

Architecture Columns

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President's Message

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President's report

Southern Conference of NCARB

The North Carolina Board of Architecture is pleased to announce that the Southern Conference of the National Council of Architecture Registration Boards is holding its regional Educator's Conference at the North Carolina State University College of Design in Raleigh. The conference will be held March 22-23, 2014. The Southern Conference is made up of thirteen NCARB jurisdictions (AL, AK, FL, GA, LA, MS, NC, PR, SC, TN TX, VI).

The conference leadership along with Dr. Robin Abrams, Head of the School of Architecture, has worked to develop an agenda that is sure to generate meaningful discussion and learning for all participants. Sessions will focus on architectural education and distance learning, the role and structure of internship, a panel discussion on the NAAB ARC and updates from NCARB President Blake Dunn. Professor Carol Pacheco and Gregory Hall, Chair of Architecture at Savannah College of Art and Design will present in-depth "Interactive Game of Architecture" which received the prestigious NCARB Award.

IDP Made Easier!

The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) announced two exciting changes to the Intern Development Program (IDP):

- The removal of the duration requirement will allow interns to earn IDP experience regardless of a project's duration.
- The simplified eligibility requirement will allow interns to begin earning credit upon graduation from high school.

Elimination of the Employment Duration Requirement

The elimination of this requirement allows interns to earn work experience for short-term projects and/or experience obtained over a winter or summer break while in school. Before, interns were required to work for 15 hours per week for eight consecutive weeks to earn experience toward the IDP.

Simplified IDP Eligibility Requirement

Interns can begin to earn experience straight out of high school, and will no longer need to submit a form to set their eligibility date. Prior to the new rule, interns could only establish an IDP eligibility date by enrolling in a NAAB-/CACB-accredited degree program; enrolling in a pre-professional architecture degree program; or being employed in experience setting A after obtaining a high school diploma.

Effective immediately, interns will be able to earn experience straight out of high school without submitting a form to set an eligibility date. However, interns will need to enter their high school diploma information into the My NCARB record.

NCARB and its constituent Boards continue to explore changes to the education/internship/examination process to make these more relevant and responsive to future architects, while maintaining the high standards of responsibility to the health, safety and welfare of the public which we serve.

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2014 Meeting Dates

March 7-8 - San Antonio, TX (Regional)

April 11 - Raleigh, NC

May 9 - Raleigh, NC

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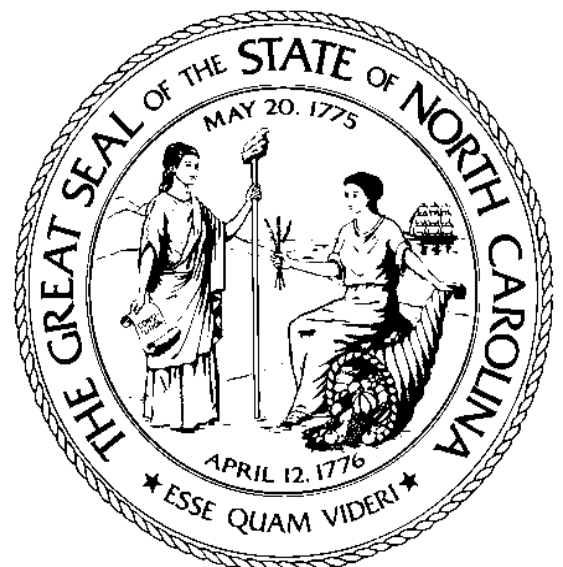
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from the executive director's desk



Hello All,

The North Carolina Board of Architecture would like to congratulate the following individuals who successfully completed the Architectural Registration Exam and became licensed to practice architecture between July 1, 2013 and December 31, 2013.

Sara Elizabeth Abrams	Chris Ford	Debra Leah Seay
Lane Franklin Allmon	Jessica Beil Hindman	Adam Dane Sebastian
Ellen DeMarco Cervera Allred	Katherine M. Hogan	Anne M. P. Seeley
Khalid O. Almo	Bryan D. Johnson	Ryan K. Simmons
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George Lee Duncan	Robert Edmund Sarle	Chad Edward Wylie

Be prepared! Notice of Renewal for INDIVIDUAL license registration for 2014-2015 will be EMAILED in mid-May. Be sure your current contact EMAIL is on file with the Board of Architecture.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind those of you currently taking the A.R.E. that per rule 21 NCAC 02 .0302 on July 1, 2014 passing scores received on any part of the A.R.E. taken after July 1, 1996 and prior to July 1, 2006 will be invalid.

The Board of Architecture is proposing changes to six rules in 21 NCAC 02. The proposed text can be found on the Board web site www.ncbarch.org.

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Sincerely,

Cathe M. Evans (cathe@ncbarch.org)

Executive Director

enforcement report

Following is the Enforcement Report for the period August 1, 2013 through February 7, 2014. The Board is not bound by precedence in matters of disciplinary action. It is the prerogative of the Board to be conservative in its review of cases and to enforce the rules and laws with sanctions and civil penalties as allowed by law. You may request a copy of the entire order by sending an email to cathe@ncbarch.org be sure to include the case number with your request.

The Board closed two cases without prejudice.

The Board dismissed five cases as unfounded.

The Board issued one letter of warning to non-licensed individuals:

[Case 967 Kirk Bowden](#)

The Board issued the following Consent Orders:

[Case 723 Conley Group, Inc.](#)

[Case 945 Phillips Partnership, PC](#)

[Case 950 Thomas Melton](#)

[Case 958 Adam Cole Briskman/BAM Architecture Studio, PLLC](#)

[Case 959 W.F. Cann](#)

[Case 962 Charles Scott Mitchell](#)

[Case 966 W. Chuck Dietsche](#)

A note on Board enforcement and jurisdiction.

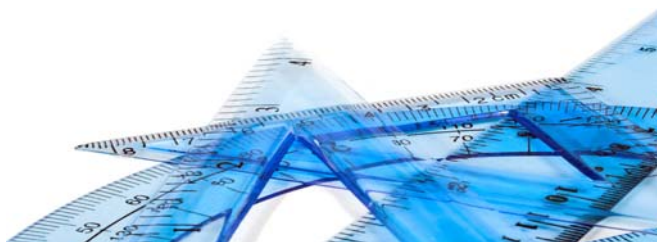
The Professional Standards Committee of the Board has received an increase in complaints involving contractual matters between architects and their clients as well employment matters between architectural firms and former employees. The Board of Architecture has jurisdiction pursuant to North Carolina General Statute §83A-15 and 21 NCAC 02 .0208, 21 NCAC 02 .0209 and 21 NCAC 02 .210 to receive and investigate complaints involving dishonest conduct, incompetence and unprofessional conduct. This Board does not have the statutory authority to discipline architects regarding complaints involving contract disagreements or allegations of ordinary negligence, nor can the Board mediate these situations.

licensing statistics

North Carolina Board of Architecture

License Statistics as of February 20, 2014

Click [HERE](#) for a listing of licenses that EXPIRED on June 30, 2013.



Active Individual licenses : 5562 expiring on June 30, 2014

Breakdown:

NC - 2385

Out-of-State – 3177

Active firm licenses: 1430

Breakdown:

NC– 630

Out-of-State– 800

Candidates Eligible to take the ARE - 481

(Note that not all candidates are actively taking the exam.)

NCARB news

As developed by NCARB, the ARE assesses a candidate's knowledge, skills, and abilities to provide the various services required in the practice of architecture. It has been adopted for use by all U.S. registration boards and the Canadian provincial architectural associations as the registration examination for all candidates seeking architectural licensing.

Pass rates for the ARE are tracked in two ways—One by NAAB accredited school and the other by division.

The table directly below shows pass rates for the North Carolina NAAB accredited school for the year 2012.

School	PPP		SPD		BDCS		SD		SS		BS		CDS	
	#	Pass Rate	#	Pass Rate	#	Pass Rate	#	Pass Rate	#	Pass Rate	#	Pass Rate	#	Pass Rate
For the year 2012														
North Carolina State University	34	0.76	36	0.83	26	0.81	42	0.83	34	0.68	34	0.82	38	0.79
University of North Carolina, Charlotte	44	0.61	33	0.67	25	0.56	23	0.96	37	0.86	29	0.62	40	0.65

The table below show pass rates for all jurisdictions for 2008-2012 for all divisions of the ARE 4.0. (ARE 4.0 July –December 2008 only). This table represents both first time takers and repeat testers.

ARE 4.0	2008 July-Dec.	2009	2010	2011	2012
PPP	49%	56	62	62	62
SPD	59	69	76	73	71
BDCS	47	57	63	62	62
SS	57	64	66	71	75
BS	59	66	65	68	69
CDS	56	59	63	64	63
SD	65	71	74	77	77
# Candidates testing	2329	13326	14737	14465	14369

For further school information or detailed pass rate information go to www.ncarb.org

A.R.E. news

Over 40 architects from across the country gathered in July and September to begin shaping the next version of the Architect Registration Examination®—ARE® 5.0. As volunteers on the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) Test Specification Task Force, the architects recommended content areas and assessment objectives for the proposed divisions; aligned assessment objectives to the knowledge, skills, and tasks identified in the 2012 NCARB Practice Analysis and weighted the importance of each content area and assessment objective.

Chaired by New Mexico Board Member Robert M. Calvani, AIA, NCARB, the task force was charged with the important task of determining the Test Specification for ARE 5.0, which determines the knowledge and skills that will be measured in each division and will direct all further development of the exam.

“The task force is providing the necessary framework for the Council to begin incorporating the innovative new item types,” said NCARB CEO Michael J. Armstrong. “It will also allow us to see how the next version of the exam compares to the current one, in order to develop a transition plan that will fairly address candidates in the process of taking the ARE.”

ARE 5.0, first announced in June at the 2013 NCARB Annual Meeting, will include a revamped division structure and item types that test licensure candidates’ competence on the health, safety, and welfare components of practice. “By realigning the test divisions, we are continuing to prepare the next generation to be more well-rounded individuals regarding the practice of architecture,” said task force member Shannon Carpenter, AIA, NCARB, of Dallas, TX.

Task force recommendations will be presented to the Council’s Examination Committee in October before officially being considered by the NCARB Board of Directors this winter. Once the content areas are approved, work will begin on mapping the current exam to the new divisions and developing a transition plan in the spring. ARE 5.0 is expected to launch in test centers in late 2016. “Getting things right at this stage will make the following steps go much smoother,” said task force member Ryan T. McEnroe, AIA, Assoc. ASLA, LEED AP of Washington, DC.

Developing a Defensible, Valid Licensure Examination

With the assistance of Alpine Testing Solutions, Inc., ARE 5.0 is being developed with guidance from the Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing (AERA, AP, & NCME, 1999). These industry expectations help NCARB demonstrate that the exam measures the intended knowledge and skills (validity), in a consistent manner (reliability) that is appropriate for all examinees (fairness). NCARB follows industry standards, as the ARE is required by all 54 U.S. jurisdictions and helps ensure that both NCARB’s Member Boards and licensed practitioners can meet their obligation to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

“These meetings have allowed the attendees to ‘test’ and validate the information assimilated to provide the highest quality of material content for the new ARE 5.0 Test Specification,” said Kentucky Board and task force member Jack H. Ballard II, AIA, NCARB, KYCID.

A major guide for developing the new Test Specification is the 2012 Practice Analysis of Architecture, which gathered data from the profession to ensure the knowledge, skills, and tasks being measured by the exam are relevant to current practice. “We are shaping the future of the profession by analyzing what thousands of architects indicated are the important factors defining the practice of architecture, and then shaping them into the structure of the architectural licensing exam,” said New York Board and task force member Susan B. McClymonds, AIA, CSI.

The Test Specification Task Force

Forty-two volunteers from across the United States and its territories serve on the ARE 5.0 Test Specification Task Force. The task force is the Council’s most diverse committee and represents an accurate cross-section of the profession.

Volunteers range from recently licensed to experienced architects from large and small firms. Members represent those who have their “fingers on the pulse” of the profession and are familiar with its trends and current practices. NCARB and its volunteer committees are committed to using and implementing innovative testing methodologies to ensure all sections of the exam remain relevant to practice and technology, as well as valid, reliable, and fair.

“As a group of subject-matter experts, the task force brings up-to-date knowledge to developing the Test Specification,” said task force member and Drury University Professor Michael J. Buono, AIA, LEED AP. “Including university educators on the task force, as well as both young and seasoned architects, brought diverse ideas to the process.”

Random FACT...

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