



For the first time in 17 years, all 54 Member Boards were represented at NCARB's Annual Meeting and Conference.

2009 ANNUAL MEETING & CONFERENCE:

NCARB held its 90th Annual Meeting and Conference in Chicago last June. Meeting delegates heard about Architect Registration Examination (ARE) security issues and fee increases, upcoming changes to the Intern Development Program (IDP), and plans for NCARB's web site. Delegates also voted on four resolutions.

Director, ARE Erica Brown, AIA, gave a presentation on the recent content disclosure issues surrounding the ARE. She compared examples of actual test questions with the information posted on online forums, blogs, and other web sites by candidates. Brown explained the significance of the problem and said it will cost an estimated \$1.1 million to develop and replace the exposed content and handle the administrative and legal costs related to these incidents.

"Candidates are jeopardizing their careers," said Executive Vice President Lenore M. Lucey, FAIA. "A simple agreement not to share content is not being honored," she said, "Each one of us must talk to our emerging professionals. We must set high ethical standards for them at every stage of the licensure process and beyond."

"A great deal of time was spent at the Board of Directors' level deciding on how to respond to this issue," said 2008-2009 President Gordon E. Mills, FAIA. As a result, ARE fees will increase \$40 per division effective 1 October 2009.

"The decision to raise the exam fees now—especially in the current economic climate—was not made lightly. However, NCARB's responsibility to uphold the integrity of the ARE is our first and foremost concern," said Mills.

The meeting also provided an opportunity for delegates to discuss and vote on four resolutions. All four were passed.

One resolution sets a time limit on ARE divisions passed prior to 1 January 2006 (including all paper-based exams prior to 1997). These divisions will remain valid until 1 July 2014. The resolution also requires exam candidates to take a division of the ARE (pass or fail) once every five years to keep their authorizations to test valid, effective 1 July 2011. Candidates whose authorizations have become invalid will need to establish a new eligibility under the current procedures of their registration boards.

The Member Boards passed two resolutions that move information previously contained in the *Handbook for Interns and Architects* and the *Education Standard* to the *IDP Guidelines* and the *Education Guidelines*.



FOCUS ON THE FUTURE

The removal of detailed training requirements from the *Handbook* will make way for the phase-in of IDP 2.0 over the next two years. “The goal is to get the information into one place, so there is one resource for interns to refer to,” said Dale McKinney, chair of the Committee on the IDP and Region 4 Director. “This will also expedite approved changes and get the IDP caught up with the rest of the field,” he said. See page 4 for more information on IDP 2.0.

Portions of the *NCARB Education Standard* will be moved to a new document called the *Education Guidelines* to make it easier to adapt to changing National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) procedures and requirements.

Delegates also approved clarification to the definition of “responsible control” in *NCARB Model Law* in order to address the

emergence of Integrated Project Delivery (IPD) and Building Information Modeling (BIM) technology. NCARB committees and task forces will continue to review and discuss IPD and BIM in the coming years.

Director, Communications Kim Kerker and Director, Information Systems Guillermo Ortiz de Zárate gave delegates a glimpse of the new web site and the next phases of the Council’s web redevelopment. The new public web site launched on July 31. Enhancements to the Council’s web services will continue into next year with the release of redesigned “My NCARB Record” and “Members’ Only” sections. See page 12 for more information on NCARB’s new web site.

The Council’s key projects for the coming year include reviewing the new NAAB Conditions for Accreditation, the NCARB Bylaws, and the Emerging Professional’s Companion (EPC). In

addition, a special task force will review the Council’s executive vice president position in anticipation of selecting a replacement for Lucey when she steps down in June 2011.

“We can embrace the fact that we are a unique organization. We’re a hybrid of volunteers and staff,” said 2009-2010 President Andrew W. Prescott, AIA, in his address to delegates. “Mutual respect, communication, and teamwork are how we will accomplish our mission.” **DC**



IDP and IPD were the focus of the workshops at the 2009 Annual Meeting. Two workshops addressed recent and upcoming improvements to the Intern Development Program (IDP). A third workshop presented the findings of the hearing held by the Integrated Project Delivery (IPD) Task Force last fall.

ANNUAL MEETING WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS

DO YOU KNOW THE WAY TO IDP?

Assistant Director, IDP Rachel Kros, AIA, and Region 1 Director Margo P. Jones, AIA, LEED AP, led a workshop that went over some of the new rules of the Intern Development Program (IDP) and the many resources and tools available to interns and supervisors to assist in completing the program.

“The more versed in the program both interns and supervisors are, the smoother their path is to licensure,” said Kros.

The workshop went over the Six-Month Rule, now in effect for interns who established an NCARB Record on or after 1 July 2009. These interns must submit their training units in reporting periods of no longer than six months and within two months of completion of each reporting period. The Six-Month Rule will apply to all interns on 1 July 2010.

Regular reporting provides an opportunity for interns and supervisors to review progress made over reporting periods and develop a plan for acquiring training in the remaining areas. “The Six-Month Rule is not a punishment,” said Kros, “It is about responsibility and accuracy of reporting.”

Kros demonstrated the new electronic Experience Verification Reporting (e-EVR) system and showed delegates screen shots from the interns’ and supervisors’ perspectives. The system allows interns to better track their progress through the program and is a valuable tool for both interns and supervisors.

NCARB offers several resources, including the *IDP Guidelines* and the *IDP Supervisor Guidelines*, that can help interns and supervisors understand and take full advantage of the program. “The IDP is about becoming the best architect that you can be,” said Kros.

See NCARB webcasts and podcasts for more information on the Six-Month, the e-EVR, and the *IDP Supervisor Guidelines*.

IDP 2.0

Earlier this year, NCARB announced the planned roll out of IDP 2.0. Assistant Director Nick Serfass, AIA, LEED AP, and Region 4 Director Dale McKinney, AIA, gave a workshop for delegates explaining each of the phases with a particular emphasis on the third phase scheduled for January 2011.

“The entire program will undergo dramatic changes,” said Serfass.

The first phase, which went into effect on July 1, allows interns to gain IDP training units, whether employed or not, for LEED AP certification, select Construction Specification Institute certifications, and the NCARB *Professional Conduct* monograph.

In the second phase, scheduled for January 2010, key definitions will be updated and training units will become “training hours.”

The third phase of IDP 2.0, will align the current IDP training areas with the new experience areas required for the competent practice of architecture as identified in the *2007 Practice Analysis of Architecture*.

“The third phase of IDP 2.0 is really a repackaging of the training categories,” said Serfass. Interns will automatically have any existing experience transitioned to the new experience areas—no experience will be lost. Also, the work settings will be condensed and become experience areas.

For more information on IDP 2.0, see the article on page 4.



RESPONSIBLE CONTROL IN THE INTEGRATED PRACTICE ENVIRONMENT

In October 2008, the Integrated Project Delivery (IPD) Task Force held a hearing and invited a diverse group of industry experts to comment on how the IPD process and Building Information Modeling (BIM) technology may affect responsible control by architects. Bill Dikis, FAIA, chair of the task force, presented a workshop on the task force's findings from the hearing and the changes that were recommend to *NCARB Model Law*.

The goal of the task force was to assure that *Model Law* adequately addresses responsible control and the ethical duty of architects to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

"Experienced participants in IPD and BIM agreed that responsible control must be included in laws," said Dikis.

"Several speakers advocated strengthening *Model Law* to include the duty for integration and coordination, as well as critical review and acceptance of contributions of technical submissions by non-licensed sources," said Dikis, "Non-licensed persons may contribute to BIM when the architect has policies and procedures in place to properly review, accept, and integrate the information."

The task force's work resulted in Resolution 2009-01: *Model Law* Amendment – Clarifying the Definition of "Responsible Control," which was passed 53-0 by the Member Boards. For the full text of the resolution, as well as the other resolutions discussed at the Annual Meeting, visit NCARB's web site at <http://www.ncarb.org/News-and-Events/News/2009/06-Summary-Report-Resolutions.aspx>.



COUNCIL ELECTS FY10 NEW OFFICERS AND REGIONAL DIRECTORS

During the 2009 Annual Meeting and Conference in June, delegates elected new officers and regional directors.

Andrew W. Prescott, AIA, was installed as president. Former Second Vice President Kenneth J. Naylor, AIA, was elected first vice president/president-elect. Former Treasurer Scott C. Veazey, AIA, was elected second vice president. Former Secretary Mark I. Aspaas, AIA, was elected treasurer. Former Region 3 Director Blakely C. Dunn, AIA, was elected secretary.

Margo P. Jones, AIA, LEED AP, of Greenfield, MA, was installed as the new director of the New England Conference (Region 1). Dennis S. Ward, AIA, of Florence, SC, was installed as the new director of the Southern Conference (Region 3). Dale McKinney, AIA, of Sioux City, IA, was installed as the new director of the Central Conference (Region 4).

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2009 ANNUAL MEETING RESOLUTIONS

During the NCARB Annual Meeting and Conference in Chicago, IL, delegates representing all of the Council's 54 Member Boards that oversee the practice of architecture voted on the following resolutions:

Resolution 2009-01: Model Law Amendment – Clarifying the Definition of “Responsible Control”

Passed as Amended: 53-0

Resolution 2009-02: Handbook for Interns and Architects Amendment – Applying Five-Year Rolling Clock to Previously Passed Divisions and Authorizations to Test

Passed: 53-0

Resolution 2009-03: Handbook for Interns and Architects Amendment – Transfer Specific Education Requirements and the Education Standard to the Education Guidelines

Passed: 54-0

Resolution 2009-04: Handbook for Interns and Architects Amendment – Transfer the Intern Development Program Requirements to the IDP Guidelines

Passed: 54-0

The complete text for these resolutions is available on NCARB's web site at: <http://www.ncarb.org/News-and-Events/News/2009/06-Summary-Report-Resolutions.aspx>

The NCARB President's Medal was first awarded in 1994 to honor individuals who dedicate a large part of their careers, energy, and wisdom to benefit the public and the architectural profession.

THE 2009 PRESIDENT'S MEDALISTS

At the close of NCARB's 90th Annual Meeting and Conference, 2008-2009 Council President Gordon E. Mills, FAIA, recognized five individuals for their significant contributions to the protection of the public's health, safety, and welfare through their service to NCARB and to the practice of architecture. The 2009 medalists are:

Erica Brown, AIA, Director, Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®), oversees all aspects of the seven-division test taken by all candidates seeking architectural licensing in the United States. She guided the ARE through a milestone year that included overseeing the successful launch of the more candidate-friendly ARE 4.0 in July 2008. Brown was honored for her dedication to upholding the quality and integrity of the exam.

James P. Cramer, Hon. AIA, is chairman and chief executive officer of the Greenway Group and founding president of the Design Futures Council, a Washington, DC, think tank studying the future of the design professions. He is also founding editor of *DesignIntelligence*. A former chief executive of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), Cramer's focus on the “big picture” of architectural practice and knowledge of industry trends was instrumental in helping the Council create a new Strategic Plan in 2004. His knowledge of the complex issues linking architecture, the construction industry, and the public made him a vital member of the Practice Analysis Task Force in 2007 and the Interior Architecture Task Force in 2009. He was recognized for his many outstanding contributions to the Council and to the profession.

William M. Dikis, FAIA, NCARB, served on the Iowa Architectural Examining Board from 1983 to 1992, and was president of the Iowa Board for three of those years. His work at NCARB in those days involved efforts to move the paper-based ARE to a computer platform.

Two years ago, he returned to NCARB to serve on the Committee on Procedures and Documents and the Building Information Modeling (BIM) Task Force. This past year, he chaired the Integrated Project Delivery (IPD) Task Force, where his insight and meticulous attention to detail was invaluable to the Council's efforts to refine the definition of “responsible control.” Dikis was honored for his career-long commitment to advance the profession of architecture.

Glenda Loving has guided emerging professionals and architects through the Iowa registration process for 12 years as the executive secretary of the Iowa Architectural Examining Board. During this time, she has served on a number of committees and lent her perspective to a diverse range of Council issues and initiatives, including efforts to improve the Intern Development Program (IDP). Her significant contributions to the architecture profession include her efforts to promote the Six-Month Rule, help write the *IDP Supervisor Guidelines*, and update the direct supervision requirements. Loving was honored for her contributions to the Council and to the profession at large.

Edward F. Tredo V, PE, has been involved with NCARB since 1997, and is one of the longest serving non-architect members of the ARE Subcommittee. A professional engineer, Tredo has used his in-depth knowledge of both U.S. and Canadian engineering standards to help write items for the exam as a member and coordinator of the Lateral Forces group and as a member of the General Structures group. He helped usher in the merger of Lateral Forces and General Structures into the Structural Systems division launched in July 2008, and is currently the Structural Systems group coordinator. Tredo was recognized for his long-time commitment to the quality and integrity of the ARE. **DC**

TOP TO BOTTOM ERICA BROWN, AIA; JAMES P. CRAMER, HON. AIA; WILLIAM M. DIKIS, FAIA, NCARB; GLENDA LOVING; EDWARD F. TREDON, PE



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Palace Hotel
San Francisco, California
23-26 June 2010

San Francisco is an eclectic city with many styles of architecture, diverse communities, and countless things to do. One minute you could be immersing yourself in the hustle and bustle of Chinatown and the next you could be gazing upon the grand beauty of the Victorian-style houses along Alamo Square. NCARB Member Board Members and Executives can experience it all next June when the city hosts the 91st Annual Meeting and Conference.

Located between the Pacific Ocean and the San Francisco Bay, the city is home to world-class museums, restaurants, and architectural gems. From the Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz Island, Fisherman's Wharf, Coit Tower, and everything in-between, there is something for everyone to see and do.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Your vote counts! Members' attendance makes the meeting an effective form to conduct the business that strengthens the profession of architecture. Look for more information in your inbox and mailbox in April.