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BOARD MEETINGS:

November 4, 2015
February 24, 2016
May 11, 2016
All meetings in Montgomery

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 Asst
John Mulligan
Investigator

**GOV. BENTLEY REAPPOINTMENTS
DANIEL BENNETT AND BOA SELECTS
BOARD CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

On August 13, 2015, Governor Robert Bentley reappointed Daniel D. Bennett to his second four-year term, effective September 7, 2015 until September 6, 2019. As elected in the BOA's August Board Meeting, the BOA is pleased to announce that Daniel Bennett will serve again as the Chair of the Board of Architects and Marzette Fisher will serve as Vice-Chair, beginning October 1, 2015.

**ELECTION OF KRISTINE HARDING AS
NCARB'S PRESIDENT-ELECT**

Effective July 1, 2015, Kristine Harding, BOA Board Member, began her newly elected title as First Vice-President/President-Elect of NCARB's Board of Directors. She has served on the BOA since 2005 and in many positions for NCARB, most recently as Secretary in 2014 and Treasurer in 2015. Kristine is Vice-President/Group Manager for KPS Group, Inc. in Huntsville, Alabama.

TIME TO RENEW YOUR REGISTRATION!

All Alabama registrations expire on December 31, 2015. Renewal notices will be mailed in mid-October to the last known address on file with the Board office.

Starting November 2, the renewal application and instructions will be available on the Board's web site at www.boa.alabama.gov. A screen-fillable form will be available for download and mailing, or the registrant can renew electronically with a credit card or electronic check (e-check).

NCARB'S STREAMLINING OF IDP

In 2014, NCARB's Board of Directors voted to approve changes to the IDP Program in an effort to streamline and overhaul the program. The first change will streamline the program by removing the 1,860 elective hours and focusing on the 3,740 core hours. This first change of removing the elective hours took effect July 2015. The second change will place the 17 current experience practice areas into the six practice-based categories, which are the six divisions tested on the ARE. NCARB plans for this second implementation to go into effect mid-2016.

View NCARB's IDP guidelines as of July 2015 at the following link:

http://www.ncarb.org/Experience-Through-Internships/Resources-for-Interns/~/_media/Files/PDF/Guidelines/IDP_Guidelines.ashx

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE SAMFORD UNIVERSITY AND BOA MEMBERS MEET By Daniel Bennett and Marzette Fisher

Board members Bennett and Fisher met with representatives of Samford University's Department of Interior Architecture and their counsel in January, 2015. In 2014, the Board became aware that in 2013 Samford changed the title of the Interior Design Department to the Department of Interior Architecture.

Samford offers a Bachelor's of Fine Arts degree in interior design. It has no architecture curriculum and doesn't offer a degree in architecture. In reviewing Samford's updated catalog, the Board has concerns that the public could mistakenly conclude a degree in "Interior Architecture" is offered, thereby allowing one to practice architecture in Alabama, call oneself an architect, or sit for the licensing examination, all of which are not possible. There are cases where individuals pursuing degrees in architecture realize too late they misunderstood or were confused by degree terminology, thereby adversely impacting career and financial goals. This is the basis of the Board's concern.

Samford's Interior Architecture department offers a pre-architecture concentration via a two-year, non-degree track. It shares common curriculum components with interior design majors. Students choosing the pre-architecture concentration and who meet admission requirements may transfer earned credits into a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Architectural Studies program (non-NAAB accredited) at Judson University, Elgin, Illinois, made possible by an articulation agreement between Samford and Judson. Upon graduation and acceptance, individuals may pursue Elgin's (or any other) NAAB-accredited Masters of Architecture (M.A.) degree.

After the January meeting, Samford took several steps to improve transparency regarding graduate qualifications:

- Create descriptive web graphics
- Review marketing materials of other institutions offering pre-professional degrees
- Reviewing CIDA recommendations regarding publishing accreditation status

- Review and update website and publication language to clearly communicate that the BFA degree offered by Samford does not allow holders to sit for the ARE exam or become licensed architects.
- Providing Samford's revised promotional materials to Samford's Admissions Officers and high school counselors to confirm that said materials accurately represent program graduate qualifications.
- Meeting with institutions offering Professional Degrees in Architecture (like Auburn) to assess time required by their programs for Samford students to obtain a professional degree who pursued the 2-year pre-architecture track or BFA graduates in Interior Design seeking a BArch or MArch degree.

The Board will continue to monitor this situation.

Samford's Interior Architecture website:

http://catalog.samford.edu/preview_entity.php?catoid=6&ent_oid=354&returnto=352

Samford's Pre-Architecture Concentration website:

http://catalog.samford.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=6&pooid=1286&returnto=352

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

JAMES D. SOOTER (#2544), Baton Rouge, LA, was unable to substantiate continuing education hours he reported on his most recent registration renewal. Sooter signed a settlement agreement and paid a \$500.00 fine.

BART G. BANKOWSKI (#4693), Huntsville, AL, was unable to substantiate continuing education hours he reported on his most recent registration renewal. Bankowski signed a settlement agreement and paid a \$500.00 fine.

KURT S. SCHNEIDER (#5091), Fairhope, AL, was unable to substantiate continuing education hours he reported on his most recent registration renewal. Schneider signed a settlement agreement and paid a \$500.00 fine.

WILLIAM L. WOOD (#5468), Nashville, TN, was unable to substantiate continuing education hours he reported on his most recent registration renewal. Wood signed a settlement agreement and paid a \$500.00 fine.

JAMES R. WALKER (#5955), Mobile, AL, was unable to substantiate continuing education hours he reported on his most recent registration renewal. Walker signed a settlement agreement and paid a \$250.00 fine.

ERIC L. STYER (#7019), Long Grove, IL, was unable to substantiate continuing education hours he reported on his most recent registration renewal. Styer signed a settlement agreement and paid a \$250.00 fine.

ALABAMA REGULATORY OVERSIGHT COMMISSION MAY RESULT IN A SURCHARGE

On June 23, 2015, Governor Bentley issued Executive Order 7 establishing the Alabama Office for Regulatory Oversight of Boards and Commissions to review actions and/or rules submitted by Regulatory Boards to ensure that the actions are based upon clear state policy. Legislation is expected to be presented in the next Regular Session of the Legislature, which may result in a surcharge to all licensees and registrants. The Board will keep registrants posted.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The following individuals passed the Architects Registration Exam® from June 23, 2015 through October 1, 2015:

Ryan Kiefer – Katy, TX
Jonathan Meadows – Birmingham, AL
Kyonta Smith– Calera, AL
David Tudisco – Birmingham, AL

Clayton Wilks – Enterprise, AL
Samantha Wilson – Trussville, AL
Mary Melissa Yohn, Nashville, TN

REGISTRATION STATISTICS (as of 10/01/15)

Alabama Resident Architects		Non-Resident Architects	
Active:	845	Active:	1,909
Emeritus:	<u>55</u>	Emeritus:	<u>13</u>
	900		1,922

Certificates of Authorization Issued

Alabama Firms:	220
Non-Alabama Firms:	<u>535</u>
	755

QUOTABLE QUOTES

If a building becomes architecture, then it is art.

--Arne Jacobsen

A doctor can bury his mistakes but an architect can only advise his clients to plant vines.

--Frank Lloyd Wright

