

Architecture Columns



On March 9, 1915 the North Carolina House and Senate ordered enrolled a bill that was entitled *“An Act to Regulate the Practice of Architecture and Creating a Board of Examination and Registration of the Same.”* During 2015, we invite you to join The North Carolina Board of Architecture as we recognize this Centennial by sharing the stories of those who have served the citizens of North Carolina over the first 100 years of the Board.

Cathe Evans, Executive Director of the Board, has combed through minutes, rule books and other records dating back to the first meeting of the Board of Architecture on April 12, 1915. From these documents, she has constructed a timeline of important milestones and authored a brief narrative of the history of the Board. Evans and Board member John Tabor have been working towards creating a publication that shares the stories of the Board, its members and staff and the work that has been done to serve the citizens of North Carolina for 100 years. Beginning with this issue of Columns, we will feature articles provide you a glimpse into the history and development of the Board throughout its 100 year existence.

Based on the bill introduced that day in March of 2015, the first Board would consist of five members appointed by the Governor and was to meet within thirty days thereafter. According to the records *“...the Governor shall appoint five persons who are reputable architects residing in the State of North Carolina, who have been engaged in the practice of architecture at least ten years.”* At that time, by statute, architecture was defined *“to be the art of designing for the safe and sanitary construction of buildings for public and private use, as taught by the various colleges of architecture as recognized by the American Institute of Architects.”* The five persons appointed by the Governor made up the very first State Board of Architectural Examination and Registration.

Just one month later on April 12, 1915 all five members were present for their first meeting in Raleigh, NC. The meeting took place at the office of the Secretary of State where the members were administered the oath for the faithful performance of the duty required of them by law. After the oath, the members met for the purpose of organization and electing officers. The appointed members of the Board and their initial officer positions were:

Hill C. Linithicum, Durham, NC (President)

R.S. Smith, Asheville, NC (Vice President)

O.D. Wheeler, Charlotte, NC (Treasurer)

J. F. Leitner, Wilmington, NC

C. E. Hartge, Raleigh, NC (Secretary)

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Board Members

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| Chris E. Brasier FAIA | President |
| Julie M. McLaurin, AIA | Vice President |
| John H. Tabor, AIA | Secretary |
| Stephen M. McClure | Treasurer |
| Robert Bishop, | Member |
| John Monteith | Public Member |
| Cheryl C. Walker, FAIA | Member |

Board Staff

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| Cathe M. Evans | Executive Director |
| Julie L. Piatek | Director of Administration |
| Tyler Barrick | Firm/CE Compliance |

2015 Meeting Dates

April 10 (Raleigh, NC)

May 8 (Raleigh, NC)

July 10 (Raleigh, NC)

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www.ncbarch.org All Board meeting are open to the public.



from the executive director's desk



Hello All,

The North Carolina Board of Architecture has begun an outreach program. We are teaming up with the AIA-NC to travel around the state and meet with all of the sections to ensure that everyone is updated on Board events and operations. If your office or AIA section would like to schedule a speaker from the Board, don't hesitate to contact me.

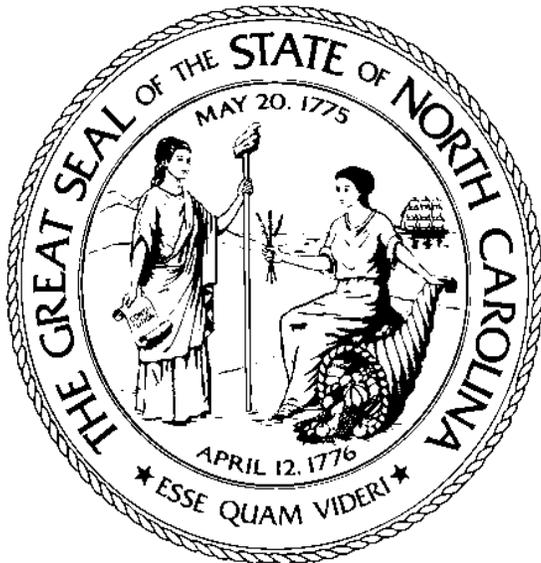
The 2015 Firm renewals were sent out in mid-October and were due by December 31, 2014. If you have not renewed your firm license, you should not be offering services through the firm. As required by law, firms that have not renewed must be reported to the Secretary of State for revocation of certificate of authority to do business in North Carolina.

-Don't forget to follow us on Twitter! @ncArchitectureB
Sincerely,

Cathe M. Evans (cathe@ncbarch.org)
Executive Director



Please don't hesitate to call on the Staff of the Board of Architecture with your questions or concerns. We are here to assist you in any way regarding the rules and laws, licensure, exam and CE. If we don't know the answer, we probably know someone who does. When it comes to professional licensure... it is better to ASK the question than BEG forgiveness!



board welcomes new member

The North Carolina Board of Architecture welcomes its newest member – Robert W. Bishop. Robert was appointed by Governor Patrick L. McCrory in September 2014, he will serve a five year term.

Robert is a Partner and Durham Office President at Little Diversified Architectural Consulting. He is a regular contributor to the industry through speaking and writing on the subjects of enhancing the collegiate student life experience, student recruitment and retention, and the benefits of creating public-private partnerships for schools and municipalities. He sits on the board of numerous non-profit organizations where he has helped projects become reality through the implementation of creative funding strategies.

A 31 year veteran in the field of architectural practice, Robert received his Bachelor of Architecture from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.



enforcement report

Following is the Enforcement Report for the period September 1, 2014 to February 13, 2015. 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 dismissed two cases as unfounded.

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

- ◆ [Case 983 Peter R. Cabrera](#) of Green Heron Landscapes

The Board issued two Cease & Desist Orders:

- ◆ [Case 972 Kurt Werth and Glen Trematore](#) of Church Development Services, LLC.
- ◆ [Case 980 Stephen DerMargosian](#) of SDM Design, Inc.

The Board issued the following Consent Orders:

- ◆ [Case 975](#) Charles Witmer
- ◆ [Case 976](#) Billy M. Snell, Jr./Snell & Associates Architects, Inc.
- ◆ [Case 981](#) Frank D. Mileto
- ◆ [Case 982](#) David W. Ohlemeyer/The Lawrence Group of the Carolinas, Inc.
- ◆ [Case 987](#) Paul M. Clark
- ◆ [Case 988](#) R. Dean King/Dean King Architecture, PLLC

A note on Board enforcement and jurisdiction—

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 and non-licensed practice. This Board does not have the statutory authority to discipline architects regarding complaints involving contract disagreements between a client and architect or allegations of ordinary negligence, nor can the Board mediate these situations.

Non-licensed Practice CIVIL PENALTIES INCREASED— Architects, this means YOU.

When an architect thinks about “non-licensed” practice rarely do they consider themselves as someone who is “non-licensed”. But, if you fail to renew your individual or firm license in a timely, even if it is a day late, that is considered non-licensed practice. If you fail to renew your license and continue to practice you are in violation of Board rules and laws and will be disciplined. Think about how many projects you offer and render services on in a month? In six months? In a year? Are you sure your license (both individual and firm) are current when you talk to a client?

In most typical cases of non-licensed practice after a license has expired, the Board has penalized architects and architectural firms who continue to offer architectural services on a per project basis. Recently, the Board revised its policy and increased the cost per project to **\$2,500**. For example, if your individual license expires on July 1 and you do not renew but continue to practice and work on 5 projects, you may be fined \$12,500. The Board takes failure to renew very seriously and the discipline will reflect that.

It is important to know that the Board does not keep the Civil Penalties that it collects. Per the North Carolina Laws, all Civil Penalties collected by occupational licensing boards go the school system within the county of the infraction. In other words, if your firm is located in Raleigh and you pay a Civil Penalty of \$10,000 the Board deposits the money with the State Treasurer with a notification that the monies go to Wake County. So, remember ALL individual licenses expire on July 1 every year and ALL firm licenses expire on December 31 every year, REGARDLESS of when the license was issued.

NCARB Board Approves Streamlining and Overhauling of the Intern Development Program (IDP)

The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) Board of Directors has voted to approve significant changes that will streamline and overhaul the Intern Development Program (IDP), which most states require to satisfy experience requirements for initial licensure as an architect. The changes will only be applicable where adoption has occurred by individual jurisdictional licensing boards.

The changes will be implemented in two phases. The first will streamline the program by focusing on the IDP's core requirements and removing its elective requirements. The second phase will condense the 17 current experience areas into six practice-based categories that will also correspond with the divisions tested in the Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®).

NCARB announced the proposals to modify the IDP in late June at its Annual Business Meeting, which was attended by representatives of its 54 member jurisdiction boards that oversee architect licensing in their states or territories. After reviewing the feedback from the boards, the Board of Directors voted to move forward with both proposals for implementation in mid-2015 and mid-2016.

“Streamlining of the IDP requirements will reduce complexities while ensuring that intern architects still acquire the comprehensive experience that is essential for competent practice, and result in a program that is both justifiable and defensible,” said NCARB President Dale McKinney, FAIA.

◆ See more at www.ncarb.org

licensing statistics /Expired License Lists

North Carolina Board of Architecture

License Statistics as of February 25, 2015 at 12:53. p.m.

[CLICK HERE](#) for a listing of licenses that EXPIRED.

[Firms that Expired on December 31, 2014](#)

[Individuals that Expired on July 1, 2014](#)

Active Individual licenses : 5576 expiring on June 30, 2015

Breakdown:

NC - 2391

Out-of-State – 3185

Active firm licenses: 1482 expiring on December 31, 2015

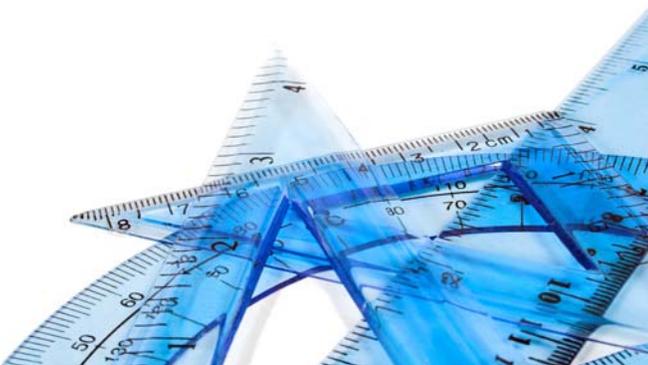
Breakdown:

NC– 646

Out-of-State– 836

Candidates Eligible to take the ARE - 510

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



President's Message continued

By statute, this board was granted the power to create by-laws, rules and regulations, policy so long as they were not in violation of any other laws. The Board set about authoring its rules and examination; developed forms, guidelines and costs to be associated with registration. It advertised in the News and Observer on a weekly basis to solicit and inform individuals who may wish to be registered as an architect by exam or by experience. Applicants were requested to supply the Board with certain desired information and drawings for inspection; some were asked to appear in person for interviewing where they were given "problems" to solve. The fee for the process was \$25.00. The Board issued sixty-two licenses between July 5, 1915 and December 30, 1915 and the cost of the certificate was \$10.00.

It is noted that the first five licenses did not go to the Board members themselves! The first Board member to become licensed was C.E. Hartage, the Board Secretary of Raleigh, who was issued license number 19. As of the writing of this article, 13,071 individual licenses have been issued by the Board during this first 100 years.



Sincerely,

Chris E. Brasier, FAIA

Chair, NC Board of Architecture

Meet the Board staff....



Tyler and Julie

Mr. Barrick was born and raised in Raleigh, North Carolina. He joined the Board of Architecture in 2007 after attending North Carolina State University. Tyler started as a Document Specialist, and he is currently the Firm Compliance and Continuing Education Administrator.

Since joining the Board, Tyler has completed the CLEAR National Certified Investigator/Inspector Training Basic Program. He has also completed the North Carolina Office of State Human Resources Administrative Professionals Certificate Program.

Tyler currently resides in Raleigh with his wife, Ginger. His interests outside of work include tennis, golf and basketball.

Mrs. Piatek has been with the NC Board of Architecture for 14 years. She started as the Administrative Services Coordinator and her role was redefined in 2012 as Director of Administration. She has been a notary public since 2006 and completed the Administrative Professionals Certificate Program, through the North Carolina State Office of Human Resources in 2008.

Random FACT...

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