor of Wymore, NE, in 2006, and has been the owner/publisher of three weekly newspapers over the past 17 years. He will work with the board to educate the public in matters of compliance and safety.

The **West Virginia Board of Architects** embraces the concept of eliminating barriers to reciprocity while protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the state. This commitment is reflected in the board's continuing efforts to make the process of acquiring an architect license and the renewal of that license in West Virginia thorough, simple, and timely.

This year the board has implemented online renewal. Also, new rules have been presented to the state legislature that: 1)

MEMBER BOARD EXECUTIVE WORKSHOP RECAP

MBE Committee Chair Glenda Loving of Iowa welcomed 38 Member Board Executives and staff representing 36 jurisdictions to the Member Board Executive Workshop in Arlington, VA, in early November. The annual event brings together executives from across the country to discuss pertinent issues and concerns state boards are facing in relationship to architectural licensing and regulation.

At the workshop, the executives elected Alabama's MBE Cynthia J. McKim to a second term as the MBE director on NCARB's Board of Directors. Her FY10 term will begin when

she is installed at the 2009 Annual Meeting and Conference in June in Chicago, IL.

The executives heard Council updates from members of NCARB staff on the ARE, Records processing, and IT developments. Assistant Director, Information Systems Guillermo Ortiz de Zarate gave a presentation on how NCARB is optimizing its network as part the Business Process Reengineering (BPR). He showed a preview of the electronic Experience Verification Reporting system (e-EVR), which launched in December 2008, and outlined the future of the Council's information systems.

Other presentations included keynote speaker Deborah Long, who spoke on ethical decision-making skills, and a town hall meeting with First Vice President/President-Elect Andrew W. Prescott, AIA, and Executive Vice President Lenore M. Lucey, FAIA, who answered questions about Council issues and upcoming initiatives.

The MBEs will next meet prior to the Annual Meeting in Chicago at the MBE Forum on 17 June 2009. **DC**

clarify definitions to make them more in line with *NCARB Model Law, 2)* require all continuing education to be in the realm of public protection subjects, and 3) provide clarity to "responsible control" and "incidental practice." Please refer to the board's Fall/Winter 2008 newsletter for more information at www.wvbrdarch.org.

The board has also determined that the current law and rules for architectural licensure in West Virginia does allow for concurrent IDP and ARE as prescribed by the NCARB resolution passed in 2007 in Denver. For more information, please refer to the Summer 2008 newsletter at www.wvbrdarch.org. **DC**

AIA HONORS TWO MEMBER BOARD EXECUTIVES

Member Board Executives Amy Kobe (Ohio) and Bonnie Staiger (North Dakota) were awarded the title "Honorary AIA" by the AIA in February. The designation is given to individuals who are not architects, but have enriched and offered distinguished service to the profession.

Kobe (pictured left) has been the executive director of the Ohio Architects Board since 2004 and previously served as the executive director of AIA Columbus from 1998-2004. She oversees the development of state statues and rules regulating architecture and landscape architecture and represents the Ohio Board before the state general assembly.

Kobe is also an active member of NCARB's Member Board Executive Committee.

Staiger (pictured right) is both the executive of the North Dakota State Board of Architecture and AIA North Dakota. Extremely active in both NCARB and AIA, she has served on numerous committees for both organizations and was president of the 2007 Council of Architectural Component Executives (CACE). She also serves as the executive director of NCARB's Central State Conference (Region 5). In 2003, Staiger was awarded the President's Medal for Distinguished Service from then-President C. Robert Campbell, FAIA. **DC**

