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BOARD MEETINGS:

August 13, 2014
November 5, 2014
All meetings in Montgomery

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AUGUST 2014**REGISTRATION RENEWALS**

Renewal notices will be sent via U.S. postal mail on or about August 15. Registrants can renew by paper or electronically via the Board's web site. Here are some important reminders about registration renewal:

- Unless exempted, each registrant must report a minimum of 12 hours of HSW-related continuing education earned between 1/1/2013 and 12/31/2013.
- Renewal of your registration is YOUR personal responsibility, and YOU (not your administrative staff) will be held responsible for incorrect information provided as part of your renewal.
- If a registrant has been the subject of a disciplinary action in another state since his/her last renewal, it must be reported as part of the renewal process. Failure to do so may result in an administrative review by the Board and potential disciplinary action.

PERSONAL HARDSHIP EXEMPTION

A registrant may request a personal hardship exemption that will relieve him/her from the continuing education requirements in order to renew his/her registration. Requests for a personal hardship exemption must be received by September 1. A personal hardship is a significant life event that prevented you from complying with the Alabama Board's continuing education requirements. To aid the board in its decision, you must attach supporting documentation, including but not limited to pertinent medical documents or a letter detailing how your personal circumstances prevented you from complying with the continuing education requirements.

LICENSE RENEWAL AND CONTINUING EDUCATION UPDATE

By: Mr. Marzette Fisher, Board Chairman

The job of tracking professional registrations can be onerous. Occasionally, important obligations are overlooked. Regardless of the complexity of requirements, they are essential to professional practice. Failure to meet one's obligations has consequences, and in certain instances, loss of privileges.

Two registration and renewal issues appear frequently before the Board:

- Delinquent licensure renewal.
- Continuing education non-compliance.

Compliance with both requirements is essential to legal practice. Failure to comply and continuing to practice is against the law

If this unfortunate situation occurs, registrants should be aware it triggers a chain of procedural requirements. To reinstate a license, one must formally acknowledge his/her professional status while holding an expired (invalid) license, which may result in a Board action (practice without a license) permanently recorded in your record, possibly affecting reciprocity in some jurisdictions. Likewise, failure to disclose the Board action on future applications for licensure can result in additional actions. It quickly spirals out of control – all over failure to renew on time and satisfy continuing education requirements.

A common misconception is that if one's license expires he/she can practice under the "direct supervision and control" of a peer registrant in good standing. This is incorrect. Direct supervision and control targets two groups:

- Intern architects in good standing, working under direct control and supervision of a licensed architect in good standing in the jurisdiction in which services are delivered.
- Licensed architects in another jurisdiction practicing in a jurisdiction in which they are not licensed, working under direct supervision and control of an architect licensed in the jurisdiction in which the services are delivered.

An architect without a valid license is ineligible to practice architecture (defined by law) in any jurisdiction at any time.

Registrants have commented on lack of coordinated deadlines for licensure renewal (9/30) and continuing education (12/31). Legislation was introduced in the past legislative session to coordinate these deadlines; however, it did not pass. We are hopeful for the next legislative session.

With over 2,500 active architects licensed in Alabama, the Board makes every reasonable effort to inform the registrants of duties and deadlines. Requirements are also clearly spelled out in the Law (red book). Maintaining a valid license to practice in good standing is your responsibility. If in doubt, call the Board office in advance of the deadline to keep your license in good standing.

DELINQUENT CERTIFICATES OF AUTHORIZATION

The following firms have not renewed their Certificates of Authorization to Practice as a Firm Entity in Alabama:

CA-0065	2WR, Inc – Montgomery, AL
CA-0073	Interplan, LLC – Orlando, FL
CA-0101	Blondheim & Mixon, Inc. – Eufaula, AL
CA-0157	Exford, LLC – Birmingham, AL
CA-0168	Picklesimer Roberts Architecture, Inc. – Murfreesboro, TN
CA-0181	John Dendy & Associates Architects – Mobile, AL
CA-0189	Chase Design Group, A Professional Architectural Corporation – Lafayette, LA
CA-0212	RKS Green Consulting Group, LLC – Cumming, GA
CA-0221	MJM Architects, LLC – Nashville, TN
CA-0225	Design Building Associates, Inc. – Mobile, AL
CA-0256	Ann Balch Miano, PC – Birmingham, AL
CA-0264	Ben Connally, Architect, PC – Gadsden, AL
CA-0270	Brennan Architects LLC – Columbia, SC
CA-0321	KlingStubbins, LLP – Philadelphia, PA
CA-0326	Lorenz Architecture, PA – Concord, NC
CA-0332	McLarand Vasquez Emsiek & Partners, Inc. – Irvine, CA
CA-0334	Millard, Inc. – Roswell, GA
CA-0394	A Boheme Design, LLC – Rosemary Beach, FL
CA-0440	MHTN Architects, Inc. – Salt Lake City, UT
CA-0461	Professional Design Group, LLC – Atlanta, GA
CA-0499	Regarding Architecture, LLC – Birmingham, AL
CA-0508	Bondurant Architecture, LLC – Vestavia Hills, AL
CA-0515	Clark Richardson, LLC – Austin, TX
CA-0534	Walker and Moore/CMH Architects Venture, LLC – Montgomery, AL
CA-0541	Thomas Roof, Incorporated – St. Louis, MO
CA-0563	AG Architecture, Inc. – Wauwatosa, WI
CA-0576	Robert V. Mullen, II Architecture, LLC – Montgomery, AL
CA-0582	Scott Wilson Architect, LLC – Franklin, TN
CA-0589	Teresa M. MacMillan Architect, LLC – Huntsville, AL
CA-0609	Major L. Holland, Architect & Associates, PC – Tuskegee, AL
CA-0628	inarch AL, LLC – Norcross, GA
CA-0644	C A Designs, LLC – Mobile, AL
CA-0653	Coast Architects, Inc. – Spanish Fort, AL

Certificates of Authorizations expire on April 30 of each year and must be renewed annually at a cost of \$25. Renewal notices are sent via e-mail.

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.

Direct your questions about Certificates of Authorization to Debbie Whitman by e-mail to Debbie.Whitman@boa.alabama.gov or call her at (334) 242-4522.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

DOUGLAS McNAB (#4237), Montgomery, Alabama, practiced architecture in Alabama during a period when his registration was lapsed. McNab signed a settlement agreement and paid a \$500 fine. McNab's registration has been reinstated to active status.

SCOTT BOOMHOVER (#5941), Birmingham, Alabama, practiced architecture in Alabama during a period when his registration was lapsed. Boomhover signed a settlement agreement and paid a \$500 fine. Boomhover's registration has been reinstated to active status.

THOMAS K. SCOTT (#3529), Tuscaloosa, Alabama, practiced architecture in Alabama during a period when his registration was lapsed. Scott signed a settlement agreement and paid a \$500 fine. Scott's registration has been reinstated to active status.

GREGORY PAUL MATHERNE (#3556), Vestavia, Alabama, practiced architecture in Alabama during a period when his registration was lapsed. Matherne signed a settlement agreement and paid a \$500 fine. Matherne's registration has been reinstated to active status.

JACQUELYN D. HART (#6544), Birmingham, Alabama, practiced architecture in Alabama during a period when her registration was lapsed. Hart signed a settlement agreement and paid a \$500 fine. Hart's registration has been reinstated to active status.

MAJOR L. HOLLAND (#1081), Tuskegee, Alabama, was unable to substantiate continuing education hours he reported on his most recent registration renewal. Holland signed a settlement agreement and paid a \$500 fine.

H. PAUL MATHENY (#6094), Huntsville, Alabama, was unable to substantiate continuing education hours he reported on his most recent registration renewal. Matheny signed a settlement agreement and paid a \$500 fine.

BRUCE McLEOD (#3366), Birmingham, Alabama, was unable to substantiate continuing education hours he reported on his most recent registration renewal. McLeod signed a settlement agreement and paid a \$250 fine.

CHARLES RAINES (#1945), Birmingham, Alabama, was unable to substantiate continuing education hours he reported on his most recent registration renewal. Raine signed a settlement agreement and paid a \$250 fine.

JOHN A. McARTHUR, III (#6431), Mobile, Alabama, was unable to substantiate continuing education hours he reported on his most recent registration renewal. McArthur signed a settlement agreement and paid a \$250 fine.

JAMES C. WHITE (#4686), Bloomington, MN, was unable to substantiate continuing education hours he reported on his most recent registration renewal. White signed a settlement agreement and paid a \$500 fine.

S. GRAY REESE (#6047), Atlanta, GA, was unable to substantiate continuing education hours he reported on his most recent registration renewal. Reese signed a settlement agreement and paid a \$500 fine.

Disciplinary Actions (continued)

STEVE VINCI (#6387), St. Petersburg, FL, was unable to substantiate continuing education hours he reported on his most recent registration renewal. Vinci signed a settlement agreement and paid a \$250 fine.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The following individuals passed the Architects Registration Exam® from March 1, 2013 through August 8, 2014:

Joshua P. Arnett – Huntsville, AL
Jeffrey G. Bazzell – Montgomery, AL
Cayce Lela Bean – Brooklyn, NY
Jane Ann Bolin – Greenville, SC
John C. Brennan – Pelham, AL
Alison R. Corey – Huntsville, AL
Eric J. Daffron – Asheville, NC
Alan Blake Daniels – Nashville, TN
Paul R. DiGiorgio – Hoover, AL
Joshua J. Emig – Decatur, GA
Robin R. Evans – Huntsville, AL
Adrienne M. Froemelt – Roswell, GA
Joshua I. Jones – Houston, TX
Heather H. Knowles – Birmingham, AL
Mark A. Lawrence – Greenville, SC
John A. Milner, III – McAllen, TX
John Gaylord Morse – Birmingham, AL

Jennifer Lee Norris – Montgomery, AL
Carolyn Ruth Norton – Birmingham, AL
Katherine Owens – Birmingham, AL
Daniel E. Parker – Gadsden, AL
Richard C. Pitts – Birmingham, AL
Dustin Shue – Atlanta, GA
Brian J. Sickles – Vestavia Hills, AL
Ryan A. Smith – Washington, DC
Sarah T. Smith – Auburn, AL
Michael Levy Steiner – New York, NY
Corey J. Stricklen – Huntsville, AL
Laura B. Trenkle – Huntsville, AL
Danny Q. Trotter – Birmingham, AL
Michael R. Wahl, Jr. – Birmingham, AL
Irene O. Yim – Atlanta, GA
Jennifer H. Blount – Mobile, AL
Sean R. Palmer – Birmingham, AL

MAJOR CHANGE TO ARE® RETAKE POLICY

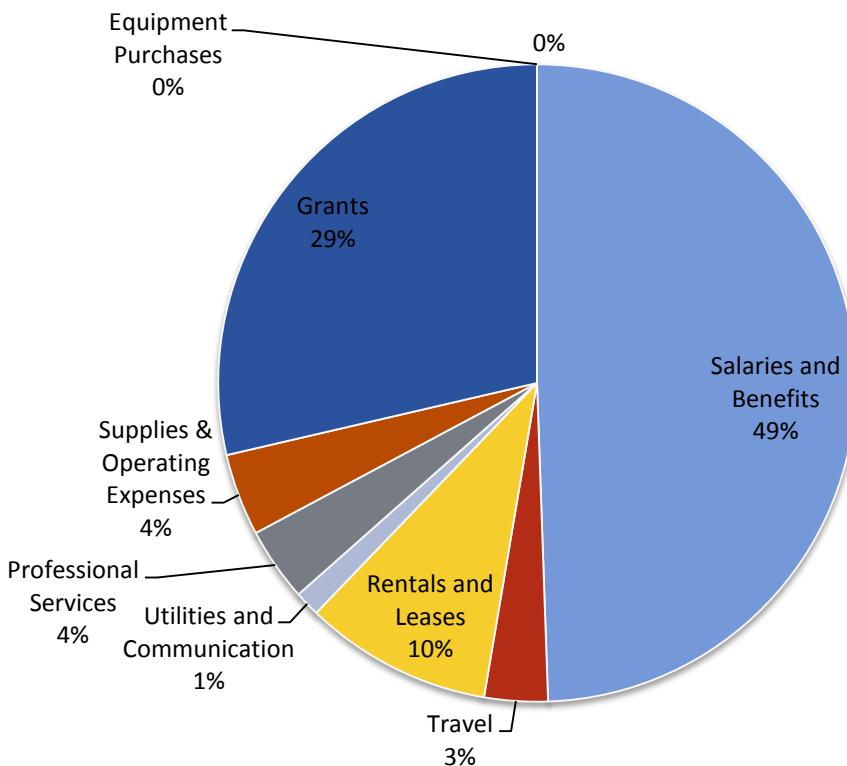
Effective October 1, 2014, the wait time for retesting for the Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®) divisions will decrease from six months to 60 days. This will allow candidates who have failed a division to retake the division as soon as 60 days after the previous attempt, up to three times in a running year for any one division.

This change is possible because of a recent system implementation of My Examination in late 2013 that provided NCARB with a sophisticated technology platform to better implement candidate management services. This crucial improvement allows NCARB to decrease the wait time between retesting on a division while ensuring the protection of exam content. The new retest policy will continue to protect against over-exposure to examination content, and provide failing score reports to guide retest preparation. The shorter wait before retesting will maintain candidate focus and interest in the exam.

Candidates who fail a division sometime between July and September may prefer to wait to schedule their retest appointment until after October 1, 2014 for earlier access to retesting.

BY THE NUMBERS

FY 2013 Budget = \$515,000
FY 2013 Expenditures = \$486,500
Renewal Fee = \$135



REGISTRATION STATISTICS (as of 7/31/14)

Alabama Resident Architects

Active:	838
Emeritus:	54
	892

Non-Resident Architects

Active:	1,761
Emeritus:	17
	1,778

Certificates of Authorization Issued

Alabama Firms:	182
Non-Alabama Firms:	374
	556



QUOTEABLE QUOTE

The chief factor in any man's success or failure must be his own character.

--Theodore Roosevelt