Ohio Architects

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President's Message

Interior Designer Licensure

The Board has taken a position in opposition to Senate Bill No. 376(Cupp) which, if enacted, would establish licensure for interior designers. According to the provisions of that bill, the licensing authority would be vested with the Board of Building Standards. The basis for this opposition is the premise that interior designers, working within the limits of the law, do not impact public health, safety and welfare. Such licensure would, in reality, lower the standards of public protection.

There are many specialists involved in the construction process who have expertise in limited areas of the building industry. These specialists are numerous and involve a wide scope of services including acoustics, lighting, food service, technical equipment, asbestos abatement and the list goes on and on. It is extremely important for the integrity of a building and for the ultimate protection of its future occupants that the building process be in the responsible charge of those who are knowledgeable in all aspects of design and construction. The licensure of interior designers and other specialists would be to create a monster which would severely and negatively impact the entire building process and decrease public benefit and protection.

The Board also opposes the manner in which this licensure is being proposed. Title 47, Occupations-Professions of the Ohio Revised Code encompasses over forty regulated professions including architects, engineers, physicians, accountants, veterinarians, nurses, barbers, chiropractors, real estate brokers and social workers, to name a few. This bill, if enacted, would set interior designers apart from these recognized professions without the same restrictions for reporting of activities, without similar budgetary constraints or the other governmental oversight required of other regulatory agencies. The motive of the backers of this legislation is questionable when they have gone to such lengths to avoid the spirit of licensure procedures established in this state.

This Board has expended considerable effort to develop and promote the recently enacted revision to the laws governing the practice of architecture. These revisions establish a quantifiable level of education and experience commensurate with the responsibilities of designing buildings and their systems. The establishment of a licensure system for separate and subordinate disciplines involved in building systems would be contrary to these efforts and would put the public at risk.

In its present form therefore, your Board has concluded that Senate Bill No. 376 would negatively impact and confuse the building design process in Ohio. It is difficult to understand how adding another conflicting agency can enhance the health, welfare and safety of Ohio citizens.

Richard D. Levin, FAIA

New Registrants

Of those candidates sitting for the June, 1990 Architect Registration Examination (ARE), eighty seven have successfully passed all divisions of the exam and have otherwise met all the requirements for registration. The Board extends its congratulations to these newly registered architects:

Anderson, Douglas L.
Barber, Gene D.
Bauer, Brian L.
Beilharz, Kraig A.
Bellian, John W.
Bercik, Susan J.
Buchanan, Lindsay W.
Choi, Esmond T.T.
Coleman, Jennifer E.
Covault, Michael L.
Damschroder, Michael J.
Dudrow, Donald L., Jr.
Duff, Pamela H.
Elsey, John D.
Ely, James C., Jr.
Fraser, Michael J.
Gesing, Robert G.
Hamilton, Michael C.
Harrah, H. Dana
Hellmann, Thomas J.
Hoffert, David J.
Jan, Der-An
Johnson, Martin K.
Klann, Robert
Kocon, Kathleen M.
Kohler, Eric A.
Kramer, Paul A.
Leo, K. Garrett
Levine, Dana B.
Lilley, F.P. Mesnick
Lonnman, Bruce E.
Mapson, Daryl E.
Matakovich, Robert M.
Matejka, Randall A.
McCall, Michael S.
Meleca, David B.
Miller, Terry A.
Miller, Timothy E.
Montchai, Thomas K.
Mularoni, Scott J.
Myers, Michael J.
Neuenswander, E. Dean
Noeth, Gregory J.
Oliver, Timothy M.
Pappa, Darrell G.
Pappa, Joseph A.
Partika, Richard S.
Pavlidis, Pavlos P.
Payne, John S.
Pellerano, Mary A.
Pinard, Marc R.
Pullo, Angela J.
Ream, William K.
Ribariu, Fred L.
Richards, David M.
Robinson, Frank R.
Robinson, Charles McDonald
Roth, Robert E.
Roy, Kevin C.
Rudy, James A.
Schoenfeld, Kenneth P.
Schriefer, James F.
Schroeder, Thomas D.
Sherman, Eva M.
Shin, Chun-Gyu
Shokalook, Pete
Sourbrine, Richard D., II
Strange, Susan A.
Sundaram, Nanja
Tangman, Michael J.
Tobin, Cynthia A.
Turckes, Steven R.
Violetta, Dean K.
Voorhis, James D.
Wade, Scott R.
Wagner, Mark S.
Waldheim, Charles A., Jr.
Walsh, John F.
Weaver, Kurt C.
White, Kevin E.
Wildermuth, Michael H.
Williams, Mark E.
Wilson, James H., Jr.
Wroblewski, Mieczyslaw M.
Yager, Mark T.
Yen, Maw-Chang
Yuricich, Dean J.

Exam Facts & Figures

During the administration of the June, 1990 ARE, Ohio tested 375 candidates for registration. Of this number, 141 persons were taking the exam for the first time and 20 of them passed all nine divisions of the test. In total, the 375 candidates took 1,879 exam divisions and 1,216 divisions were passed for an overall passing rate of 65%.

Ohio candidates typically compare favorably with the region and with the grand total of all jurisdictions, including U.S. Territories and most of the Canadian provinces administering. The following ARE table illustrates the passing rate for each division:

Division	Ohio	Region	All Jurisdictions
A - Pre-Design	68%	65%	54%
B - Site Design (Written)	93%	93%	87%
B - Site Design (Graphic)	26%	25%	22%
C - Building Design	36%	35%	33%
D/F - Structures-General	55%	53%	45%
E - Structures-Lateral Forces	73%	71%	69%
G - Mech, Plumbing & Elec.	84%	82%	69%
H - Materials & Methods	77%	75%	63%
I - Construction Documents	86%	80%	70%

Revisions To Architectural Laws And Rules

Legislation was enacted in March, 1990 which became effective June 13, 1990. Subsequent to that legislation, the Board adopted rules to implement the statutory changes and to modify other rules. The following is intended to provide a brief overview of these changes.

Enforcement - Section 4703.03 of the Revised Code was revised to permit the Board to subpoena witnesses and records in conjunction with its investigations. Prior to this law, the Board could only issue subpoenas to architects or candidates to whom a charge letter had been issued. The Board will now be able to expand its investigatory efforts more effectively into areas of unlicensed practice. In other matters, this will help the Board in obtaining information prior to issuing charge letters and perhaps, providing sufficient information so as to negate the need to send such a charge letter.

Education - Internship and education are both addressed in the statutory change. While the statute does not specifically state the requirements, the Board is empowered to determine the requirements which it has done in Rules 4703-1-08 and 4703-1-09. Under the new rules, anyone completing their education requirements after January 1, 1994 will be required to hold an accredited degree in architecture. The Board will continue to accept architectural experience in lieu of or in combination with formal education until that date.

Internship - The newly adopted rules addressing internship will require anyone completing the experience requirements after January 1, 1994 to have completed the Intern-architect Development Program (IDP) in its entirety. This date is significant because it will require anyone beginning their internship after the end of 1990 to be enrolled in the IDP program. Also, anyone who has recently begun their internship in related fields - engineering, construction, etc. where the credit earned under Table B of Rule 4703-1-08 is 50% should contact the Board office to determine if they need to be enrolled in the IDP.

Foreign Architects - The provision under Section 4703.08 allowing the Board to issue registration to architects whose base registration was issued in another country was eliminated in favor of inter-recognition agreements between NCARB and other countries. Unfortunately, after this bill was introduced, NCARB ended the only such agreement in effect. The Board will be working to establish a means of international reciprocity and urging NCARB to broaden its perspectives in this area.

Restoration Of Certificate - Section 4703.14 allowed renewal of one's license anytime within one year from the date of expiration but did not provide for restoration beyond that time. The revised section includes such a provision.

Prohibitions - The Board often receives complaints that an architect has used drawings prepared by another architect. The circumstances in such cases are quite varied but often are the result of contractual disputes between owner and architect. Such contract disagreements are not deemed by the Board to be its responsibility to resolve thus Section 4703.15 was revised to require that an architect using the design or other documents of another architect must obtain written consent from the originating architect prior to such use.

Reinstatement - Suspended Or Revoked Certificate - Section 4703.15 states, in general, the bases upon which a certificate may be suspended or revoked. The revision to this established that application for reinstatement must show that all loss caused by the person or firm whose certificate has been revoked or suspended has been fully satisfied and that all conditions imposed by the Board's decision have been complied with.

Fees - Section 4703.16 sets forth the various services for which the Board shall charge a fee. Under the revision of this section, the dollar amount of these fees is to be established, by rule, by the Board. These fees are set forth under Rule 4703-1-05.

Sealing Documents - Former language required that architects seal, with the metal embossing seal, every sheet of sets of drawings and the title page of bound specifications. Under revised rule 4703-1-04 (B)(2) the architect is required to apply the embossed seal over an in signature to the title page of sets of drawings and the title page of bound specs for official filing with building permit agencies.

Application Deadline - The deadline for filing the initial application to the Board to sit for the examinations administered in June and December has been moved from 90 days before the examination to 120 days. This has been done to facilitate the receipt of substantiating documents and conducting any necessary hearings and still have time to schedule space at the examination.

Other changes have been made primarily affecting language, not content.

Investigations

In March of 1990 a policy was initiated by the Board to obtain settlement agreements with respondents in alleged violation of the laws governing the practice of architecture. This has established an effective way to achieve the compliance of the respondent with the Ohio Revised Code.

When a complaint is received by the Board the validity of the complaint is determined. If a violation of Chapter 4703 appears, a preliminary investigation is initiated to obtain as much information as possible concerning the allegations. This information is then presented to the Board. The Board may elect to close the file if there is insufficient evidence or it is considered outside its jurisdiction or to continue the investigation. When an investigation is continued, a letter of conference is sent to the respondent. This letter of conference provides the respondent with the opportunity to meet with representatives of the Board. At this meeting the issues surrounding the alleged violations are discussed. After consideration of all the facts and if it's warranted, a settlement agreement is offered to the respondent for consideration and acceptance.

This procedure was developed to avoid costly and time consuming litigation through the courts in disputes involving violation(s) of the Ohio Revised Code. When a settlement agreement is reached by all parties the document is taken to the Board for its ratification and closing of the file.

Since the inception of this policy, all settlement agreements brought before the Board have been approved. To help in the investigations of complaints in the State of Ohio the Board has approved the use of the enclosed complaint form. These should be directed to the State Board of Examiners of Architects at 77 South High Street, 16th Floor, Columbus, OH 43266-0303.

Investigative Actions Taken By the Board

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 assure accuracy. The listing may not reflect a change occurring near or following the publication date. Further, the listing does not reflect pending appeals for hearings and rehearings.

Steven McQuillin, Cleveland (90-12)
Mr. McQuillin allegedly was advertising architectural services on McQUILLIN'S business stationary and resume. He has agreed not to enter upon or engage in the practice of architecture, or hold himself out as an architect until such time as he is in compliance with the provisions of R.C. 4703-01 to 4703.19, inclusive.

William A. Bly, Toledo (89-19)
Mr. Bly allegedly violated R.C. 4703.06 and R.C. 4703.18, arising out of Mr. Bly's allegedly holding himself out as a registered architect. Mr. Bly has agreed not to hold himself out as an architect until such time as he is in compliance with the provisions of R.C. 4703.01 to 4703.19, inclusive.

Neil A. Pickett, Sylvania (89-09)
Mr. Pickett allegedly designed and prepared architectural documents for several public school buildings in the Sylvania school district in violation of R.C. 4703.06 and R.C. 4703.18. Mr. Pickett has agreed not to engage in the practice of architecture, or hold himself out as an architect until such time as he is in compliance with the provisions of R.C. 4703.01 to 7403.19, inclusive.

Don Thomas, Oxford 90-13
Mr. Thomas allegedly designed and prepared architectural documents for public buildings in the Oxford area in violation of R.C. 4703.06 and R.C. 4703.18. Mr. Thomas has agreed not to enter upon or engage in the practice of architecture, or hold himself out as an architect until such time he is in compliance with the provisions of R.C. 4703.01 to 4703.19, inclusive.

Mary Cassinelli, Cincinnati 90-16
Ms. Cassinelli allegedly violated R.C. 4703.06 and R.C. 4703.18, arising out of the design and preparation of architectural documents for residential buildings located in the City of Cincinnati, Ohio. Ms. Cassinelli agrees not to enter upon or engage in the practice of architecture, or hold herself out as a registered architect until such time as she is in compliance with the provisions of R.C. 4703.01 to 4703.19, inclusive. Ms. Cassinelli is currently employed by Mr. Robert G. Steuber Architecture, 3215 Linwood Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45226.

Milford M. Romanoff, Toledo 89-01
Mr. Romanoff allegedly designed and prepared documents for a commercial building located in the Toledo area in violation of R.C. 4703.06 and R.C. 4703.18. Mr. Romanoff has agreed not to enter upon or engage in the practice of architecture, or hold himself out as an architect until he is in compliance with the provisions of R.C. 4703.01 to 4703.19, inclusive.

Jeffery Webb, Chillicothe 89-14
Mr. Webb allegedly violated R.C. 4703.06 and 4703.18 by the design and preparation of architectural documents and holding himself out as "WEBB ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES". Mr. Webb has agreed not to enter upon the practice of architecture, or hold himself forth as an architect until such time as he has complied with R.C. 4703.01 to R.C. 4703.19, inclusive.

Ronald K. Gulliford, Findlay 89-10
Mr. Gulliford allegedly violated R.C. 4703.06 and R.C. 4703.18, by the design and preparation of architectural documents for a commercial building in the Findlay area. Mr. Gulliford has agreed not to enter upon or engage in the practice of architecture, or hold himself out as an architect until such time as he is in compliance with the provisions of R.C. 4703.01 to 4703.19, inclusive.

BOARD CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 6-7, 1990 - Board Meeting
Columbus

January 9, 1991 - Board Meeting
Columbus

January 10-12, 1991 - A.R.E. Grading Session
Memphis, TN

January 17-19, 1991 - A.R.E. Grading Session
Memphis, TN

February 1, 1991 - Board Meeting
Columbus

March 1, 1991 - Board Meeting
Columbus

March 14-16, 1991 - NCARB Region 4
Kansas City, MO

April 12, 1991 - Board Meeting
Columbus

May 17, 1991 - Board Meeting
Columbus

June 17-20, 1991 - A.R.E.
Columbus

June 26-29, 1991 - NCARB Annual Meeting
Denver, CO

(dates and locations are subject to change)

CHANGE OF ADDRESS NOTICE

(Please Print or Type All Information)

Name: _____

Date: _____ License No. _____

Old Address: _____ New Address: _____

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Inactive Registrants

Architects who held active registration in the state of Ohio during 1989 but have not renewed for the current year-1990 WILL NOT be sent a renewal application for 1991. If you wish to renew your registration, you need to contact the Board office immediately. REMEMBER - you cannot legally call yourself an architect, provide architectural services or seal documents unless your registration is current and in good standing. The unlicensed practice of architecture is a criminal offense.

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