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Board for Registration of Architects

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August 10, 2006
October 18, 2006

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ARE/IDP SEQUENCING

At its meeting on May 10, 2006, the Board considered regulation changes allowing an intern to begin taking the Architect Registration Examination (A.R.E.) prior to completion of IDP.

Prior to adoption of the regulation changes, the Board reviewed comments received in response to publication of the proposed regulation and evaluated information presented at a regional meeting of boards of architecture. Subsequently, the Board decided to adopt language that would allow an intern to begin taking the A.R.E. after completion of an NAAB-accredited degree in architecture and six months of experience working directly under the supervision of a registered architect.

Interns considering this option have two important factors to consider:

- Effective January 1, 2006, all candidates for the ARE must pass the nine-division exam within five years. The five-year period shall commence on the date when the first passed division is administered.
- Due to differing state requirements, it is possible that beginning the exam prior to completion of the IDP may affect opportunities for reciprocal registration in other states.

For more information, consult the "Important News for Interns" headline on the Board's web site.

CONTINUING EDUCATION AUDIT RESULTS

Every year the Board conducts a random audit of continuing education activities reported with renewals. This year, 104 reports were selected for audit by Board members. Registrants were asked to submit documentation to support the items claimed at the time of renewal of their Alabama registrations.

A total of 97 reports were substantiated in accordance with the Board's regulations. Four were returned for more information, and three of those were cleared upon re-submittal. Of most concern are three individuals who did not timely respond, or respond at all, to the audit notices. These architects have been offered settlement agreements that include a public reprimand and fine.

Don't let this happen to you! Non-compliance with Board regulations is grounds for disciplinary action.

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE

In light of the problems encountered with this year's annual continuing education audit, the Board voted at its May 10 meeting to propose changes to its rule addressing continuing education. The text is somewhat lengthy, so we suggest viewing it on our web site. Please click on the "Proposed Regulation Change" headline on the Board's web site. Of course, if internet access is not available, the Board staff will be happy to mail a hard copy. Call Bonnie at (334) 242-4179.

DONATIONS TO AUBURN AND TUSKEGEE

The Board voted to donate a combined total of \$10,000 to Auburn and Tuskegee universities specifically for payment of the NCARB council record application fees for students who have completed their third year in a NAAB-accredited Bachelors of Architecture program. Participation in the IDP is a vital step on the path to registration as an architect and encompasses comprehensive training that is essential for competent practice. Further, it is the most broadly accepted method of satisfying state licensing boards' training requirements in the United States. We hope that our strong financial support of IDP will confirm our commitment and confidence in the program.

BOARD MEMBER WINS AWARD

At the annual meeting of NCARB in June 2006, Alabama's own Renis O. Jones, Jr., FAIA, was awarded the 2006 President's Medal for Distinguished Service to NCARB. Renis is presently serving his fifth term as a Board member representing Central District architects. He was recognized for devoting a large part of his career, energy, and wisdom to benefit NCARB, the public, and the architectural profession.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

EDWARD L. KUYKENDALL (#4294), Jackson, Mississippi, signed a settlement agreement and order on February 16, 2006. Kuykendall provided inaccurate information on his application for reinstatement of his registration. Kuykendall paid a \$500 fine. His registration has been reinstated to active status.

GEORGE L. MASSEY (unlicensed), Pell City, Alabama, signed a settlement agreement and order. Massey provided services within the scope of the practice of architecture and misrepresented himself as an architect by use of the AIA logo. He paid a \$1,000 administrative assessment.

CEASE AND DESIST ORDERS ISSUED

Misrepresentation as able to perform architectural services:

COLYER-LLOYD GENERAL CONTRACTORS, Anniston, Alabama

Unlicensed practice:

CHRIS GOVAN, Orange Beach, Alabama

BEULAH BAPTIST CHURCH, Dadeville, Alabama

2005 A.R.E. STATISTICS

Pass rates for Alabama candidates taking the Architects Registration Exam during the calendar year 2005 are listed below:

<u>Division Name</u>	<u>Alabama Pass Rate</u>	<u>National Pass Rate</u>
Pre-Design	88%	76%
General Structures	78%	75%
Lateral Forces	82%	76%
Mechanical and Electrical Systems	71%	68%
Building Design/Materials and Methods	89%	77%
Construction Documents and Services	90%	77%
Site Planning	79%	73%
Building Planning	60%	63%
Building Technology	65%	66%

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CONGRATULATIONS!

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

Timothy S. Burnett - Northport
Joseph Ellis - Birmingham
Steven C. Hester - Tusculmbia
Travis L. Kreidler - Montgomery
Christopher N. Lunsford - Mobile

H. Paul Matheny - Huntsville
Gregory A. O'Neal - Montgomery
Richard I. Pigford, Jr. - Birmingham
Anna C. Ritchie - Birmingham
Jeff Tosh - Birmingham



QUOTABLE QUOTE:

For the resolute and determined, there is time and opportunity.

--Ralph Waldo Emerson