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BOARD MEETINGS:

June 10, 2016 Spanish Fort, AL
August 10, 2016
November 2, 2016
All meetings in Montgomery
unless otherwise denoted

BOARD MEMBERS:

Daniel D. Bennett, Chair
Marzette Fisher, Vice-Chair
Patrick B. Davis, Jr., Member
Kristine A. Harding, Member
Jim H. Seay, Jr., Member
Mac Walcott, Member

STAFF:

Elizabeth Bern
Executive Director
Bonnie Singleton
Executive Secretary
Debbie Whitman
Legal Research Assistant
John Mulligan
Investigator

**NOMINATION MEETINGS FOR NORTH,
NORTH CENTRAL & SOUTH DISTRICTS**

As to the North District, the term of Board Member for the State of Alabama Board for Registration of Architects member Kristine Harding expires on July 17, 2016. A meeting of the registered architects in the North District will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at 10:30 a.m., at the Huntsville Hub, 600 Boulevard South SW, Suite 104, Huntsville, Alabama 35802.

As to the North Central District, the term of Board Member for the State of Alabama Board for Registration of Architects member Patrick B. Davis, Jr. expires on July 17, 2016. A meeting of the registered architects in the North Central District will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at 1:30 p.m., at SAW Works, 130 19th Street South, Birmingham, Alabama 35233.

As to the South District, the term of Board Member for the State of Alabama Board for Registration of Architects member Carswell M. (Mac) Walcott expires on July 17, 2016. A meeting of the registered architects in the South District will be held on Friday, June 10, 2016, at 12:00 p.m., at the Spanish Fort Community Center, 7361 Spanish Fort Boulevard, Spanish Fort, Alabama 36527. **A Board meeting will precede this district meeting beginning at 10:30 a.m.**

As to the respective Districts, each registered architect in the district is urged to attend the meeting. Each registered architect in the district is eligible to serve on the Nominating Committee (if present) and to be nominated for the Board member seat. For directions to any of the meetings listed above, you may contact the Board Office at (334) 242-4179.

TIME TO RENEW YOUR CERTIFICATES OF AUTHORIZATION!

All Alabama Certificates of Authorization expire on April 30, 2016. Renewal notices have been emailed to every registered firm's email contact last on file with the Board office. If your firm did not receive an email about renewing, please contact Debbie Whitman at Debbie.Whitman@boa.alabama.gov or at (334) 242-4179.

ARE 5.0 v. ARE 4.0

On February 18, 2016, NCARB released details of the new ARE 5.0 that is set to launch in late 2016. The ARE 5.0 will have six divisions as opposed to the seven divisions on the current 4.0. The test duration for each division will range between three and half hours to five hours. The total test time on the 5.0 will be eight hours less than the 4.0. The ARE 5.0 incorporates new question types in addition to case studies. NCARB made a series of videos concerning the new question types available on YouTube. The videos may be watched at www.youtube.com/user/NCARBorg.
The ARE 4.0 retires June 30, 2018.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

JAMES MITCHELL (#6187) (BOA CASE#15010), Warner Robins, GA, practiced architecture without registration by preparing architectural design plans for a building in Flomaton, Alabama. Mitchell signed a settlement agreement and paid a \$2,000.00 fine.

JACK B. GILLILAND (#3032) (BOA CASE#16001), Destin, FL, failed to disclose disciplinary actions from another jurisdiction upon his most recent registration renewal that had occurred within the last year. Gilliland signed a settlement agreement and paid a \$750.00 fine.

NOTICE OF AMENDMENTS AND NEW REGULATION

The members of the Alabama Board of Architects (BOA) adopted, without change, amendments to Regulations 100-X-1-.14 and 100-X-5-.06 and new Regulation 100-X-5-.07. Sixteen comments were received and thoughtfully considered by the Board members at the February 25, 2016 meeting. The Board received two comments that were in overall agreement to all proposed changes and new rule. The Board discussed the three negative comments concerning the COA fee increase. Specifically, the Board discussed that Alabama's COA fee is one of the lowest of the jurisdictions that require COAs. The Board agrees that the increase is more in line with staff time spent on COA registrations, renewals, and keeping the database current.

The following are the new amendments and regulation as adopted:

100-X-1-.14 **Fee Schedule.** All fees and charges shall be as prescribed by the Board and in accordance with the Registration Act. The current fiscal year's fee schedule shall be updated and published annually.

- (1) All fees and fines are not refundable.

(2) All fees and fines are payable by certified check, cashier's check, corporate or business check, money order or personal check. Counter checks will not be accepted. Personal checks shall be imprinted with the name, address, and account number of the applicant or registrant.

(3) Statutory charges for returned checks shall be paid by the applicant or registrant.

(4) The Board may allow payment of fees and fines by electronic means.

(5) The Board may allow payment of fees for the Architect Registration Examination® to be paid directly to the test administration vendor.

(6) If a payment is not honored by the financial institution, the Board may pursue disciplinary action and/or reporting to the appropriate legal authorities for possible prosecution.

(7) The following schedule of fees is adopted by the Board:

A.R.E. Application Fee	\$ 10.00
NCARB Reciprocal Registration Fee	\$150.00
Reinstatement Application Fee	\$460.00
Renewal Fee	\$135.00
Late Fee	\$ 75.00
Application for Certificate of Authorization	\$ 75.00
Certificate Replacement Fee	\$ 25.00
Printing Fee for Roster	\$ 10.00
Mailing Labels	\$ 25.00
Mailing List on Electronic Media	\$ 25.00
Returned Check Fee	\$ 30.00

100-X-5-.06 Construction Administration.

(1) On a project where a building permit has been issued and an Alabama registered architect has not been engaged, or is no longer engaged, to perform construction administration services, the architect must report to the building official and the Board that he or she has not been, or is no longer, so engaged.

(2) Construction administration services of an architect deemed necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public include but not necessarily limited to periodic site observations of the construction progress and quality, review of contractor submittal data and drawings, and reporting to the building official and owner any violations of codes or substantial deviations from the contract documents that the architect observed. As with other architectural services, qualified employees of registered architects may perform construction administration services under the instruction and responsible control of their employers.

100-X-5-.07 Construction Administration for Exempt Projects. An Alabama registered architect who prepares documents for a project, regardless of whether the project is exempted, shall perform construction administration services as described in § 34-2-32 (Code of Alabama 1975) and Rule 100-X-5-.06.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The following individuals passed the Architects Registration Exam® from October 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016:

Jared Fulton – Williams Blackstock Architects – Birmingham, AL
Adam Kent – Ellis Architects, Inc. – Birmingham, AL
Rachel Crafton-Stiver – Goodwyn Mills & Cawood – Montgomery, AL
Michael Dowdy – Chapman Sisson Architects – Huntsville, AL
Matthew Burks – Simonton Swaika Black Architects, Inc. – Birmingham, AL
Nickolas Bishop – Seay Seay & Litchfield, P.C. – Montgomery, AL
Haley Robinson – Eskew+Dumez+Ripple – New Orleans, LA
Jarrod Winslett – Pinson, AL
Jeremy Cutts – Williams Blackstock Architects – Birmingham, AL
Christina Soloman – Houston, TX
Michael Foster – Birmingham, AL
Charles A. Mazzola, Jr. – Auburn, AL

REGISTRATION STATISTICS (as of 03/31/2016)

Alabama Resident Architects

Active: 834
Emeritus: $\frac{67}{901}$

Non-Resident Architects

Active: 1,966
Emeritus: $\frac{17}{1,983}$

Certificates of Authorization Issued

Alabama Firms: 226
Non-Alabama Firms: $\frac{555}{781}$

EXAM STATISTICS

Total Division Taken 7/1/15-9/30/15: 76

Total ARE Divisions Passed: 47

Total ARE Divisions Failed: 29

Building Design	6	Building Design	5
Building Systems	5	Building Systems	5
Programming, Planning & Practice	4	Programming, Planning & Practice	8
Construction Documents	10	Construction Documents	2
Structural Systems	5	Structural Systems	1
Schematic Design	8	Schematic Design	6
Site Planning & Design	9	Site Planning & Design	2

Total Division Taken 10/1/15-12/31/15: 71

Total ARE Divisions Passed: 44

Total ARE Divisions Failed: 27

Building Design	4	Building Design	1
Building Systems	7	Building Systems	4
Programming, Planning & Practice	13	Programming, Planning & Practice	9
Construction Documents	8	Construction Documents	3
Structural Systems	4	Structural Systems	6
Schematic Design	5	Schematic Design	0
Site Planning & Design	3	Site Planning & Design	4

QUOTABLE QUOTE

You can put down a bad book; you can avoid listening to bad music; but you cannot miss the ugly tower block opposite your house.

– Renzo Piano

