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NEXT BOARD MEETING:

October 21, 2009
Montgomery

BOARD MEMBERS:

Daniel D. Bennett, FAIA
Joseph L. Bynum
Kristine A. Harding
Chuck E. Penuel
Jim H. Seay, Jr.
Mac Walcott

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Cindy McKim
Executive Director

Bonnie Singleton
Executive Secretary

GOVERNOR RILEY APPOINTS NEW BOARD MEMBER

On December 5, 2008, Alabama Governor Bob Riley appointed Daniel D. Bennett, FAIA, as a Board member representing the Central District of Alabama. Dan replaces long-time board member, Renis O. Jones, Jr., FAIA, who served the Board with distinction for 21 years.

Dan obtained his Bachelors of Architecture from Auburn University and a Master of Architecture in Urban Design from Rice University. His career has included both private architectural practice and architectural education. Dan's many honors include state, regional, and national AIA awards.

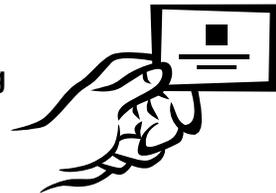
Dan is currently the Dean of the College of Architecture, Design, and Construction at Auburn University.

TIME TO RENEW YOUR REGISTRATION!

All Alabama registrations expire on September 30, 2009. Renewal notices will be mailed in mid-August to the last known address on file in the Board offices.

As in previous years, the renewal application and instructions will be available on the Board's web site. A screen-fillable form will be available for download and mailing, or the applicant can renew electronically with a credit card or electronic check (e-check).

**Do we have your correct mailing
address? E-mail address?
Telephone number?**



REWRITE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS

At a recent meeting, board members reviewed a draft of proposed modifications to the regulations governing architectural practice in Alabama. In an attempt to make the regulations more user-friendly, the Board reorganized the regulations so that related topics appear in the same chapter, edited old content and added new content that reflects current practice, and moved the Code for Professional Conduct into the regulations. The proposed regulations are available on the Board's web site through a link in the "Important Links" box. All registrants are invited to review the proposed regulation revisions and provide comments to the Board. Comments can be submitted in two ways:

IN WRITING: Please forward comments by October 1, 2009, by e-mail to Cindy McKim at Cindy.McKim@boa.alabama.gov or by regular postal mail to:

Alabama Board of Architects
770 Washington Avenue, #150
Montgomery, AL 36130-4450

To ensure your comments are fully and completely conveyed, please provide any text edits or additions in direct association with our proposed regulation. If you suggest we insert or delete a word, phrase, sentence, etc., submit that page showing your suggested edits.

HEALTH CARE PLAN SUBMISSIONS

The Alabama State Board of Health has approved recent amendments to rule Chapter 420-5-22, "Submission of Plans and Specifications for Health Care Facilities." The amended rules for plan submission were effective on July 31, 2009, and are posted on the Alabama Department of Public Health web site. Included in the changes are the adoption of the 2006 Edition of the International Building Code and the 2006 Edition of the Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospital and Health Care Facilities ("AIA Guidelines"). For newly established facilities that are not yet licensed, a new Pre-licensure Application must now be submitted to Public Health prior to the department's review of preliminary plan submissions.

For more information, go to <http://www.adph.org/facmgmt>, then select "Plan Review" on the left menu bar.

DID YOU KNOW??? You must report to the Board and the local Authority Having Jurisdiction if you have not been retained to provide construction administration services on a building project that requires an architect. (Code for Professional Conduct 3.7)

DONATIONS TO ARCHITECTURE SCHOOLS

By law, the Board is allowed to donate surplus funds to Alabama's NAAB-accredited schools. Since 10/1/08, the Board has awarded grants totaling **\$124,800** to Auburn and Tuskegee. While the grant funds provide much-needed financial assistance to the schools, the funds also provide equally valuable services to registrants, interns, and architecture students.

Auburn University received the following funds from the Board:

- \$ 6,000 – Application fees for NCARB council records for fourth-year students
- \$ 26,300 – Seminar covering internship and ARE® preparation
- \$ 33,600 – Graduate teaching assistants
- \$ 10,000 – Professional Perspectives Program
- \$ 20,000 – IDP Supervisor/intern workshops
- \$ 10,000 – Continuing education workshop for Alabama registered architects
- \$ 2,500 – Sponsoring a keynote speaker to the Alabama Council AIA
- \$108,400**

Tuskegee University received the following funds from the Board:

- \$ 2,900 – Application fees for NCARB council records for fourth-year students
- \$ 5,800 – Purchase of Ecotect Software (4)
- \$ 2,100 – One-day ARE® Workshop
- \$ 5,600 – LEED/Sustainable Design One-day Seminar
- \$16,400**

ARE® FEES TO INCREASE

Due to the recent issues with ARE® security compromises, NCARB was forced to “turn off” a significant amount of exam content. NCARB estimates that the cost to develop and replace this content is \$1.1 million. In an effort to help offset some of these costs, NCARB is increasing the fee for each section of the ARE® by \$40 to \$210. The new rate of \$210 per division will take effect on October 1, 2009.

NCARB EXPANDS ROLLING CLOCK, LIMITS TESTING AUTHORIZATION

In 2006 NCARB instituted a five-year “rolling clock” which provided that an applicant had five years, counting from the date of passage of the first exam, to pass all divisions of the ARE®. If all divisions were not passed in the five-year period, the candidate would have to retake the divisions for which the scores were invalidated.

When initially passed in 2004, the rolling clock provision only applied to divisions of the ARE® that were passed after January 1, 2006. At the recent NCARB Annual Meeting, the rolling clock provision was expanded to include all sections of the exam, even those passed prior to 2006. Under this amendment, a division passed prior to January 1, 2006 will no longer remain valid if the remaining divisions are not passed by July 1, 2014.

Additionally, NCARB is limiting the window in which testing authorization is available. Effective January 1, 2011, an applicant's authorization to test will expire unless he or she has passed or

failed a division of the ARE within a five-year period. An applicant whose authorization is terminated must establish new eligibility under current procedures of their state board.

NCARB BEGINS IDP 2.0 ROLL OUT Six-Month Rule Also in Effect

NCARB began rolling out its updated version of the Intern Development Program, "IDP 2.0," on July 1. NCARB says the requirements of the new program "more closely align with the current practice of architecture," as outlined in the 2007 Practice Analysis of Architecture. IDP 2.0 will be the most significant update to the internship program since its inception over 30 years ago. The changes will be implemented over a two-year period and will happen in three phases.

Phase One began July 1, 2009 and allows interns to earn training units in new settings, including some that can apply for interns not currently employed. New ways to earn training units include: gaining LEED accreditation, completing specified architecture-related certificate programs offered by the Construction Specifications Institute, and completing certain NCARB monographs.

Phase Two will begin January 1, 2010. This phase changes the definitions of "direct supervision" and "registered architect." It will also change the training requirement from 700 training units to 5,600 training hours. The number of hours required remains the same; interns will no longer have to convert hours to units.

Phase Three is scheduled for implementation on January 1, 2011 and will align current IDP training areas with the new experience areas required for the competent practice of architecture as identified in the practice analysis.

July 1 was also the effective date for the new "Six-Month Rule." As of that date, all interns starting an NCARB record must submit their training units in reporting periods of no longer than six months and within two months of completion of each reporting period. All interns, regardless of start date, will be required to comply with the new rule as of July 1, 2010. Additionally, all training unit reports must be submitted electronically through NCARB's electronic Experience Verification Reporting (e-EVR) system.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

JESSE W. LEE (#3869), Dothan, Alabama, failed to disclose a material fact requested in connection with his application for renewal. Lee signed a settlement agreement, agreeing to three months probation and a \$500 fine. The Board adopted the agreement on July 29, 2009.

DAVID S. WINDLE (#3259), Keller, Texas, failed to disclose a disciplinary action that occurred in another state on his application for renewal. Windle signed a settlement agreement, agreeing to a \$500 fine. The Board adopted the agreement on April 30, 2009.

ISTVAN L. PETERANECZ (#6529), Pensacola, Florida, offered or performed architectural services prior to receiving his Alabama registration. Peteranecz signed a settlement agreement, agreeing to a \$500 fine. The Board adopted the agreement on July 29, 2009.

SUZANNE FIELDS (#4674), Opelika, Alabama, applied her architect's seal on engineering drawings that are not incidental to the practice of architecture. Fields signed a settlement agreement, agreeing to a public reprimand. The Board adopted the agreement on July 29, 2009.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The following individuals passed the Architects Registration Exam® from March 1, 2008 through July 17, 2009:

Jennifer S. Abbott – Auburn, AL
John M. Allin, III – Atlanta, GA
Jill H. Andrews – Tusculumbia, AL
Timothy James Anson – Birmingham, AL
Jason G. Black – Huntsville, AL
Lesley Hoke Braxton – Birmingham, AL
Rebecca D. Bryant – Fairhope, AL
Travis M. Burke – Gardendale, AL
Jennifer Theis Carr – Birmingham, AL
Kevin Michael Childs – Montgomery, AL
Christohper J. Day – Gadsden, AL
Robert Craig Dixon – Charlotte, NC
Sarah E. Dunn – Birmingham, AL
Brannon Foster – Birmingham, AL
Gabrielle M. Fuller – Birmingham, AL
T. Michael Gibson – Birmingham, AL
Garrett A. Goodman – Birmingham, AL
Andrew M. Gosselin – Dothan, AL
McLane A. Griffin – Birmingham, AL
Lauren Wilson Gwaltney – Birmingham, AL
Jacquelyn D. Hart – Birmingham, AL
Amanda Hogelin Tse – Birmingham, AL
Steven Jason Hopkins – Matthews, NC
Emily Horton – Birmingham, AL
Shelley H. Kish – Birmingham, AL
Michael Ross Lackey – Birmingham, AL
Robert M. Littleton – Birmingham, AL

Justin L. Lucas – Mobile, AL
Kathleen McCullough Maker – Huntsville AL
Mark Edward McWilliams – Birmingham, AL
Richard Patrick Nelson – Birmingham, AL
Scott N. Neumann – Trussville, AL
Gail M. Nolan – Birmingham, AL
Noelle A. Norman – Birmingham, AL
Andrew Scott Olds – Birmingham, AL
Derrick B. Owens – Birmingham, AL
Michael Craig Peavy – Fort Payne, AL
Mark Peterson – New York, NY
Jared Phillips – Birmingham, AL
Eric Wayne Requist – Tuscaloosa, AL
Seth P. Rodwell – Mt. Olive, AL
Melissa K. Shaver – Mobile, AL
Joel P. Simpson – Birmingham, AL
Sara B. Singleton – Nashville, TN
Joel T. Solomon – Birmingham, AL
Alan K. Stevenson – New York, NY
Michael C. Tippet – Montgomery, AL
J. Brent Uptain – Birmingham, AL
Brent J. Uyehara – Carlsbad, CA
Joi Wheelless Vogt – Auburn, AL
John Bradley Wardlaw – Birmingham, AL
Christopher D. Waters – Huntsville, AL
Charles E. Williams, III – Birmingham, AL
Jacob N. Woods – Decatur, AL

HANDBOOK FOR BUILDING OFFICIALS REVISED

In collaboration with the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, a new Handbook for Building Officials was recently published. Board member Joe Bynum worked closely with a representative of the Engineers Board to update content and revise the format of the Handbook. The handbooks were mailed to all Building Officials in mid-July.

The Handbook is a reference manual developed for building officials that is intended to provide a summary and guide to key elements of the laws, regulations and policies governing building design in the state of Alabama. It includes information about the role and duties of each design professional, as well as information concerning minimum standards for building plans and specifications.

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PROPOSED STATUTE CHANGES STALL IN LEGISLATURE

In the 2009 legislative session, the Board proposed statutory changes that would alter corporate practice provisions, change “direct supervision” over preparation of architectural drawings to “responsible control,” and give the Board jurisdiction over a non-registered person or entity that offers or provides architectural services. Committees in the Senate and the House moved the bill through for consideration by the membership of their respective chambers. Unfortunately, the bill never came before the body for a vote.

The Board will submit legislation for the 2010 session, although the content of the proposed statutory revisions may change.



QUOTABLE QUOTE

A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.

--Winston Churchill