



Alabama

Board for Registration of Architects

SPRING 2008 NEWSLETTER

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FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:

May 22, 2008
Mobile

August 20, 2008
Montgomery

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

DISTRICT NOMINATION MEETINGS SCHEDULED

Three board member terms expire in July, 2008. District nomination meetings have been scheduled as follows:

May 21, 2008	North District	10 a.m.
May 21, 2008	N. Central District	2 p.m.
May 22, 2008	South District	11 a.m.

Architects whose address of record is in one of these districts can expect to receive a notice regarding the date, place, and time for the nomination meetings in April, 2008.

PAST AND CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS HONORED

Former Board member, William W. (Billy) Herrin, Jr., of Huntsville, Alabama, was inducted into the Alabama Associated General Contractors Construction Hall of Fame on January 4, 2008. These individuals are held in high esteem by their peers and have demonstrated their professionalism through active support of the industry and through their civic and community involvement. Herrin served as a Board member from 1988 to 2004.

Current Board member, Jim Seay, Jr., of Montgomery, Alabama, received the Alabama Council AIA Accolade Award on January 31, 2008. Jimmy was recognized for his untiring efforts on behalf of intern architects and his promotion of the Intern Development Program to educators, students, intern architects, and registered architects. Seay is currently serving his second term as a Board member representing the Central District of Alabama.

ARCHITECTS AND PUBLIC CORRUPTION

In two separate, large public corruption investigations and prosecutions in Alabama involving the Jefferson County Commission and the Alabama Department of Post Secondary Education, news reports stated that architects were involved in criminal activities to some degree. The staff of the Alabama Board for Registration of Architects has received anonymous and threatening letters about what would happen if the Board does not take action. Other architects have raised their concerns with Board members directly and in person about the need to investigate any architect that might be involved in public corruption schemes. This is plainly a matter of concern within the community of architects.

The Alabama Board for Registration of Architects intends to investigate any and all credible allegations about architects who allegedly participated in public corruption schemes, whether the ones named above or any that arise in the future. That is the solemn duty of the Board. The most pertinent detail in matters like this is timing. It is generally recognized that criminal investigations are the primary focus initially and that professional disciplinary actions are secondary until such time as the criminal cases are reasonably concluded.

Until the criminal cases run their course, a person being investigated will not cooperate with a licensing board or registration board for fear of hurting himself in any possible criminal case. Such persons very frequently invoke their Fifth Amendment Right not to be compelled to give evidence against themselves. Witnesses are also uncooperative for the same reason. After the criminal cases are concluded, the prosecutors often turn over their entire file to a board seeking to impose professional discipline whereas before the case is concluded, the prosecutor may hesitate to cooperate with the board for fear of jeopardizing his prosecution in some manner.

The bottom line is that the Alabama Board for Registration of Architects will investigate all allegations of architects involved in public corruption as soon as it possibly can, given the considerations inherent to such an investigation.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

NORMAN G. ALLEN (#3048), Lawrenceville, Georgia, offered or performed architectural services while his registration was lapsed. He signed a consent order on December 19, 2007, and paid a \$500 administrative assessment. His registration has been reinstated to active status.

ROBERT A. HEFFERNAN (#3493), Pensacola, Florida, practiced architecture in Alabama while his registration was lapsed. He signed a consent order on November 26, 2007, and paid a \$1,500 administrative assessment. His registration has been reinstated to active status.

**Do we have your current mailing address? E-mail address? Telephone number?
Contact Bonnie Singleton at Bonnie.Singleton@boa.alabama.gov with updates.**

PROPOSED AMENDED REGULATION 100-X-2-.15

At its February 13, 2008 meeting, Board members proposed the following amended regulation regarding fees. It is important to note that this regulation does not include increased or new fees. (New text is underlined.) Comments may be addressed to Cindy.McKim@boa.alabama.gov by May 1, 2008.

100-X-2-.15 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 Application Fee	\$150.00
Reinstatement Application Fee	\$360.00
Renewal Fee	\$135.00
Late Fee	\$ 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

CONGRATULATIONS!

The following individuals recently passed the Architects Registration Exam:

Ryan E. Baker – Fairhope, AL
Jared H. Bussey – Birmingham, AL
John C. Faulkner – Birmingham, AL
Jarrod D. Hart – Birmingham, AL
Craig L. Hennecy – Birmingham, AL
Angela A. Lyon – Chicago, IL
John A. McArthur, III – Mobile, AL
Allen D. McCulla – Chelsea, AL
James M. Myers – Birmingham, AL

Lee P. Payne – Boulder, CO
William Renneker, Jr. – Birmingham, AL
Astyn L. Richard – Cullman, AL
Jason Schmidt – Huntsville, AL
William Segrest, Jr. – Birmingham, AL
Andrew Scott, III – New Orleans, LA
James A. Smith – Montgomery, AL
Christa Vandiver – Birmingham, AL

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OUR MISSION

To protect and promote the health, safety, and welfare of the public as it relates to the practice of architecture in Alabama.

OUR VISION

We will effectively communicate to our stakeholders the necessity for and value of an architect.

OUR VALUES

Professionalism; responsiveness; consistency; progressive thinking; accountability.



QUOTABLE QUOTE:

Leaders who win the respect of others are the ones who deliver more than they promise, not the ones who promise more than they can deliver.”

--Mark A. Clement