



# Alabama

## Board for Registration of Architects

### SPRING 2007 NEWSLETTER

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#### FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:

May 23, 2007  
August 8, 2007

#### BOARD MEMBERS:

Joseph L. Bynum  
Kristine A. Harding  
Renis O. Jones, Jr.  
Chuck E. Penuel  
Jim H. Seay, Jr.  
Mac Walcott

#### STAFF:

Cindy McKim  
Executive Director  
  
Bonnie Singleton  
Executive Secretary

#### REAPPOINTMENTS

Joe Bynum from Birmingham and Jim Seay, Jr. from Montgomery were both recently reappointed by Governor Bob Riley to serve another four-year term. Bynum's term will expire on 12/15/10 and Seay's term will expire on 1/2/11.

#### CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION SERVICES

Registrants are reminded of the requirement to report to the Board and the local building official (or other authority having jurisdiction) when you are not engaged, or are no longer engaged, by an owner to provide construction administration services on a project. A report form is provided on the home page of the Board's web site.

#### DONATIONS

As part of the Board's continuing support of Alabama's two architecture schools, a combined total of \$40,000 was donated to Auburn and Tuskegee for use in promoting the health, safety, and welfare of the public to students, emerging professionals, and registered architects.

In addition to the above donations, the Board also donated a combined total of \$10,000 to pay the NCARB council record application fee (necessary to begin documenting IDP credits) for all rising fourth year students at both universities.

## **ADDRESS CHANGES**

Keeping the Board informed of address changes is the best way registrants can ensure they receive renewal notices and other important information in a timely manner. As a reminder, changing your address with AIA or NCARB does not automatically change your address with your state registration board.

A change of address form is located on the FORMS page of our web site, or contact Bonnie Singleton in the Board office at (334) 242-4179 or by e-mail at Bonnie.Singleton@boa.alabama.gov.

## **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE**

The Board is proposing to change Rule 100-X-2-.08 of its Administrative Code (rules and regulations) as follows. Underlined text is new language to be added to the rule. Interested parties are encouraged to send written comments to the Board Office by **May 1, 2007**.

### **100-X-2-.08 Violations And Investigations.**

The Board shall have the power to investigate or cause to be investigated any matter that is brought to the Board's attention. The Board shall supply form entitled "Report of Possible Violation" to the public to aid in handling complaints. All complaints shall be in writing. The Board, through its executive director, has the authority to subpoena records during the course of investigations and to compel the attendance of witnesses to testify during the course of investigations or to testify at hearings before the Board. The Board shall have the power to hold informal hearings and formal hearings. The Board has the power to enter into contract agreements with an attorney and/or investigators in accordance with state laws. Violations are described in the Code for Professional Conduct. The Board has the power to set fines, to suspend registration, to revoke registration, and/or other appropriate measures upon any architect found guilty of any violation.

## **PROPOSED ADDITION TO CODE FOR PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**

The Board is proposing to add a new Section 4.4 to its Code for Professional Conduct as follows. Interested parties are encouraged to send written comments to the Board Office by **May 1, 2007**.

**4.4** An architect shall not present a check to the Board that is returned unpaid by his or her financial institution.

Commentary: The Board expects timely and accurate payments for all fees or obligations.

## REMINDERS ABOUT RENEWING YOUR REGISTRATION

**ALL** registrations are renewable **annually** by September 30. Notices regarding renewals are mailed to the last reported address of record approximately six weeks before the due date. Once the notices leave our offices, we cannot be held responsible if it does not reach your mailbox.

Renewals will be accepted with a late penalty when postmarked between October 1 and December 31. Extra days are NOT granted when December 31 falls on Saturday or Sunday. Renewals postmarked after December 31 will be returned to the registrant along with information regarding reinstatement.

Registrants are encouraged to make note of these deadlines, keeping in mind that they are statutorily fixed and cannot be waived by the Board.

## DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

**EDWARD C. MATHES (#3402)**, New Orleans, LA, practiced architecture in Alabama while his registration was lapsed. He signed a consent order on December 19, 2006, and paid a \$500 administrative assessment. His registration has been reinstated to active status.

**WILLIAM R. WIBLE (#1156)**, Montgomery, AL, failed to timely comply with the Board's continuing education audit rules. A settlement agreement and order was ratified by the Board on January 24, 2007, and Wible paid a \$250 fine.

**LONNIE J. WIGGINS (#789)**, Montgomery, AL, failed to timely comply with the Board's continuing education audit rules. A settlement agreement and order was ratified by the Board on January 24, 2007, and Wiggins paid a \$250 fine.

## 2006 A.R.E. STATISTICS

Pass rates for Alabama candidates taking the Architects Registration Exam during the calendar year 2006 are listed below:

<u>Division Name</u>	<u>Alabama Pass Rate</u>	<u>National Pass Rate</u>
Pre-Design	93%	78%
General Structures	87%	75%
Lateral Forces	75%	75%
Mechanical and Electrical Systems	78%	70%
Building Design/Materials and Methods	79%	77%
Construction Documents and Services	85%	77%
Site Planning	81%	66%
Building Planning	72%	68%
Building Technology	66%	67%

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## CONGRATULATIONS!

The following individuals passed the Architects Registration Exam since publication of our last newsletter:

Jacky Ray Barganier – Orange Beach  
James A. Brown, Jr. – Toney  
James T. Clark – Birmingham  
William A. Crotwell – Birmingham  
Christian T. Dagg – Auburn  
John Daniel Kelley – Birmingham

James Ross McCain – Birmingham  
Blakeney S. Nelson – Hoover  
Wesley R. Osmer – Montgomery  
Andrea Paseur – Huntsville  
Joanne G. Riddle – Birmingham



### **QUOTABLE QUOTE:**

Work joyfully and peacefully, knowing that right thoughts and right efforts inevitably bring about right results.

--James Allen