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President's Letter

By Jeff Skapin, Stow, Ohio

"The only thing constant is change"

2011 was a busy year for the Board. As you know, it is a renewal year which generates much more activity than the normal day to day business. It was also a year that generated many changes for architects in Ohio as well as across the nation.

One of the most beneficial changes to the NCARB Model Laws, in my opinion, was the resolution to establish standards for the continuing education requirements. Many of you are licensed in numerous states and are painfully aware of how difficult it is to keep track of the varying CE requirements for each state. The content, quantity, HSW, structure, etc. was different in every state leaving the potential that you may not be able to use hours earned for one jurisdiction to satisfy the requirements of another. The new model law, which Ohio has adopted, requires 12 health, safety, and welfare hours per calendar year and that the hours must be acquired in structured educational activities. Many of the other states have adopted or are currently in the process of adopting this change which will streamline the reciprocity process for all of us.

I am serving my third year on the ARE Subcommittee: Building Design and Construction Systems, developing questions for the Architect Registration Examination. During the next few years the examination and its content will be re-evaluated to determine what changes are required to adequately test the constantly evolving profession and to better test the architects of tomorrow.

In April of this year, architects, interns and educators across the country will have an opportunity to participate in a survey to guide NCARB in the future development of the Architectural Registration Examination, the Intern Development Program, and NAAB Accreditation Review Conference. I hope you have an opportunity to participate in this process.

New Continuing Ed Requirements as of 1/1/2012

The Ohio Architects Board has adopted new Continuing Education requirements, effective January 1, 2012. The changes will greatly simplify Continuing Education for Architects.

As a result of adopting the new regulations, the state will be in alignment with the new Continuing Education Model Regulations adopted in June 2011 by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB).

Currently, nearly every state has different requirements and deadlines for completion of their Continuing Education requirements. When the majority

Mission Statement

The Ohio Architects Board, appointed to a leadership role in the profession of architecture, is dedicated to the promotion and protection of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Ohio by:

- *Establishing and maintaining high standard for architectural registration, practice and professional conduct;*
- *Proactively enforcing the laws and rules governing the practice of architecture;*
- *Communicating with and educating the public and the profession concerning the practice of architecture.*

Vision:

The Ohio Architects Board will strive for the highest standards of professional quality in all aspects of its business to make the Board an effective and efficient regulatory body for the practice of architecture within the state.

of states have adopted the new NCARB Model Regulations, as they are widely expected to do, architects, particularly those registered in multiple states, will find it much easier to track and fulfill the more uniform requirements.

The new Ohio Continuing Education requirements are:

- All architects must complete 12 hours per calendar year
- All courses must be Health, Safety and Welfare (HSW)
- All activities must be structured courses

Structured courses are defined as "educational activities in which at least 75% of an activity's content and instructional time must be devoted to health, safety, and welfare (HSW) subjects related to the practice of architecture and *provided by qualified individuals or organizations*, whether delivered by direct contact (e.g., courses or seminars) or distance learning methods." This includes online courses offered by *approved providers*, including Architectural Record articles.

Self-reported activities, such as teaching, publishing, and professional service to the community are *no longer eligible* for continuing education credit.

Programs and providers without pre-approval from a recognized organization (AIA, LA CES, etc.) are *not* eligible for CE credit. Be sure all certificates include information indicating the program number and name of the organization pre-approving the program. Programs offered by Universities or the state of Ohio's Board of Building Standards are also recognized by the Board even though they may not have AIA credit.

You can download a PDF copy of the new rules [here](#). The Board also maintains a list of CE resources at <http://www.arc.ohio.gov/ContinuingEducation.aspx>

The definitions of Health, Safety and Welfare have also been updated. Architects will find many practice-related courses still qualify for HSW hours, including codes, zoning, ethics, insurance to protect owners and the public, documents and construction administration.

The new Health, Safety and Welfare definitions are as follows:

(a) Legal: laws, codes, zoning, regulations, standards, life safety, accessibility, ethics, insurance to protect owners and public

(b) Building systems: structural, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, communications, security, fire protection

(c) Environmental: energy efficiency, sustainability, natural resources, natural hazards, hazardous materials, weatherproofing, insulation

(d) Occupant comfort: air quality, lighting, acoustics, ergonomic

(e) Materials and Methods: construction systems, products, finishes, furnishings, equipment

(f) Preservation: historic, reuse, adaptation

(g) Pre-design: land use analysis, programming, site selection, site and soils analysis, surveying

(h) Design: urban planning, master planning, building design, site design, interiors, safety and security measures

(i) Construction documents: drawings, specifications, delivery methods

(j) Construction contract administration: contracts, bidding, contract negotiations

Medical, military and emeritus architect exemptions are still available upon request to practitioners. Individuals licensed by examination are no longer exempt during their first renewal period.

An Exemption Application is available on the Board's website at <http://www.arc.ohio.gov/Forms.aspx>

The Ohio board recognizes courses and programs offered by providers pre-approved by NCARB, the American Institute of Architects, universities, state agencies and many other organizations and associations related to the built environment.

As with the current policy, there is no carry-over of credits from year to year. Architects are responsible for keeping accurate records, including certificates of completion or transcripts from professional associations.

The Board will continue to conduct random compliance audits. Coursework submitted without certificates or transcripts during audits will not be accepted. It is the architect's responsibility to obtain certificates for all courses. The new rules do not apply to the current audits underway of the 1/1/2010-12/31/2011 renewal period.

Architects who are found to have falsely attested completion of the requirement on renewal applications are subject to a variety of penalties, ranging from fines to license suspension or revocation.

For more information about the new requirements, please contact Amy Kobe at 614-466-1327 or Chad Holland at 614-466-1476.

What's Your Excuse?

The Board routinely hears a variety of excuses as to why the Continuing Education requirement hasn't been met:

- "I'm not a member of AIA."
- "I'm unemployed."
- "I'm too busy."
- "I don't have the money to attend seminar and conferences."
- "I don't live in a city where seminars are provided."

However, completing the Continuing Education requirements **is easy and can be done online, free of charge** from a variety of approved providers. A list of Continuing Education Resources is maintained by the Board and can be found online at <http://www.arc.ohio.gov/ContinuingEducation.aspx>

Changes to Sealing Process

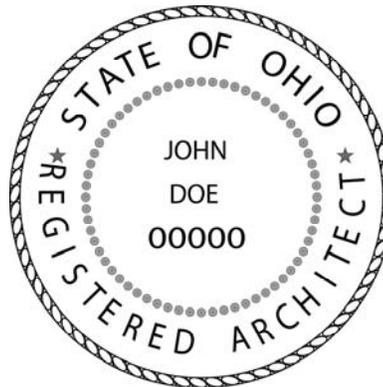
Ohio sealing procedures have been modified effective July 1, 2012. Beginning in July, architects must include their printed name, license number and license expiration date below the seal when stamping drawings or other documents. This *does not* mean you will have to purchase a new seal.

The Board anticipates that architects will be less likely to practice on a lapsed license when they are required to include the license expiration date on the title page.

As a reminder:

All documents prepared by the licensed architect shall be sealed. Only the title sheet of a set of plans must be signed and sealed. Corporate or firm seals are not permitted in Ohio. Only one name may appear on a seal.

Example:



**John Doe, License #00000
Expiration Date 12/31/2012**

Incidental Practice Agreement

The Ohio Architects Board and the State of Ohio Professional Engineers and Surveyors Board have agreed upon and adopted the following resolution covering rules of procedure in connection with the interpretation and enforcement of the Ohio Revised Code and the Ohio Administrative Code, Chapter 4703, governing the practice of Architecture; and Ohio Revised Code and the Ohio Administrative Code, Chapter 4733, governing the practice of Engineering in the State of Ohio.

The resolution reads as follows: *"No Registered Engineer shall undertake a project which is primarily architectural and no Registered Architect shall undertake a project which is primarily engineering; however, no provision of the laws and rules referred to above shall be so construed as to prevent any Registered Architect from doing such engineering work, for which he/she is qualified, as may be incidental and necessary to the completion of any architectural work lawfully undertaken by such Architect; nor so construed as to prevent any Registered Engineer from doing such architectural work, for which he/she is qualified, as may be incidental and*

necessary to the completion of any engineering work lawfully undertaken by such Engineer, as defined in the rules and laws listed above.

The two Boards must be guided and controlled by the definitions contained in their respective registration laws but may use discretion in interpreting them. If engineering or architectural work is performed by persons who are not full-time employees of the Registered Engineer or Registered Architect employed by the client for the project, those persons shall be registered in the profession concerned and the registered person's name shall appear on all documents, plans, etc., prepared by them, when issued for that particular project."

The resolution was based upon a similar agreement signed in 1962 by the South Carolina Board of Engineering Examiners and the South Carolina Board of Architectural Examiners.

NCARB Practice Analysis Coming in April

This April, more than 80,000 architects, interns, and educators will be invited to participate in the 2012 NCARB Practice Analysis of Architecture Survey. As the foundation of NCARB's 2012 Practice Analysis, the survey is designed to help identify the tasks and knowledge/skills necessary for the independent practice of architecture. Historically conducted by NCARB every five to seven years, the Practice Analysis is a powerful tool that provides essential insight into current and future trends of the profession related to architectural practice.

"Participating in the survey is an important opportunity to give back to the profession," said NCARB CEO Michael J. Armstrong.

Findings will help: drive the Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®), inform the Intern Development Program (IDP), and guide NCARB's response to the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) 2013 Accreditation Review Conference (ARC). The results will also be used to inform the Council's continuing education policies.



Participants will benefit from the ability to complete the survey in multiple short sessions, enhanced navigation and graphics, and the use of new techniques such as "matrix sampling," which tailors the number and focus of questions delivered to each survey participant, thereby reducing the amount of time to complete the survey. These "best practices" ensure that the survey results are statistically and psychometrically valid—essential considerations for any practice analysis.

NCARB and the Ohio Architects Board strongly encourage those who receive the electronic survey in April to respond. The success of the Practice Analysis and the strength of its results are dependent upon the support of architects, interns, and educators. The greater the number of complete responses, the more reliable the data and the more informative the results.

The 2012 survey was developed through the collaborative effort of NCARB and its collateral organizations: the American Institute of Architects (AIA), the American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS), the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA), and the NAAB. For more information, visit: <http://www.tinyurl.com/NCARBPAAExpertise>

ARE Study Sessions Offered in Ohio

Several AIA chapters around Ohio are offering ARE Study Seminars in 2012, including AIA Akron and Cleveland, AIA Columbus and AIA Cincinnati. In addition, AIA Toledo has just announced an ARE Fee Reimbursement program for residents of their service area. For dates, fees and registration information, please visit the website of the chapter nearest you.

2011 ARE Pass Rates

01/01/2011 thru 12/31/2011	# Testing in Ohio	# Passing in Ohio	% Passing in Ohio	Total Testing All Boards	# Passing All Boards	% Passing All Boards
Building Design & Construction Systems	106	79	75%	4239	2643	62%
Building Systems	95	71	75%	4316	2940	68%
Construction Documents & Services	126	86	68%	5303	3369	64%
Programming, Planning & Practice	119	79	66%	5302	3285	62%
Schematic Design	101	81	80%	4923	3805	77%
Site Planning & Design	144	87	76%	4789	3503	73%
Structural Systems	121	86	71%	4753	3369	71%

IDP 2.0 Starts April 5, 2012

The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) will implement the final phase of Intern Development Program (IDP) 2.0 in April 2012. This phase will include new experience categories and areas, simplified experience settings, and an enhanced electronic system to report IDP experience.

To facilitate these changes, a new, updated, and more user-friendly electronic reporting system will be available through My NCARB on the Council's website on April 5th. On April 3, 2012, the current reporting system will be shut down and will be inaccessible as the data is converted to IDP 2.0.



Interns must submit any hours under the current requirements to their supervisor before April 3. All experience submitted to their supervisor or approved by their supervisor prior to the implementation of the final phase will be rolled over. All reports submitted after the new system becomes available on April 5 will count toward IDP 2.0 requirements.

IDP 2.0 is the most significant update to the Intern Development Program (IDP) since its inception in the 1970s. The Practice Analysis of Architecture was used as the foundation to update the program requirements to more closely align with the current practice of architecture and to identify the comprehensive training that is essential for competent practice.

Experience Categories, Areas, and Settings

IDP 2.0 will have four experience categories and 17 experience areas that will replace the current training requirement. The new categories and areas are aligned to the phases of project development in architecture practice today. Both will have minimum experience hours that must be earned.

The overall hours required to complete the IDP will remain 5,600 hours. Of those hours, 3,740 must be earned through core hours in the categories and areas, and 1,860 may be earned through elective hours.

Also, the current seven work settings that interns must be employed in to earn hours will be simplified into three experience settings.

Interns must earn 1,860 hours of experience under the direct supervision of an IDP supervisor licensed as an architect in a U.S. or Canadian jurisdiction in an organization engaged in the lawful practice of architecture.

The two other experience settings allow interns to work under the direct supervision of other professionals as well as earn core and elective hours whether or not employed. There will also be the opportunity for interns to earn hours through academic internships.

IDP Supervisors

Another major change in IDP 2.0 is the modification of the location-of-licensure requirement for IDP supervisors. The current program requires that IDP supervisors in certain work settings be licensed in the jurisdiction where they are located.

In IDP 2.0, the definition of experience setting A and opportunities within setting O require that the IDP supervisor be licensed in a U.S. or Canadian jurisdiction, not necessarily where he or she is located.

Rollover to IDP 2.0

In order to assist interns with the rollover to the new program, NCARB has launched a new section of its website devoted to IDP 2.0. It includes a history of the program, a timeline for the implementation, a breakdown of the new categories and areas, definitions of the new experience settings, and other resources.

NCARB has released several new resources on the rollover to IDP 2.0:

The Interns' IDP 2.0 Rollover Guide

The rollover guide includes the rules that will pertain to interns' experience as it moves from the current IDP to IDP 2.0. It also includes definitions, explanations of the experience areas that are combined or split, training hour rollover examples, and frequently asked questions. [[Rollover Guide](#)]

IDP 2.0 Rollover Webcast

Listen as NCARB Assistant Director, IDP Nick Serfass, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP explains the rollover to IDP 2.0. Along with new experience settings, categories, and areas, Serfass explains how IDP hours will rollover to the new reporting system and how interns, supervisors, and mentors can best prepare for April 3. [\[Webcast\]](#)

Webinars will be held monthly between now and April 3.

IDP 2.0 Calculator

The IDP Calculator is a tool to help interns and supervisors understand exactly how hours will roll over to IDP 2.0. Interns can enter their current hours into the calculator to get an idea of what their experience will look like on April 5 when the new reporting system launches. [\[Calculator\]](#)

This is a tool to help interns with the rollover to IDP 2.0 and is for informational purposes only. **All experience is subject to review and evaluation by NCARB for compliance with the program.** If NCARB determines that “submitted” or “approved” experience was invalid or was not earned in compliance with the program, then the individual will be required to complete the program requirements in compliance with IDP 2.0.

Congratulations to Architects Newly Licensed by Examination!

The Board wishes to congratulate the following Architects who were licensed by examination between November 23, 2010 and February 9, 2012. Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy; we apologize if any names have been omitted.

Able, Hannah	Lange, Andreas
Aditya, Sandipan	Lathrop, Michael Alan
Althouse, Matthew R	Linek, Joseph V.
Benetti, Amy L	Little, Emily Steiner
Bing, Jason J.	Lount, Natalia
Bissaillon, Joseph A.	Majtenyi, Vivian Clare
Bittner, Nicholas E.	Manco, Christine
Blake, Timothy	Mandilakis, Christine
Boggio-Korbelak, Dawn	Mast, Derek
Brown, Clifford J	Maurer, Christopher
Bruscato, Jessica	May, Kyle J.
Bryant, Paul	Mclorg, Anthony Barr
Carr, Sandra	Merck, Kristin
Chachula, Mark	Meyer, Benjamin Alan
Chadwick, Benjamin N	Meyer, Richard
Cieszynski, Kevin A.	Minotas, Raymond
Clifford, Scott	Mocabee, Todd
DeBruin, Trent Michael	Nicholson, John E.
Decapite, Marie	Niekamp, Manda
Degreve, Daniel	Novak, Ronald J.

Dixon, David J.	Paben, Dennis
Eggert, Robert P.	Pastula, Matthew
Ellenwood, Matthew D.	Polak, Daniel
Ewart, Jeffrey	Puckett, Chad Howard
Fallat, Kathryn	Ramous, Ian
Fuller, Jennifer M.	Rantilla, Benjamin Tod
Gagliardi, Steven	Ringer, Lisa A.
Gerrity, Brian	Ritter, Jayme K.
Goodman, Lee Ann	Salem, Jihad Chidan
Gray, Charles Andrew	Schneider, Jason Michael
Greenberg, Eric	Schumaker, Jeffrey
Greene, Bryan J.	Serdinak, Michael
Halaby, Patricia	Sherman, Randall Craig
Hamilton, Andreea M.	Shull, Matthew W.
Hladio, William D.	Skurka, April
Hogrefe, Nicholas	Stadge, Derrick
Hogue, David JR.	Steele, Laura Shannon
Ihle, Matthew	Stults, Robert
Jansen, David	Suriano, Michael
Johnson, Boyd	Swidrak, John R.
Kemper, George Lawrence	Visnic, Luke
Kershaw, Bradley C.	Walton, Roderic K.
King, Matthew Grant	Wiley, Timothy M.
Krancevic, Eric	Williams, Allen
Kyle, Bonnie C.	Wood, Christopher N.
	Wright, Craig W.

Ohioans Volunteer on NCARB Committees

Each year, NCARB relies on the work of hundreds of volunteer architects from its Member Boards and their Member Board Executives to guide its programs and services. The work of each committee is forwarded to the NCARB Board of Directors for review and possible action.

Several Ohio board members, staff and registered architects are serving on National Council of Architectural Registration Boards committees:

Board member **Stephen L. Sharp**, AIA, Springfield, Ohio is a member of the National Architectural Accrediting Boards Visiting Team. Sharp also serves as Vice-Chair of NCARB's Region 4.

Jeffrey Skapin, Stow, Ohio, Board President, is a member of the ARE Subcommittee: Building Design and Construction Systems.

Ohio Member Board Executive Director **Amy Kobe**, Hon AIA, serves on the NCARB Internship Committee.

Terence Sullivan, AIA, of Schooley-Caldwell Associates, Columbus, Ohio is a member of the ARE Subcommittee: Building Systems.

Holly Grambort, NCARB, Brandstetter Carroll Zofcin, Cleveland, Ohio, serves on the ARE Subcommittee: Site Planning & Design

Richard M. Meyer, Meyer Brothers and Sons, Hamilton, Ohio is a member of the ARE Subcommittee: ARE Graphic Pretest #1

Is Your Firm Registered?

It no longer comes as a surprise to hear practitioners say "I didn't know I had to register my firm!" However, every application to practice Architecture contains a signature indicating the applicant has read, and agrees to follow, the Board's laws and rules.

As a reminder, all firms *except unincorporated sole proprietors* are required to obtain a Firm Certificate of Qualification.

Complete information on Firm registration is available on the Board's website at <http://www.arc.ohio.gov/FirmRegistration.aspx>.

Reminder: Firm renewals will be e-mailed early May

The Firm Certificate of Authorization is valid for one year, beginning on July 1. The renewal fee is \$100. Renewal applications will be mailed to all current firms in the beginning of May. If your firm has relocated, dissolved, or merged within the last year, please contact the Board now to avoid delays and lapses.

Just Who Can Use the Title Architect?

Only Ohio registered architects may use the title "Architect". Only approved exam candidates may use one of the following terms: "Intern Architect" or "Architectural Intern". Any other use by interns of titles containing the word "architect" or any of its derivatives is illegal.

What about software architects and IT architects? As annoying as these titles may be to licensed Architects, they are regarded as legal as long as they are not used in conjunction with the built environment.

2012 Board Meeting Dates

All Board meetings are open to the public. All meetings are held on Fridays in the Riffe Center, 77 S. High St., Columbus, OH 43215 and start at 9 AM. Check with the Board office for the room location.

Board meetings will take place on the following dates:

April 20
June 8
August 10
October 12
December 7

Do You Know the Laws and Rules of the Board?

Have you read the Laws and Rules since you first applied for a license in the State of Ohio? If it has been more than six months, you just might want to take a few minutes and review the current Laws and Rules. A few

minutes spent now could avert disciplinary action in the future!

PDF versions of the Laws and Rules can be downloaded from the Board's website at <http://www.arc.ohio.gov/LawsandRules.aspx>

Is Your Contact Information Up to Date?

Do you have a new email address? Have you moved or changed jobs? It is your responsibility to notify the Board of any changes in your contact information.

If your current information is not on file, you may not receive your renewal notice or exam scores. Only the Board can change the address of an exam candidate with Prometric.

Use this link to notify the Board of any changes:
<http://www.arc.ohio.gov/AddressChange.aspx>

If you have an NCARB Record or Certificate, you should also notify NCARB at www.ncarb.org

Enforcement Actions

The following cases are final results of investigative matters resolved between November 2010 and February 2012. Every effort is made to ensure that the following information is correct. All enforcement matters are a matter of public record and remain permanently on the licensee's record.

If you have any questions about these cases or other enforcement matters, please contact the Board's Investigator, Chad B. Holland at (614) 466-1476 or via e-mail at chad.holland@arla.state.oh.us

File #2010-30

Michael L. Cornette, Cert. No. 11490 Cincinnati, Ohio

Mr. Cornette indicated on his 2010-2011 renewal application that he had completed the mandatory continuing education requirements for license renewal. However, after conducting an audit, it was determined that Mr. Cornette allegedly failed to complete the mandatory continuing education requirements, which is a violation of Ohio Revised Code 4703.15 (A) (1), (2), (3) and Ohio Administrative Code 4703-1-01 (C), 4703-1-11 (B), 4703-1-11 (G), 4703-3-07 (C) (4), 4703-3-07 (E) (3) and 4703-3-07 (E) (4).

This matter was informally resolved whereby Mr. Cornette entered into a settlement agreement, accepted a \$1,000 fine for his actions and successfully completed the continuing education requirements. This matter was closed February 2011.

File #2010-33

Bernard Fields, Cert. No. 10075 Cincinnati, Ohio

After an administrative hearing, Mr. Fields was found by the hearing officer to have violated Ohio Revised Code section 4703.15 (A) (1) and Ohio Administrative sections 4703-1-01 (C), 4703-1-11 (B), 4703-1-11 (G), 4703-3-07 (C) (4), 4703-3-07 (E) (3) and 4703-3-07 (E) (4) for failing to

complete the mandatory continuing education requirements required for 2010-2011 and for making a materially false statement on his renewal application indicating that he had completed the CE requirements, when he had not.

The Board voted to approve the findings of fact, conclusions of law and recommendation of the hearing officer that Mr. Fields be reprimanded for his actions and accept a \$1,000 fine. This matter was closed May 2011.

File #2010-34
James A. Dorenbusch, Cert. No. 9791
Pataskala, Ohio

After an investigation, it was determined that Mr. Dorenbusch allegedly violated Ohio Revised Code sections 4703.06 (A), 4703.15 (A) (3) and 4703.18 (A), (H) by holding himself out to be an architect to his client and providing architectural services for a dentist office in Granville, Ohio in 2010 at a time during which his individual license and firm license had been lapsed.

This matter was informally resolved whereby Mr. Dorenbusch entered into a settlement agreement, accepted a \$1,000 fine for his actions and reinstated his licenses. This matter was closed February 2011

File #2010-36
Larry Scott Webb, Cert. No. 11193
Oxford, Ohio

Mr. Webb indicated on his 2010-2011 renewal application that he had completed the mandatory continuing education requirements for license renewal. However, after conducting an audit, it was determined that Mr. Webb allegedly failed to complete the mandatory continuing education requirements, which is a violation of Ohio Revised Code 4703.15 (A) (1), (2), (3) and Ohio Administrative Code 4703-1-01 (C), 4703-1-11 (B), 4703-1-11 (G), 4703-3-07 (C) (4), 4703-3-07 (E) (3) and 4703-3-07 (E) (4).

This matter was informally resolved whereby Mr. Webb entered into a settlement agreement, accepted a \$1,000 fine for his actions and successfully completed the continuing education requirements. This matter was closed February 2011.

File #2010-37
John A. Prokos, Cert. No. 11839
Graham D. Gund, Cert. No. 9870
Gund Partnership, LLC
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Mr. Prokos and Mr. Gund were found to have unintentionally violated Ohio Revised Code 4703.17 (B) and Ohio Administrative Code 4703-3-07 (E) (1) involving the hiring of a landscape architect consultant for a project in Chagrin Falls, Ohio on or about 2006.

This matter was resolved whereby a warning letter was issued to Mr. Prokos and Mr. Graham reminding them to be more cognizant of the laws and rules regarding the use of consulting services of other professions in Ohio or in any jurisdiction where they may practice. This matter was closed February 2011.

File #2011-4
Shawn A. Boysko
A. B. & Associates
Powell, Ohio

After an investigation, it was determined that Mr. Boysko allegedly violated Ohio Revised Code sections 4703.06 (A), 4703.18 (A) and 4703.18 (H) which prohibit non-architects from advertising, offering or providing architectural services.

Mr. Boysko advertised the provision of "Architecture Services" on his firm's letterhead for the design of a residential addition. This matter was amicably resolved whereby he agreed to remove any references to "Architecture Services". This matter was closed February 2011.

File #2011-5
Shaune Skinner
ASC Group, Inc.
Columbus, Ohio

After an investigation, it was determined that Ms. Skinner allegedly violated Ohio Revised Code sections 4703.06 (A), 4703.18 (A) and 4703.18 (H) which prohibit non-architects or firms from advertising, offering or providing architectural services.

Ms. Skinner's company website advertised the provision of "Architecture" and "Architectural Services". This matter was amicably resolved whereby she agreed to remove and revise any references to "Architecture Services". This matter was closed February 2011.

File #2011-6
David L. Bishop
Matrix Technologies, Inc.
Maumee, Ohio

After an investigation, it was determined that Matrix Technologies, Inc., a registered Ohio engineering firm allegedly violated Ohio Revised Code sections 4703.18 (H) which prohibit firms from advertising, offering or providing architectural services without a firm certificate of authorization.

Mr. Bishop's company website advertised the provision of "Architectural Services" and having a staff of "Architects". This matter was amicably resolved whereby he agreed to remove any references to "Architecture Services" or having "Architects" on staff. Matrix Technologies may continue to subcontract with consulting architects and may provide architectural services that are incidental to the practice of engineering. This matter was closed February 2011.

File #2011-7
Jay M. Messner
Evo Design
Cincinnati, Ohio

After an investigation, it was determined that Jay M. Messner allegedly violated Ohio Revised Code sections 4703.06 (A), 4703.18 (A) and 4703.18 (H) which prohibit non-architects or firms from advertising, offering or providing architectural services.

Mr. Messner's company website advertised the provision of "Architectural Design" services. This matter was amicably resolved whereby he agreed to remove and revise any references to "Architectural Design". This matter was closed February 2011.

File #2011-8
Robert L. Bostwick, Cert. No. 11839
Bostwick Design Partnership
Cleveland, Ohio

Mr. Bostwick and his firm were found to have allegedly violated the laws and rules of the Nevada State Board of Architecture on or about October 2010, which is a violation of Ohio Administrative Code section 4703-3-07 (D) (3). This matter was resolved whereby a warning letter was issued to Mr. Bostwick reminding him and his firm to be more cognizant of the laws and rules in any jurisdiction where they may practice and to notify the Board of any recent disciplinary action within thirty days. This matter was closed February 2011.

File #2011-10
Joseph M. Bilyk,
Luna Studio
Columbus, Ohio

After an investigation, it was determined that Joseph Bilyk allegedly violated Ohio Revised Code sections 4703.06 (A), 4703.18 (A) and 4703.18 (H) which prohibit non-architects or firms from advertising, offering or providing architectural services.

Mr. Bilyk's company website advertised the provision of "Architectural Design" services through a design-build delivery system. However, it was learned that Mr. Bilyk was not providing design-build services as set forth in Ohio Revised Code 4703.182

This matter was amicably resolved whereby an advisement letter was issued to Mr. Bilyk explaining how to best to provide design-build services with the involvement of Ohio design professionals. This matter was closed September 2011.

File #2011-11
Mark R. Tomon
Cleveland, Ohio

After an investigation, it was determined that Mr. Tomon allegedly violated Ohio Revised Code sections 4703.06 (A) and 4703.18 (A) which prohibit non-architects from advertising, offering or providing architectural services and from holding forth as an "Architect".

Mr. Tomon held himself out as an "Architect" on his personal profile via the online social network, Facebook. This matter was amicably resolved whereby Mr. Tomon agreed to remove any reference to being an "Architect". This matter was closed February 2011.

File #2011-12
Jason Bellis
Bellis Home Designs
Lowellville, Ohio

After an investigation, it was determined that Mr. Bellis allegedly violated Ohio Revised Code sections 4703.06 (A), 4703.18 (A) and 4703.18 (H) which prohibit non-architects from advertising, offering or providing "Architecture" services.

Mr. Bellis held himself out as providing and offering "Architecture" services via his firm title block. This matter was amicably resolved whereby Mr. Bellis agreed to remove from his title block any reference to "Architecture". This matter was closed May 2011.

File #2011-17

**Philip B. Friedman, Cert. No. 9931
Cincinnati, Ohio**

Mr. Friedman indicated on his 2010-2011 renewal application that he had completed the mandatory continuing education requirements for license renewal. However, after conducting an audit, it was determined that Mr. Friedman allegedly failed to complete the mandatory continuing education requirements, which is a violation of Ohio Revised Code 4703.15 (A) (1) and Ohio Administrative Code 4703-1-01 (C), 4703-1-11 (B), 4703-1-11 (G), 4703-3-07 (C) (4), 4703-3-07 (E) (3) and 4703-3-07 (E) (4).

This matter was informally resolved whereby Mr. Friedman entered into a settlement agreement, accepted a \$1,000 fine for his actions and successfully completed the continuing education requirements. This matter was closed July 2011.

File #2011-18

**Roland P. Smith, Cert. No. 12696
College Corner, Ohio**

After an investigation, it was determined that Mr. Smith allegedly violated Ohio Revised Code sections 4703.06 (A), 4703.15 (A) (3) and 4703.18 (A) and Ohio Administrative Code 4703-3-09 (A) by holding himself out to be an architect, failing to use a written contract and providing architectural services a proposed amphitheater for the Preble County Historical Society in Eaton, Ohio in 2008-2009 at a time during which his individual license had been lapsed.

This matter was informally resolved whereby Mr. Smith entered into a settlement agreement, accepted a \$1,000 fine for his actions. This matter was closed September 2011.

File #2011-19

**Kent Fullmer
Fullmer's Landscaping, Inc.
Dayton, Ohio**

After an investigation, it was determined that Fullmer's Landscaping had provided architecture, landscape architecture and possibly engineering design services without the direct involvement of an Ohio architect, landscape architect or professional engineer whereby they provided detailed concept drawings for a public project in Preble County. It was Fullmer's intent to provide design-build services for this project.

This matter was amicably resolved whereby an advisement letter was issued to Mr. Fullmer and their legal counsel explaining how to best to provide design-build services with the involvement of Ohio design professionals. This matter was closed May 2011.

File #2011-22

**Larry R. Hecky, Cert. No. 3779
Stow, Ohio**

Mr. Hecky indicated on his 2010-2011 renewal application that he had completed the mandatory continuing education requirements for license renewal. However, after conducting an audit, it was determined that Mr. Hecky allegedly failed to complete the mandatory continuing education requirements, which is a violation of Ohio Revised Code 4703.15 (A) (1) and Ohio Administrative Code 4703-1-01 (C), 4703-1-11 (B), 4703-1-11 (G), 4703-3-07 (C) (4), 4703-3-07 (E) (3) and 4703-3-07 (E) (4).

This matter was informally resolved whereby Mr. Hecky entered into a settlement agreement, accepted a \$1,000 fine for his actions and successfully completed the continuing education requirements. This matter was closed July 2011.

File #2011-23
Randy S. Doi, Cert. No. 7670
Lakewood, Ohio

After conducting an audit, it was determined that Mr. Doi allegedly failed to complete the mandatory continuing education requirements, which is a violation of Ohio Administrative Code 4703-1-11 (B).

This matter was informally resolved whereby Mr. Doi entered into a settlement agreement, accepted a \$500 fine for his actions and successfully completed the continuing education requirements. This matter was closed July 2011.

File #2011-24
Douglas R. Page, Cert. No. 12950
Performa
De Pere, Wisconsin

Mr. Page and his firm were found to have allegedly violated the laws and rules of the Nevada State Board of Architecture on or about 2009, which is a violation of Ohio Administrative Code section 4703-3-07 (D) (3). This matter was resolved whereby a warning letter was issued to Mr. Page reminding him and his firm to be more cognizant of the laws and rules in any jurisdiction where they may practice and to notify the Board of any recent disciplinary action within thirty days. This matter was closed July 2011.

File #2011-25
Ken Esry
Modern Classics
Lakewood, Ohio

After an investigation, it was determined that Mr. Esry allegedly violated Ohio Revised Code sections 4703.06 (A) and 4703.18 (A) which prohibit non-architects from advertising, offering or providing architectural services and from holding forth as a "Residential Architect".

Mr. Esry held himself out as a "Residential Architect" on his personal profile via the online professional social network, "Thumbtack". This matter was amicably resolved whereby Mr. Esry agreed to remove any reference to being a "Resident Architect". This matter was closed July 2011.

File #2011-26
Christopher E. Shrodes, Cert. No. 13341
Columbus, Ohio

Mr. Shrodes indicated on his 2010-2011 renewal application that he had completed the mandatory continuing education requirements for license renewal. However, after conducting an audit, it was determined that Mr. Shrodes allegedly failed to complete the mandatory continuing education requirements, which is a violation of Ohio Revised Code 4703.15 (A) (1) and Ohio Administrative Code 4703-1-01 (C), 4703-1-11 (B), 4703-1-11 (G), 4703-3-07 (C) (4), 4703-3-07 (E) (3) and 4703-3-07 (E) (4).

This matter was informally resolved whereby Mr. Shrodes entered into a settlement agreement, accepted a \$500 fine for his actions and successfully completed the continuing education requirements. This matter

was closed September 2011.

File #2011-27
Richard A. Lalli, Cert. No. 6914
Cleveland, Ohio

Mr. Lalli indicated on his 2010-2011 renewal application that he had completed the mandatory continuing education requirements for license renewal. However, after conducting an audit, it was determined that Mr. Lalli allegedly failed to complete the mandatory continuing education requirements, which is a violation of Ohio Revised Code 4703.15 (A) (1) and Ohio Administrative Code 4703-1-01 (C), 4703-1-11 (B), 4703-1-11 (G), 4703-3-07 (C) (4), 4703-3-07 (E) (3) and 4703-3-07 (E) (4).

This matter was informally resolved whereby Mr. Lalli entered into a settlement agreement, accepted a \$1,000 fine for his actions and successfully completed the continuing education requirements. This matter was closed September 2011.

File #2011-28
Randy L. Travis,
RLT Design
Cincinnati, Ohio

After an investigation, it was determined that Mr. Travis allegedly violated Ohio Revised Code sections 4703.06 and 4703.18 (A) which prohibit persons from holding forth as an "Intern Architect" unless they have been approved by the Board to sit for the registration exam and hold an active record with NCARB.

Mr. Travis held himself out as an "Intern Architect" on his personal profile via the online social network, LinkedIn. This matter was amicably resolved whereby Mr. Travis agreed to remove any reference to being an "Intern Architect". This matter was closed September 2011.

File #2011-29
Arthur B. Martin, Cert. No. 7320
Clinton, Ohio

Mr. Martin indicated on his 2010-2011 renewal application that he had completed the mandatory continuing education requirements for license renewal. However, after conducting an audit, it was determined that Mr. Martin allegedly failed to complete the mandatory continuing education requirements, which is a violation of Ohio Revised Code 4703.15 (A) (1) and Ohio Administrative Code 4703-1-01 (C), 4703-1-11 (B), 4703-1-11 (G), 4703-3-07 (C) (4), 4703-3-07 (E) (3) and 4703-3-07 (E) (4).

This matter was informally resolved whereby Mr. Martin entered into a settlement agreement, accepted a \$1,000 fine for his actions and successfully completed the continuing education requirements. This matter was closed September 2011.

File #2011-30
Dimitrios G. Smirniotopoulos, Cert. No. 8883
Columbus, Ohio

Mr. Smirniotopoulos was found to have allegedly violated the laws and rules of the Indiana Board of Registration for Architects on or about May 2011, which is a violation of Ohio Administrative Code section 4703-3-07 (D) (3). This matter was resolved whereby a warning letter was issued to Mr. Smirniotopoulos reminding him and his firm to be more cognizant of the laws and rules in any jurisdiction where they may practice and to notify

the Board of any recent disciplinary action within thirty days. This matter was closed July 2011.

File #2011-31
Steven J. Pitchel, Cert. No. 7721
Dayton, Ohio

Mr. Pitchel indicated on his 2010-2011 renewal application that he had completed the mandatory continuing education requirements for license renewal. However, after conducting an audit, it was determined that Mr. Pitchel allegedly failed to complete the mandatory continuing education requirements, which is a violation of Ohio Revised Code 4703.15 (A) (1) and Ohio Administrative Code 4703-1-01 (C), 4703-1-11 (B), 4703-1-11 (G), 4703-3-07 (C) (4), 4703-3-07 (E) (3) and 4703-3-07 (E) (4).

This matter was informally resolved whereby Mr. Pitchel entered into a settlement agreement, accepted a \$1,000 fine for his actions and successfully completed the continuing education requirements. This matter was closed December 2011.

File #2011-32
John M. Kurzhals, Cert. No. 7955
Cincinnati, Ohio

Mr. Kurzhals indicated on his 2010-2011 renewal application that he had completed the mandatory continuing education requirements for license renewal. However, after conducting an audit, it was determined that Mr. Kurzhals allegedly failed to complete the mandatory continuing education requirements, which is a violation of Ohio Revised Code 4703.15 (A) (1) and Ohio Administrative Code 4703-1-01 (C), 4703-1-11 (B), 4703-1-11 (G), 4703-3-07 (C) (4), 4703-3-07 (E) (3) and 4703-3-07 (E) (4).

This matter was informally resolved whereby Mr. Kurzhals entered into a settlement agreement, accepted a \$1,000 fine for his actions and successfully completed the continuing education requirements. This matter was closed December 2011.

File #2011-33
Joseph R. Hanna, Cert. No. 11277
Cleveland, Ohio

Mr. Hanna indicated on his 2010-2011 renewal application that he had completed the mandatory continuing education requirements for license renewal. However, after conducting an audit, it was determined that Mr. Hanna allegedly failed to complete the mandatory continuing education requirements, which is a violation of Ohio Revised Code 4703.15 (A) (1) and Ohio Administrative Code 4703-1-01 (C), 4703-1-11 (B), 4703-1-11 (G), 4703-3-07 (C) (4), 4703-3-07 (E) (3) and 4703-3-07 (E) (4).

This matter was informally resolved whereby Mr. Hanna entered into a settlement agreement, accepted a \$1,000 fine for his actions and successfully completed the continuing education requirements. This matter was closed December 2011.

File #2011-34
Scott R. Harper, Cert. No. 10781
Westerville, Ohio

After conducting an audit, it was determined that Mr. Harper allegedly failed to complete the mandatory continuing education requirements, which is a violation of Ohio Administrative Code 4703-1-11 (B).

This matter was informally resolved whereby Mr. Harper entered into a settlement agreement, accepted a \$1,000 fine for his actions and successfully completed the continuing education requirements. This matter was closed December 2011.

File #2011-38
Kenneth J. French
Architectural Interventions, LLC
Cincinnati, Ohio

After an investigation, it was determined that Mr. French allegedly violated Ohio Revised Code sections 4703.18 (H) by using the firm name, Architectural Interventions, LLC.

Mr. French is not an architect and his firm does not hold a firm certificate of authorization to offer, advertise and provide services through the firm name, Architectural Interventions, LLC. This matter was amicably resolved whereby Mr. French agreed to rename his firm. This matter was closed December 2011.

File #2011-41
Victor A. Sergent
Oberlin, Ohio

After an investigation, it was determined that Mr. Sergent allegedly violated Ohio Revised Code sections 4703.06 (A) and 4703.18 (A) which prohibit persons from holding forth as an "Architect" unless they are registered as such with the Board.

Mr. Sergent allegedly held himself out as an "Architect" and "Project Architect" via his personal resume. This matter was amicably resolved whereby Mr. Sergent agreed to remove any reference to being an "Architect" or "Project Architect". This matter was closed December 2011.

File #2011-43
Jessica DeViney,
Creative Environments Design Collaborative
Maumee, Ohio

After an investigation, it was determined that Ms. DeViney allegedly violated Ohio Revised Code sections 4703.06 (A), 4703.18 (A) and 4703.18 (H) which prohibit non-architects and firms from advertising, offering or providing "Architectural" services.

Ms. DeViney's firm website advertised the provision of "programming, architectural design, design development and comprehensive facility design for new construction, remodel and renovations". This matter was amicably resolved whereby Ms. DeViney agreed to revise her firm website and remove any references to "architectural design" and other verbiage specifically related to the provision of commercial design services. This matter was closed February 2012.

File #2011-44
David H. Blair II, Cert. No. 10592
Westerville, Ohio

After an investigation, it was determined that Mr. Blair allegedly violated Ohio Revised Code Sections 4703.15 (A) (3), 4703.15 (A) (5), and Ohio Administrative Code sections 4703-1-01 (C), 4703-3-01 (C), 4703-3-07 (E) (1) and 4703-3-09 (A).

Mr. Blair was alleged to have aided and abetted an unlicensed person in

the practice of architecture, stamped construction documents which he did not prepare and did not have professional knowledge or direct supervisory control of, and failed to use a written contract with clients of a dentist office renovation project in Dublin, Ohio on or about the summer of 2011.

This matter was informally resolved whereby Mr. Blair entered into a settlement agreement, accepted a \$3,000 fine, a (3) three year period of probation and was required to complete the NCARB Professional Conduct monograph. This matter was closed February 2012.

File #2012-7
Jane H. Gray,
Hendy Gray Design & Associates
Cincinnati, Ohio

After an investigation, it was determined that Ms. DeViney allegedly violated Ohio Revised Code sections 4703.06 (A), 4703.18 (A) and 4703.18 (H) which prohibit non-architects and firms from advertising, offering or providing "Architectural" services.

Ms. Gray's firm website advertised the provision of "architectural design services". This matter was amicably resolved whereby Ms. Gray agreed to remove her firm website from the internet. This matter was closed February 2012.

File #2012-8
Karl W. Gamertsfelder
Columbus, Ohio

After an investigation, it was determined that Mr. Gamertsfelder allegedly violated Ohio Revised Code sections 4703.06 and 4703.18 (A) which prohibit non-architects from advertising, offering or providing architectural services and from holding forth as an "Intern Architect".

Mr. Gamertsfelder held himself out as an "Intern Architect" on his personal profile via the online social networks, LinkedIn and Yatedo. This matter was amicably resolved whereby he agreed to remove any reference to being an "Intern Architect" until he has filed an application for examination with the Board. This matter was closed February 2012.

File #2012-12
Andre C. Ballard, Cert. No. 12050
Oxford, Ohio

Mr. Ballard was found to have allegedly violated the laws and rules of the Tennessee Board of Architectural & Engineering Examiners on or about September 2011, which is a violation of Ohio Administrative Code section 4703-3-07 (D) (3). This matter was resolved whereby a warning letter was issued to Mr. Ballard reminding him to be more cognizant of the laws and rules in any jurisdiction where he may practice and to notify the Board of any recent disciplinary action within thirty days. This matter was closed February 2012.

File #2012-13
Richard Davoust
Dayton, Ohio

After an investigation, it was determined that Mr. Davoust allegedly violated Ohio Revised Code sections 4703.06 and 4703.18 (A) which prohibit non-architects from advertising, offering or providing architectural services and from holding forth as an "Architect".

Mr. Davoust held himself out as an "Architect" via his personal profile on the online social network, LinkedIn. This matter was amicably resolved whereby he agreed to remove any reference to being an "Architect". This matter was closed February 2012.

Disciplinary Odds and Ends

If you believe the services or conduct of an Ohio architect or firm to be unethical, illegal or below an acceptable standard, or if you are aware of unlicensed practice, please contact Chad B. Holland, Investigator, at 614-466-1476 or chad.holland@arla.state.oh.us.

The Board also wishes to advise candidates for the Architect Registration Examination that as architect interns, they can be held accountable for their actions if they violate the Board's laws and rules. Sanctions for violation can include prohibition from taking the exam, in addition to any sanctions that may be taken by NCARB.

Licensees and candidates are responsible for notifying the Board in writing within 30 days of any disciplinary action taken by any other jurisdiction or licensing board. Disciplinary action includes, but is not limited to, reprimands, fines, probation, suspension, supervised practice, revocation, surrender, cease and desist or consent orders, settlement agreements or stipulations.

If a registered architect or candidate is convicted of a felony, or is registered on the Ohio Civil Child Sexual Abuse Registry, the Board must be notified in writing within 60 days.

The Board's Professional Code of Conduct requires the "Intern Development Program" supervisor to respond to requests to verify experience hours reported to the NCARB's Intern Development Program (IDP) when requested by a subordinate, associate, or intern who is, or has been, supervised by the IDP supervisor. Failure to respond may result in disciplinary action.

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