

Appendix C:

NCARB Policy Resolutions to Sunset: 1980-2018, Part 2

Project Background

In FY19, Board discussions unveiled a resolution from 2000 that dictated an NCARB position on an issue/policy that, in 2020, no longer aligned with current practice or philosophy. Evaluation of the resolution was assigned to a task force for review and discussion, but led the Board to question the status of other resolutions that dictated official NCARB policy or position. Policies or positions implemented by membership vote remain active unless the membership takes a follow-up action to sunset it, provides a deadline, or includes information granting authority of future adjustments to another party in the resolution.

NCARB staff began a research project to evaluate the status of all historical NCARB resolutions, and the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) has been asked to make recommendations to the NCARB Board of Directors on whether the resolutions should remain NCARB policy or sunset.

The resolutions are being reviewed by category, and the first set of policies were sunset in FY21. This year, the PAC reviewed additional resolutions from 1980-2018 (there were no resolutions in 2019 or 2020) in the following areas:

- Membership
- Related Organization
- Examination (See Resolution 2022-03)
- Misc.

Additional resolutions from more categories and decades will be reviewed over the next several years as NCARB cleans up its resolution database.

Resolutions Recommended for Sunset as part of Resolution 2022-04:

RESOLUTION 2000-12: SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE COLLATERAL INTERNSHIP TASK FORCE REGARDING IDP, MENTORSHIP, AND EDUCATION

“RESOLVED, that the member boards of NCARB support the ongoing work of the Collateral Internship Task Force by encouraging acceptance of the following principles:

1. that those enrolled in the IDP program may expect a professional and respectful practice experience, both in terms of the hiring and compensation practices of the employer firm as well as the breadth of experience available during the program. [Implied in this will be an expectation that the intern and the firm will be held to a high standard of accountability for compliance and record-keeping.]
2. that NCARB should maintain its ongoing efforts in developing and publishing Mentor Guidelines as well as encouraging qualified mentors from the profession to participate in the mentor process.
3. that all of the collateral organizations should participate in the successful development of architects by.
 - a. Encouraging more practice-based experience in the formal education process.
 - b. Encouraging continued learning through entire professional career.
 - c. Encouraging the profession to invest both time and financial resources towards the development of emerging architects.
 - d. Encouraging improved communications and awareness among the five collateral organizations so that the entire pathway to career development is clearly and uniformly understood by all.
4. that the culture of learning and practice for architects be of such strength and maturity that it allows consideration of alternative pathways to complete IDP.”

Rationale: Because the “principles” specifically listed are broad ideas on the experience program, it is unclear if they are only something NCARB should be “encouraging” while the task force was actively in existence. While the task force ended in 2005, these were likely intended to have a lasting impact beyond that. While some of the outlined principles are still relevant, a few are outdated. The Policy Advisory Committee recommends that this resolution be sunset so that more recently developed goals of the Architectural Experience Program (AXP) can take precedence, and then a future committee further discusses what (if any) guiding principles should replace them.

RESOLUTION 1998-17: INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE 2000

“RESOLVED, that NCARB strongly supports the development and adoption of a single building code for use by all NCARB jurisdictions, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that NCARB strongly supports the continued development of the International Building Code to incorporate technological changes that will occur in the future in order to provide for the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the general public, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the International Code Council, Inc.”

Rationale: The resolution is titled International Building Code 2000, but the language is generic and doesn’t mention the code they were working on at the time. Sunsetting this resolution positions NCARB to be neutral in the development of ICC’s building codes, and engage in future code development as appropriate.

RESOLUTION 1987-1: CONTINUATION OF AN EDUCATION EVALUATION PROCESS

“RESOLVED, That NCARB continue a process by which the educational credentials of a candidate not holding the NAAB degree can be evaluated by an independent evaluator. Such findings would be presented as evidence of whether or not the candidate satisfied the educational requirements for architectural licensure. Such evaluation could be considered the equivalent of completion of an NAAB accredited educational program.”

Rationale: The Council developed the *Education Standard* in the early-1980s, which is used to evaluate degrees from non-accredited programs. Today, NCARB uses NAAB’s Education Evaluation Services for Architects (EESA) to evaluate architects’ degrees from non-accredited programs against the *Education Standard*. If a candidate is evaluated through the EESA process and has zero deficiencies, they are considered to have met the education alternative without any additional requirements. The general intent of this resolution has been folded into the NCARB Certification Requirements, which are part the *NCARB Certification Guidelines*. The requirements can only be changed by membership vote; therefore, this resolution is no longer needed and sunsetting it will prevent future conflict of policies.

RESOLUTION 1986-11: LATERAL FORCES HOME STUDY PROGRAM

“RESOLVED, that NCARB develop a Home Study Course on lateral forces similar to an ADVP Monograph. The course shall be prepared to satisfy reciprocity requirements for registered architects who never passed a written examination on lateral forces. An examination of the Home Study Course shall be prepared which can be administered by each member board. The Home Study Course shall be available by July 1, 1987.”

Rationale: This home study course is no longer available and was meant for architects who took the national exam prior to 1965, when lateral forces questions weren’t regularly incorporated into the exam. If there are any

remaining architects who are deficient in this area, they can satisfy the requirement through divisions of the ARE in accordance with the ARE 5.0 Exam Equivalence guide, currently included in the *NCARB Certification Guidelines*.

RESOLUTION 1980-1: LIST OF LICENSEES

“RESOLVED, That each Member Board provide NCARB, annually, a list of all licensees whose primary mailing address is within their jurisdiction.”

Rationale: Due to evolving jurisdictional privacy laws, many Member Boards can no longer provide this information to NCARB, and mailing addresses are no longer the primary way we need to communicate with licensed professionals. A similar request for an annual roster was incorporated in the *NCARB Bylaws* in 1994, and sunseting this resolution has no impact on that provision. The Policy Advisory Committee recommends this resolution be sunset and that a future committee further examine this issue and update NCARB’s policy.

RESOLUTION 1980-15: SUPPORT FOR IDP

“RESOLVED, That the Council and its Member Boards continue their support of the Intern-Architect Development Program.”

Rationale: This resolution was put forward in the very early days of the Intern Development Program’s (IDP) existence when the Council was still working toward adoption of the program by its Member Boards. It is unnecessary for this resolution to remain active as other follow-up actions by the Board of Directors and membership have affirmed the organizations support for IDP’s successor, the Architectural Experience Program (AXP)—including adding the program as a specific requirement for NCARB certification and adding the program to the *NCARB Bylaws*. If, in the future, the Council would want to change direction related to the experience component of licensure, it would require a vote of the membership to update both of those documents. Sunseting this resolution now ensures the Council will not have a policy conflict in the future.