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Newsletter of the Ohio Board of Examiners of Architects

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Message From The Board

Voided Applications

Beginning July 1, 2004, the Board will have placed into effect, a rule that will effectively void any application where there has been no examination activity for a continuous period of five or more years. If you are one of those people and do not want to have your application voided, you need to initiate some examination activity immediately.

If your application is voided, you will only be able to become a candidate again by filing a new application, paying the current application fee and meeting the current requirements of education and training.

Continuing Education

There are many changes coming that will affect you as architects, interns and candidates for registration. The most significant of these changes will be the addition of a requirement for continuing education as a requisite for license maintenance. Fulfillment of requirements will be on a biennial basis and will be tied to the biennial renewal cycle. The Board has worked diligently to be assured the requirements are recognized by other states and that architects licensed in other states are not denied practice in Ohio. While there may still be some toe-stubbers here and there, we will continue to improve the requirements in the hopes of making this a universally accepted program.

Upon holding public hearing, the Board was advised by a legislative committee that it did not have the legislative authority to tie the continuing education to license renewal. This has led to legislative changes that are progressing. The earliest the Board will be able to implement the requirements will be for the 2005-2006 renewal period. Questions concerning the requirements should be directed to the Board office.

Web Site

The Board's web site is continually being updated. You are now able to download forms of all sorts directly from the internet. Along with this we hope that we will be able to offer even quicker response for reciprocal applications. NCARB is now e-mailing Council Records directly to the Boards,

thus no more waiting on the mail. There will also be information about the members of the Board and staff, more links of interest.

Board Administrator

The Board is accepting applications for the position of Executive Director of the Board. Bill Wilcox is stepping down on June 30th after more than 27 years with the Board. Applications will be accepted until March 1, 2004. For additional information, please contact the Board at 614/466-2316 or go to <http://statejobs.ohio.gov/applicant/index.asp> where you can apply on-line. All applications will go directly to the Board office.

License Renewals

Your registration is renewed on a two-year cycle. Renewal notices were mailed out in November and were to be returned before January 1. Registration can be renewed anytime during the two-year renewal period by submitting your renewal application with the fee and penalty fee. If your registration has lapsed beyond the current renewal period, you must file an application for reinstatement and pay the reinstatement fee. The Board may also require that you meet with them before considering the reinstatement of your registration. It is advisable to maintain current registration. It is unlawful to hold oneself out as an architect if not currently licensed.

NCARB NEWS

EXAM APPROVED FOR VETERANS EDUCATION BENEFITS

Thanks to a concerted effort by the Council's Dennis Flynn and Zerrin Sayar, the Architect Registration Examination has been approved for the Department of Veterans Affairs education benefit. If you have any questions, please contact your area's local Veterans Affairs Office for details.

REMINDER: NEW "ARE" RESCHEDULING FEE

Interns and ARE candidates: NCARB has implemented a \$35 rescheduling fee for ARE candidates which began July 1, 2003. This fee will be assessed each time a candidate makes any changes

to his/her previously scheduled appointment. Candidates will be required to select their future appointment date at the time they notify the Prometric Candidate Services Call Center of their schedule change. The only acceptable form of payment for this fee will be by credit card.

Rescheduling an existing appointment must take place no later than 12:00 noon ET (Eastern Time) on the third business day prior to the candidate's scheduled appointment. (Saturday is considered a business day.) If a candidate fails to arrive for his/her scheduled appointment or attempts to reschedule without giving the required notice, he/she will forfeit the entire test fee.

Additional details about the rescheduling fee are available in the **ARE section** of the Council web site..

University of Kansas Wins NCARB Prize

The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards awarded the University of Kansas the \$25,000 grand prize in the 2003 NCARB Prize for Creative Integration of Practice and Education in the Academy competition. During NCARB'S recent conference in San Antonio, Texas, KU's entry describing Studio 804, Inc., was honored for its emphasis on community partnerships and design excellence.

The NCARB Prize recognizes efforts to creatively link education and practice. Architecture schools with NAAB-accredited degree programs were invited to submit established projects, completed or in progress by the end of the fall 2002 semester. The projects were to demonstrate unique initiatives that bring together the academy and the profession within the studio curriculum.

Studio 804, Inc., is a non-profit organization that offers a two semester, graduate- level course synthesizing practice with the construction industry. Since 1996 students have completed a full-scale project each year; including five homes, a roof restoration, and the design and construction of a canopy behind KU's architecture school.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If you have changed your address, home or office, please notify the Board office as soon as possible so that your records are always current and that you won't miss any important mailings, such as renewal notices, changes in the law, newsletters, etc.

It's easy, you are already on the Board website so just click on "Change of Address" and provide the information requested and submit it. It's that easy and saves a lot of trouble for all of us.

New Registrants

The following is a list of architects who have become registered as a result of having met the education and internship requirements and passed the Architect Registration examination since the publication of the last newsletter.

Congratulations to each of you!

13242	Peter D. Bohan	13335	Edward A. Luginbill	13431	Krista M. Paas
13243	Carmen Chandler	13337	Kevin Singh	13435	Lester Cumberlander
13244	John D. Millar	13339	Jeffrey D. Foster	13436	Damian Henri
13245	Rebecca J. Millar	13341	Christopher E. Shrodes	13437	Melanie L. Lewis
13246	Brandon M. Philpot	13357	Yi-Chang Chung	13438	Jason Linn
13255	Jodi L. Vanderwiel	13358	Rudiger M. Herzog	13440	William J. Lewis
13262	Susan R. Ball	13360	Michael J. Maistros	13441	Kevin D. Rhodehamel
13263	Andrew Cygan	13362	Gerald L. Morris, Jr.	13442	James Bell
13264	Hope T. Proctor	13363	Robert A. Rensi	13443	Ryan Duebber
13265	Sherrri R. Scholl	13364	Darin S. Schweickart	13440	William J. Lewis
13271	Benjamin H. Payne	13375	Sara M. Lahman	13477	Dana C. Dixon
13275	John D. Guzik	13376	Brian R. Spielvogel	13480	Pamela H. Winkler
13276	Paul D. Orban	13377	Brent J. Stagnaro	13484	Raymond M. Mack
13283	Luis J. Pagan	13378	Dwight S. Young	13485	Ryan D. Parsons
13302	Steven T. Hampton	13388	Mohamed Najjar	13486	Scott C. Uher
13303	John M. Hollo	13399	John E. Hardt		
13304	Timothy R. Wagner	13410	Robson, Michael R.		
13313	Christopher P. Dewey	13417	Luis C. Andujar		
13314	Nikola I. Doichev	13418	Shannon K. Determan		
13315	Mark V. Leszynski	13426	Mark Vacha		
13316	Susan L. May	13429	H. Christie Boron		
13317	Robert W. Shearer	13430	Matthew Lytle		

EXAM STATISTICS

The table below compares the pass rate for the four quarters of 2003 of the Ohio candidates with all candidates from the Mid Central Region of NCARB (Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Missouri, Iowa) and all NCARB jurisdictions.

ARE DIVISION	OHIO	REGION	NATIONAL
PD - Pre Design	86%	82%	77%
GS - Gen'l Structures	85%	78%	73%
LF - Lateral Forces	97%	89%	92%
ME - Mechanical & Electrical	82%	82%	74%
MM - Materials & Methods	95%	94%	86%
CD - Consruction Docs	90%	88%	85%
SP - Site Planning	77%	74%	70%
BP - Building Planning	80%	71%	68%
BT - Building Technology	69%	68%	65%

No person who is not a great sculptor or painter can be an architect. If he is not a sculptor or painter, he can only be a builder.

Enforcement Activities

The Board has taken action concerning the following individuals and firms. Although every effort is made to ensure that the information is correct, before making any specific decision based upon this information, you should check with the Board office to ensure accuracy. The listing may not reflect a change occurring near or following the publication date. Further, the listing does not reflect pending appeals for hearing or rehearings.

File No. 01-33

William E. Dirr, Cert. No. 4585
Cincinnati, Ohio

Mr. Dirr allegedly sealed construction drawings of which he was not the author, was not in responsible charge of their preparation and did not have direct professional knowledge and direct supervisory control. Mr. Dirr also allegedly aided and abetted unlicensed persons in the practice of architecture. He entered into a *settlement agreement* whereby he accepted a (12) *twelve-month period of probation* and was required to successfully pass the *NCARB Professional Monograph*. The project involved HVAC drawings for an office building in Springdale, Ohio.

File No. 02-06

Syed S. Abbas, Cert. No. 10376
Architectural Vision Group, LTD
Cleveland, Ohio

Alleged to have not accurately represented to a prospective or existing client or employer his qualifications and the scope of his responsibility in connection with work for which he claimed credit via his promotional materials and career profile.

A settlement agreement was entered into whereby Mr. Abbas was issued a *Letter of Reprimand*, required to pass the *NCARB Professional Conduct Monograph* and *issue letters* to all existing or prospective clients who received inaccurate promotional materials for the purpose of clarifying such information. Additionally, Mr. Abbas must issue a letter to the architect and firm who was damaged by his conduct specifically advising what action he will take to rectify this problem.

File No. 02-33

Richard J. Weber, Cert. No. 4434
Concord Township, Ohio

Mr. Webers' Certificate of Qualification had been lapsed during the time period of January 1988 through 2003. During that period, it was discovered that Mr. Weber had engaged in the practice of architecture. After being made aware that his license had been lapsed, he applied for reinstatement of his license, which was denied by the Board.

Mr. Weber entered into a *settlement agreement* whereby his license will be reinstated only after he successfully passes (5) five *NCARB monographs*. Additionally, he was issued a *letter of reprimand* for his actions and was placed on a (4) *four-year period of probation*, whereby he is required to annually complete continuing education units.

File No. 03-20

Walter Addison
Dayton, Ohio

Alleged to have engaged in the unlicensed practice of architecture by offering to provide architectural design services involving a school in the Dayton, Ohio area. A *settlement agreement* was entered into whereby he will cease and desist from such practices.

File No. 03-21

Thomas R. Dunn, Cert. No. 3616
Cincinnati, Ohio

Alleged to have continued to advertise his design-build firm under the heading of "Architects" in various telephone books, etc. at a time when such firm was not an architectural firm. A settlement agreement was entered into whereby he will cease and desist from such practices. Mr. Dunn also disconnected all phone numbers inappropriately listing his design-build firm as "Architects".

File No. 01-11

William J. Mokris, Cert. No. 7964
Gahanna, Ohio

After an administrative hearing, the Board *revoked* Mr. Mokris' certificate of qualification for failing to successfully complete the terms of probation imposed upon him by the Board from a 2001 disciplinary action.

An ARE Evolution

NCARB has announced coming improvements to the Architectural Registration Examination that will be implemented in February 2004. ARE version 3.0 will incorporate a number of evolutionary improvements first identified in the *Architectural Practice Analysis Study* conducted by the Council in 2002. Most importantly, the *Practice Analysis* validated the format and content of the current exam. ARE Version 3.0 is not a major overhauling of the exam but rather an effort to include more recent topics while adjusting the emphasis of focus in other areas.

Some Content areas are shifting to eliminate redundancy, others are being strengthened and a few new content areas are being introduced. How will ARE candidates be affected by the change? There will be fewer questions in each of the multiple-choice divisions and two graphic vignettes will be eliminated.

The following is a breakdown of some specific changes included in ARE Version 3.0:

Multiple Choice Divisions

- Reduction of the overall number of questions in each division
- Better organized content outline for each division, more consistent titles
- Reintroduction of questions about site design throughout several divisions
- Questions covering new content areas, including “green architecture,” sustainability, and new material technologies
- Renaming the Materials & Methods division Building Design/Materials & Methods to better reflect the expanded scope
- Expansion of practice and project management portions of the Construction & Services division
- A redesigned screen layout that anticipates new types of questions in the future

Graphic Divisions

- Elimination of Site Section vignette from the Site Planning division
- Elimination of the Block Diagram vignette from the Building Planning division
- Standardizing the sequence of all three graphic divisions by implementing one mandatory 15-minute break between sections of each division
- Elimination of access to the Practice Program at Prometric test centers during the examination reduces the scheduled appointment time
- The Practice Program remains available for downloading from the NCARB web site

NCARB MONOGRAPH SERIES

Getting to Smart Growth

Features

- *Getting to Smart Growth* is organized around 10 guiding principals. Among the 10 included principles are: mixing land uses; taking advantage of compact building design; creating walkable communities; and crafting distinctive, attractive communities with a strong sense of place. Every principal is then further divided into 10 specific policies and/or tools that promote smart growth initiatives.
- An easy-to-use chart summarizes monograph content.
- Practice tips are scattered throughout and highlight programs undertaken on the local, state, and federal levels.

Author

The Smart Growth Network and the International City/County Management Association in conjunction with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency



Introduction to NCARB Certification

Six Steps to Certification:

Request or download an Application for Council Record at: <http://www.ncarb.org/Forms/reqcoun.html>.

Submit application and fee to NCARB.

NCARB responds with instructions and forms for your use in verifying education and training. (NCARB contacts the jurisdiction[s] where you are registered for your status and examination grades.)

You complete your portion of the forms and forward them to your verification sources (employers, schools, etc.) who will return them directly to NCARB.

When all requested information has been received, your qualifications will be evaluated. If eligible, you will be notified and asked to update your experience record and pay the certification fee.

You will be issued your Certificate when NCARB receives your payment and employment update.

Board of Examiners of Architects Meeting/Event Schedule 2004

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	<p>March 5</p>	<p>Board Meeting Columbus</p>
	<p>March 18-20</p>	<p>Mid Central States Conference Santa Monica, CA</p>
	<p>April 23</p>	<p>Board Meeting Columbus</p>
	<p>June 3 (Thurs)</p>	<p>Board Meeting Columbus</p>
	<p>June 23-26</p>	<p>NCARB Annual Meeting Portland, OR</p>
	<p>August 20</p>	<p>Board Meeting Columbus</p>
	<p>October 1</p>	<p>Board Meeting Columbus</p>
	<p>October 7-9</p>	<p>Ohio AIA Convention Cleveland</p>
	<p>November 19</p>	<p>Board Meeting Columbus</p>

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