OUR COMMITMENT TO ENGAGEMENT:
A JOINT STATEMENT OF THE AIA AND NCARB LEADERSHIP

The American Institute of Architects (AIA) and the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) function as two separate organizations within the greater community of architectural “collateral” organizations. The AIA is a membership organization that serves as the primary voice of and advocate for the architectural profession with over 200 chapters. NCARB is a confederation of 54 jurisdictional licensing boards that develops model regulations and programs designed to facilitate the licensure of architects.

Our two organizations believe it is both appropriate and necessary that we design and maintain avenues of engagement to further educate the profession and inform the evolution of the profession’s regulation. The pursuit of such engagement acknowledges the independence of our two organizations, and fully expects periodic debate and constructive commentary regarding the respective roles and contributions each organization can make to the other’s mission.

These “Avenues of Engagement” include:
- Semi-annual joint meetings of senior elected and executive leadership of the AIA and NCARB;
- Appointment of volunteer representatives to observe the work of various committees, task forces, and other working groups;
- Routine interface with licensing boards by AIA component representatives; and,
- Establishment of working protocols in areas of mutual interest.

The leaders of both organizations acknowledge that as the AIA and NCARB evolve, it is essential to regularly communicate to their mutual stakeholders regarding the nature of this engagement, and the value that it provides.

This statement is issued and endorsed in the spirit of mutual respect for our independent missions and organizations, and in mutual acknowledgement that our effectiveness will be strengthened through our ongoing commitment to constructive engagement.

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