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### **BOARD MEETINGS:**

August 5, 2015  
November 4, 2015  
All meetings in Montgomery

### **BOARD MEMBERS:**

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

### **STAFF:**

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

## **RETIREMENT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Cindy McKim is retiring June 30 after serving the Board of Architects for 27 years. She has worked for the State of Alabama for over 36 years. During her time with the Board, Mrs. McKim has served on numerous NCARB Committees including the Intern Development Program Committee, the Administrators Task Force, the Member Board Administrators Committee, the Broadly Experienced Foreign Architect Task Force, the Reciprocity Impediments Task Force, the Procedures and Documents Committee, and the MBE Observer to the NCARB Board of Directors. She also received the NCARB President's Medal for Distinguished Service.

The Board and its Staff will sorely miss Cindy and appreciates all of her hard work and dedication! We wish her the best in her retirement.

## **NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Effective July 1, 2015, Elizabeth Bern will be the new Executive Director. Elizabeth was born and raised in Montgomery, Alabama. She graduated from Auburn University with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and received a juris doctorate degree from Jones School of Law. She practiced locally, specializing mainly in civil litigation before working as an Assistant Attorney General with the Department of Human Resources. Prior to serving the Board of Architects, Elizabeth also taught as an Adjunct Professor in the paralegal/legal studies program at South University. She and her husband, Jacob, have three children.

Elizabeth is honored to serve in this new position and is ready to assist licensed architects and emerging professionals.

## LAW CHANGES: Renewal Date to Coincide with Calendar Year

Legislation has been enacted to coordinate registration renewal and continuing education dates. Renewals for registration will now be due on December 31st. Your license will be effective for the calendar year from January 1st until December 31st. Your fulfillment of continuing education must be reported for the current calendar year at the time of renewal. Regulations implementing this new law will be up for adoption before the Board on its August meeting. The regulations are available for review on the Board's website. Comments may be submitted to the Board by close of business on July 2, 2015.

**Please note that your current license will not expire this September. It will expire on December 31, 2015.** You may print a current certificate of registration on our website at [www.boa.alabama.gov](http://www.boa.alabama.gov) under your license information. The on-line certificate states that your registration is in effect until December 31, 2015.

## DELINQUENT CERTIFICATES OF AUTHORIZATION

Certificates of Authorizations expired April 30, 2015. These Certificates must be renewed annually at a cost of \$25. Renewal notices were sent via e-mail. If you have not renewed your certificate, you should have received a delinquent notice via e-mail. Please direct questions about Certificates of Authorization to Debbie Whitman by e-mail to [Debbie.Whitman@boa.alabama.gov](mailto:Debbie.Whitman@boa.alabama.gov) or call her at (334) 242-4522.

Corporations, professional corporations, professional associations, partnerships and limited liability companies that wish to practice architecture in Alabama must possess a Certificate of Authorization (COA) issued by the Board.

## DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

**GARY S. BISHOP, PE (BOA CASE#15006)**, practiced architecture without registration by preparing architectural design plans for a building in Summerdale, Alabama. Bishop signed a settlement agreement and paid a \$1,000.00 fine.

**RICHARD V. BUCHANAN (#4296)**, Huntsville, AL, was unable to substantiate continuing education hours he reported on his most recent registration renewal. Buchanan signed a settlement agreement and paid a \$500.00 fine.

**VICTOR BUEHLER (BOA CASE#14008)**, practiced architecture without registration by preparing architectural design plans for a building in Reform, Alabama. Buehler signed a settlement agreement and paid a \$500.00 fine.

**ERIC W. LEE (#5796)**, Hixon, TN, was unable to substantiate continuing education hours he reported on his most recent registration renewal. Lee signed a settlement agreement and paid a \$500.00 fine.

**RICHARD R. MCCARTY (#5499)**, Tupelo, MS, practiced architecture in Alabama during a period when his registration was lapsed. McCarty signed a settlement agreement and paid a \$1,000 fine. McCarty's registration has been reinstated to active status.

**JOE MITCHELL (BOA CASE#14001)**, after proper notice and a hearing, was found by the Board to have violated § 34-2-20 and § 34-2-31, Code of Alabama 1975; and Rule 100-X-4.13(1)(b) in that he, as the owner of a firm, misrepresented in a telephone book that it was an architectural firm. Mitchell was fined \$1,000.00.

**WILLIAM A. MURNER (#5897)**, Roswell, GA, was unable to substantiate continuing education hours he reported on his most recent registration renewal. Murner signed a settlement agreement and paid a \$500.00 fine.

**KIPPARD A. OLDHAM (#4628)**, Newnan, GA, was unable to substantiate continuing education hours he reported on his most recent registration renewal. Oldham signed a settlement agreement and paid a \$500.00 fine.

**JAMES GREGORY QUALLS, PE (BOA CASE#13009)**, practiced architecture without registration by preparing architectural design plans for a building in Decatur, Alabama. Qualls signed a settlement agreement and paid a \$1,000.00 fine.

**RAY M. SMITH (#2151)**, Valrico, FL, was unable to substantiate continuing education hours he reported on his most recent registration renewal. Smith signed a settlement agreement and paid a \$500.00 fine.

**SCOTT STAFFORD (BOA CASE#13008)**, after proper notice and a hearing, was found by the Board to have violated Rule 100-X-7.04(5) and was fined \$250.00.

**JAMES N. VAUGHAN (#6792)**, Atlanta, GA, was unable to substantiate continuing education hours he reported on his most recent registration renewal. Vaughan signed a settlement agreement and paid a \$500.00 fine.

## **DISTRICT NOMINATION MEETING**

The term of Board Member for the State of Alabama Board for Registration of Architects member Daniel D. Bennett expires on September 6, 2015. A meeting of the registered architects in the Central District will be held on Wednesday, August 5, 2015, at 10:00 a.m., at the RSA Plaza, Fifth Floor Conference Room, 770 Washington Avenue, Montgomery.

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.

## **NCARB'S POSITION ON USE OF "INTERN," "ARCHITECT" AND "EMERITUS"**

Last year, NCARB created a task force to deliberate the usage of "intern," "architect" and "emeritus." The Task Force recently recommended the following to the NCARB Board of Directors:

- (1) That "architect" should be used to describe licensed individuals only;
- (2) That NCARB would cease using the word "intern," "intern architect," or any other title concerning an individual pursuing licensure; and
- (3) That "emeritus" should continue to be used to describe someone who was licensed but is no longer practicing.

In April, NCARB's Board of Directors unanimously voted to accept the Task Forces' recommendation.

The Alabama Board of Architects will review NCARB's position at its next meeting in August. For more information on this, you may visit NCARB's website at <http://www.ncarb.org/News-and-Events/News/2015/May-InternTitle.aspx>.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

The following individuals passed the Architects Registration Exam® from October 1, 2014 through June 22, 2015:

Jessica Bennett – Birmingham, AL  
David Bess – Montgomery, AL  
Jonathius Booker – Pelham, AL  
Chad Brown – Midland City, AL  
Ryan Coleman – Birmingham, AL  
Anne Corhern – Vestavia Hills, AL  
Jack Allen Harris, Montgomery, AL

Andrea Henderson – Atlanta, GA  
Allison Miles, Atlanta, GA  
Lana Smelley – Greensboro, AL  
Benjamin Strout – Birmingham, AL  
Eric Wadsworth – Hoover, AL  
Zachary Weber – Spanish Fort, AL

### **REGISTRATION STATISTICS (as of 6/22/15)**

#### Alabama Resident Architects

Active: 837  
Emeritus: 55  
892

#### Non-Resident Architects

Active: 1,853  
Emeritus: 13  
1,866

#### Certificates of Authorization Issued

Alabama Firms: 215  
Non-Alabama Firms: 522  
737

### **QUOTABLE QUOTE**

***I hate vacations. If you can build buildings, why sit on the beach.***

--Philip Johnson  
Architectural Digest

[http://www.architecturaldigest.com/architecture/2007-11/quotes\\_slideshow\\_Philip-Johnson\\_3](http://www.architecturaldigest.com/architecture/2007-11/quotes_slideshow_Philip-Johnson_3)

