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# Ohio Architects Board Ohio Board of Landscape Architect Examiners Newsletter

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**The renewal  
deadline for  
Architects is  
12/31/13.**

**Landscape  
Architect  
renewals ended  
on 10/31/13.**

**Contact the  
Board if you did  
not receive  
your renewal**

## Beam, Radmacher Appointed to Boards

Governor John Kasich has appointed Patrick Beam, ASLA, to the Ohio Board of Landscape Architect Examiners and John Radmacher, AIA, to the Ohio Architects Board.

Beam previously served a five year term which ended in November 2012. He has now been appointed to an unexpired term beginning 10/9/2013 and ending 11/9/2015.

Radmacher's term began

on October 3, 2013 and ends on October 2, 2017. He replaced Jeff Skapin, Stow, whose term expired.

Beam is a Registered Landscape Architect and a principal with Bassett Associates, Lima and is certified by the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards.

He is a graduate of The Ohio State University and holds a BS in Landscape Architecture, and is a

member of the American Society of Landscape Architects.

Radmacher is a principal at SFA Architects, Cincinnati. Mr. Radmacher received a BA in Architecture from the University of Cincinnati. He is a registered Architect and is certified by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB).

## ARE Update: My Examination is Here!

The ARE blackout has officially ended, which means My Examination is up and running on the NCARB website, and it's time to start testing again.

In addition to being able to schedule appointments, ARE candidates now have easy access to score reports, exam history, rolling clock dates, eligibility to test information, upcoming appointments, the latest ARE news, and more.

You can now update

contact information and subscribe to NCARB e-newsletters in a snap. Any updates will be sent automatically to the Ohio Architects Board.

You will be able to download future score reports and view your exam history. After scoring is complete, you will receive an e-mail prompting you to login and download new reports.

You can see clear rolling clock information and will receive e-mail reminders

about important dates.

You can access information related to education, experience, and examination in one convenient place—making your NCARB Council Record a one-stop-shop for tracking your progress on the path to licensure.

To access My Examination, all ARE candidates will need an active NCARB Record.



*Ohio architects licensed in Texas will be affected by a new Texas fingerprinting law.*



## Landscape Architect Enforcement

### Continuing Education Violations

As a result of compliance audits, the following registered landscape architects were found to have failed to complete the mandatory continuing education requirements and entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board

the deficient hours and an ethics course. Fines are based on the number of hours that were not completed and other factors which vary from case to case.

### \$500 penalty

Susan Muenzer  
Maurice C. DeHoff  
Justin Collamore

### \$1,500 penalty

Todd C. Martz  
Kimberly S. Fiocca  
James A. Schilens

### Surrender of License

Gregory L. Skinner  
Jason J. Andrew

In addition to the monetary amount, they were required to complete

### \$1,000 penalty

Zachary B. Zuik

## Registered in Texas? New Texas law requires fingerprints.

A new law passed earlier this year by the Texas Legislature requires all active-status architects, landscape architects, and registered interior designers licensed in Texas to submit fingerprints for the purpose of a criminal history check.

landscape architect in Texas, the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners (TBAE) urges you to visit [www.TBAE.state.tx.us/PRINTS](http://www.TBAE.state.tx.us/PRINTS) to learn more and use a step-by-step set of instructions on fulfilling the new requirement prior to your renewal in 2014.

overseas" instructions and required form.

"We understand that not many of our registrants look forward to this new requirement," said TBAE Executive Director Cathy Hendricks, "but we're doing our level best to make the process as smooth and simple as we possibly can."

If you are registered as an active-status architect or

Ohio design professionals should use what TBAE calls the "out-of-state/

## In Memoriam

The Board would like to recognize and honor the following former Board members who have recently passed for their many years of service and dedication to the Board and the architectural community:

- John F. Lipaj (1923-2010)
- Robert E. Martin, FAIA (1928-2012)
- Merle M. Myers (1941-2013)
- Richard H. Kaplan, FAIA (1935-2013)

# Architect Enforcement Actions

The following cases are final results of investigative matters resolved between February 2012 and October 2013. Every effort is made to ensure that the following information is correct.

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](mailto:chad.holland@arla.state.oh.us)

## **UNLICENSED PRACTICE OF ARCHITECTURE**

Ohio Revised Code sections 4703.06 (A), 4703.18 (A) and 4703.18 (H) prohibit non-architects and non-architecture firms from representing themselves as an architect or architecture firm, and from advertising, offering or providing architectural services.

### **Timothy A. Cook**

#### **Timothy A. Cook Designs, LLC, Gahanna, Ohio**

Mr. Cook, who is a candidate to become an architect, allegedly engaged in the illegal practice of architecture by advertising, offering, contracting and providing architectural services for a commercial renovation project in Dublin, Ohio on or about the summer of 2011. Mr. Cook allegedly paid an Ohio architect, David H. Blair to review, stamp and seal his construction documents so that a building permit could be issued. Mr. Blair was disciplined separately for his actions in this matter.

### **David S. Cole, Cincinnati, Ohio**

Mr. Cole's website used the verbiage "David S. Cole/Architecture" and represented that he was an "architectural designer". This matter was amicably resolved whereby Mr. Cole agreed to revise his firm's website and remove any references to "architecture" or being an "architectural designer".

### **Patrick G. Hurst, Hurst Design-Build-Remodeling Middleburgh Hts., Ohio**

Mr. Hurst's firm website represented that a non-licensed employee was the firm's "Director of Architecture". This matter was amicably resolved whereby Mr. Hurst agreed to revise the job title for his non-licensed employee. This matter was closed April 2012.

### **Robert Vilkas**

#### **City of Cleveland**

#### **Dept. of Architecture & Site Development**

Several of the city's non-licensed employees under the supervision of Mr. Vilkas were using the job titles of "senior assistant architect", "project architect" and "landscape architect". This matter was amicably resolved whereby Mr. Vilkas, the City of Cleveland and the civil service commission agreed to revise the job titles for the non-licensed employees.

### **Grace Jones**

#### **Dwellings on Madison, Cincinnati, Ohio**

Ms. Jones' firm website represented several non-licensed employees as being an "architectural designer" and an "architect". This matter was amicably

resolved whereby Ms. Jones agreed to revise job titles and services offered on their website.

### **Larry Gold**

#### **Inner Plan, Inc., Highland Heights, Ohio**

Mr. Gold's firm website represented that they provide "architectural space planning" and other design services that are the exclusive practice of architecture. This matter was amicably resolved whereby Mr. Gold agreed to revise the services offered on his website.

### **Joel Hostetler, Columbus, Ohio**

Mr. Hostetler represented via his personal LinkedIn profile that he holds the job title of "Architecture/Commercial Operations Director" at MS Consultants, Inc. This matter was amicably resolved whereby Mr. Hostetler agreed to revise his job title on his LinkedIn profile.

### **Christopher Manganello, Delaware, Ohio**

Mr. Manganello represented via his personal LinkedIn profile that he holds the job title of "Architectural Designer". This matter was amicably resolved whereby Mr. Manganello agreed to revise his job title on his LinkedIn profile.

### **David Curtsinger, California, Kentucky**

Mr. Curtsinger represented via his personal LinkedIn profile that he was an Architect.

This matter was amicably resolved whereby Mr. Curtsinger agreed to revise his title on his LinkedIn profile.

### **Alex Smith,**

#### **J. A. Smith Construction Co., Newport, Kentucky**

Mr. Smith's firm website represented that a non-licensed employee was the firm's "Architectural Designer" and "Staff Architect" and that the firm provides "Architectural Design" services. This matter was amicably resolved whereby Mr. Smith agreed to revise the job title for his non-licensed employee and remove any references to Architectural Design.

### **Jordan Drew Hood, Lakewood, Ohio**

Mr. Hood represented via his personal LinkedIn profile that he was an Architectural Designer. This matter was amicably resolved whereby Mr. Hood agreed to revise his title.



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### **Mark T. Yager**                      **Revoked**

- Failure to comply with a civil judgment rendered against him
- Failure to cooperate with the Board's investigative process
- Failure to complete the mandatory continuing education requirements

### **Daryl E. Mapson**                  **Warning Letter**

- Practicing with a lapsed license

### **Joseph G. Shuster**              **Warning Letter**

- Practicing on a lapsed license

### **Terry E. Beilharz**                **Warning Letter**

- Violation of the laws and rules of the Alabama Board for Registration of Architects

### **David B. Meleca**                  **Warning Letter**

- Violated the laws and rules of the Nevada Board Architects

### **Richard J. Trammell**            **Warning Letter**

- Failed to notify the Ohio Board of a consent order in the Commonwealth of Virginia

### **Continuing Education Violations**

As a result of compliance audits, the following registered architects were found to have failed to complete the mandatory continuing education requirements and entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board. In addition to the monetary amount, they were required to complete the deficient hours and an ethics course. Fines are based on the number of hours that were not completed and factors which may vary from case to case. 12 HSW hours are required every calendar year.

#### **\$500 penalty**

Genevieve F. Woodland  
John E. Sandrock  
Humberto J. Olivos  
Anthony W. Hiti

#### **\$750 penalty**

Christine M. Kirk  
Jacqueline V. Akins  
Donald J. Dispenza  
Jay B. Richards  
Bradley B. Smith

#### **\$1,000 penalty**

Michael A. Cox  
Kenneth A. Fisher  
Kurt J. Platte  
Kathleen C. Tark

#### **\$1,500 penalty**

Michael P. Davis  
Dana V. Shoup  
Susan Daulton Straub  
Jeffrey A. Pierce  
Travis P. Mayer  
Arthur J. Ouellette

Kevin M. Zak  
David J. Roth  
Steven D. Stroh  
Donald I. Geitz  
Robert L. Fiorita  
Allan B. Clough  
Gene R. Milhoan  
Gilbert H. Voelker

David J. Sobieski

#### **Surrender of License**

Gary L. Duvall

Richard W. Behrendt

## Bowling Green Granted NAAB Candidacy Status

The Bowling Green State University Department of Architecture & Environmental Design, has announced their professional architecture program Master of Architecture has been formally granted candidacy status by the National Architectural Accrediting Board.

The candidacy period is effective January 1, 2013.

The program is expected to achieve initial accreditation no later than 2019, but not before 2017.

A continuation of candidacy visit scheduled for Spring 2015.

The Department is planning to receive the first cohort of M.Arch. graduate students for Fall 2014.

Inquiries may be directed to Dr. Andreas Luescher at [aluesch@bgsu.edu](mailto:aluesch@bgsu.edu).

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## Intern Development Program (IDP) Updates

In September, the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) Board of Directors approved changes to the Intern Development Program (IDP) related to the employment duration requirement and eligibility requirement.

Notably, the removal of the duration requirement will allow interns to earn IDP experience regardless of a project's duration; and the eligibility requirement is being simplified to allow interns to begin earning credit upon graduation from high school. The changes go into effect December 16, 2013.

Currently, interns are required to work for 15 hours per week for eight consecutive weeks to earn experience toward the IDP. The elimination of this requirement recognizes that all experience gained through one of the experience settings is valid regardless of the time spent working on a project. The change will allow interns to earn work experience for short-term projects and/or experience obtained over a winter or summer break while in school.

There are currently three points of entry to begin earning IDP experience: enrollment in a NAAB/CACB-accredited program, enrollment in a pre-professional architecture degree program, or employment in experience

setting A after obtaining a high school diploma. After December 16, interns will simply need to obtain a high school diploma or equivalent. Interns will be able to earn experience straight out of high school, and will no longer need to submit a form to set their eligibility date.

The recommendations for these changes came from working with the Council's 54 member registration boards as well as the architectural collateral organizations through the Internship Advisory Committee (IAC).

Co-chaired by NCARB and the American Institute of Architects (AIA), the committee also includes members from American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS), Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA), and Society for Design Administration (SDA).

“While NCARB administers the IDP, all members of the profession have a stake in ensuring that the next generation of architects are being prepared for practice as effectively and as efficiently as possible,” said NCARB CEO Michael J. Armstrong.

The *IDP Guidelines* will be updated in December, and the new rules will go into effect December 16. Visit the NCARB website in the coming months for more information.



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*“Effective December 16, 2013, the IDP duration requirement is eliminated and the entry point is a high school diploma or equivalent.”*



## NCARB Task Force Studies Path to Licensure

Potential new pathways to architectural licensure are being explored through the work of a new Licensure Task Force launched by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB).

Led by NCARB Immediate Past President Ronald B. Blitch, FAIA, FACHA, NCARB, the group held its first meeting at NCARB offices on September 6-7 in Washington, DC.

As indicated by NCARB President Blakely C. Dunn, AIA, NCARB at the Council's June 2013 Annual Meeting, "the task force will have some of the best and brightest thinkers, from within and outside the Council, considering how the three components of the path to licensure—education, experience, and examination—might be better integrated in that path."

"We've assembled a blue-ribbon panel of representatives from the four architectural collateral organizations, educators, recently licensed architects/interns, and our Member Boards—to

convene what I think are going to be very exciting meetings, with a potential goal that could be a milestone in the licensure of architects," said Blitch.

"The Licensure Task Force is going to involve so much trust, and so much confidence in each other's abilities to make this work—because everybody has to be at the table to make this work—and that's part of what makes this so exciting."

The group is analyzing each component of the licensure process as a basis for exploring potential additional pathways that lead to licensure, including determining where

there may be overlap and opportunities for efficiencies to be realized.

"Part of our goal is to see if there are alternatives to speed up the current average process," said Blitch.

According to [NCARB by the Numbers](#), the median time between graduation and licensure is about seven years.

Because emerging professionals have flexibility in mapping out their paths to licensure, variables such as the degree program selected, where and how internship requirements are fulfilled, when the

examination is taken, and where initial licensure is sought can all have an impact on the current length of time to achieve licensure.

OAB Executive Director Amy Kobe, pictured in the lower right hand corner of the group photo below, serves on the task force.

According to Kobe, "It is an honor to be asked to serve on the Licensure Task Force. I am excited about the opportunities presented and look forward to being part of the blue sky discussions on how we might shorten the path to licensure."



## Architect Board Members

### President

Richard Fleischman, FAIA  
Bratenahl  
Term Expires 10/1/2014

### Vice-President

Stephen Sharp, AIA  
Springfield  
Term Expires 10/1/2015

### Secretary

Richard Bowen, AIA  
Cleveland  
Term Expires 10/2/2016

### Assistant Secretary

August Fluker, Jr., AIA  
Cleveland  
Term Expires 10/1/2013

### Member

John Rademacher, AIA  
Cincinnati  
Term Expires 10/1/2017

## Landscape Architect Board Members

### President/Allied

Professional Member  
Scott Sonnenberg, ASLA,  
PE  
Plain City  
Term Expires 11/10/2016

### Secretary

Lee Behnke, FASLA  
Concord  
Term Expires 11/10/2015

### Member

Timothy Schmalenberger,  
FASLA  
Columbus  
Term Expires 11/10/2018

### Member

Pat Beam, ASLA  
Lima  
Term Expires 11/10/2017

## Ohio Architects Serve on ARE 5.0 Task Force

Forty-two volunteers from across the United States and its territories serve on the ARE 5.0 Test Specification Task Force. The task force is the Council's most diverse committee and represents an accurate cross-section of the profession.

Volunteers range from recently licensed to experienced architects from large and small firms.

Members represent those who have their "fingers on the pulse" of the

profession and are familiar with its trends and current practices.

Two Ohio architects serve on the task force: Lauren Kirk, a recently licensed architect from Cincinnati, and Ohio Architects Board past President Jeff Skapin, Stow.

NCARB and its volunteer committees are committed to using and implementing innovative testing methodologies to ensure all sections of the exam remain relevant to practice

and technology, as well as valid, reliable, and fair.

"As a group of subject-matter experts, the task force brings up-to-date knowledge to developing the Test Specification," said task force member and Drury University Professor Michael J. Buono, AIA, LEED AP.

"Including university educators on the task force, as well as both young and seasoned architects, brought diverse ideas to the process."

## Blast from the Past

The Member Board Secretaries Committee completed their novice year by accomplishing a great deal of work in meeting their charge. That charge is to study the needs of Member Board Secretaries in the pursuit of their duties as related to NCARB affairs, to prepare a Secretaries Manual for distribution to the Member Board Secretaries, to interact with and assist NCARB Committees and to conduct the Secretaries meeting at the Annual Meeting.

The Committee met three times throughout the year, including one joint meeting with the Procedures and Documents Committee, the IDP Committee and the Communications Committee.

Although the Committee discussed items pertinent to the Council and to Member Boards such as a common Certification form, IDP, continuing education, sunset legislation, disciplinary reporting, and NCARB billing needs and requirements, the two most ambitious projects of the Committee were to update the Member Board Requirements Chart and to create the Member Board Secretaries Manual.

The Committee forwarded to each Member Board a questionnaire consisting of fifty-five different items concerning admission requirements to the examinations, requirements for reciprocal registration and corporate practice. The results will be a part of the Member Board Secretaries Manual.

In addition, a new Member Board Requirements Chart will be available at the Annual Meeting.

The Member Board Secretaries Manual, to be available at the Annual Meeting, will have seventeen sections which can be expanded as needed in the future. It's intent is to put into the simplest terms all of the things that are helpful to a Board Secretary in running their Board's office efficiently and knowledgeably. The Committee wishes to thank all of the Boards who responded to the questionnaire making the end result possible.

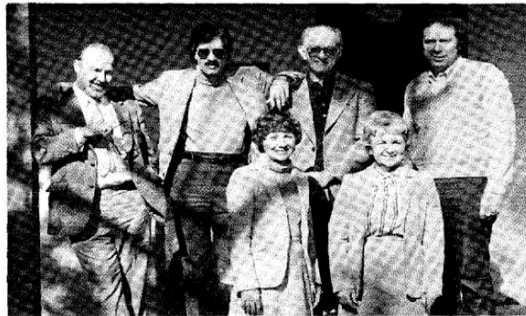
In conclusion, we recommend that this Committee be continued, and that it should direct its attention to more interaction with other NCARB Committees, with special increased interaction between this Committee and the Procedures and Documents Committee. Further, we recommend that the Secretaries Manual be reviewed annually to add necessary, relevant data and to update the original material.

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Herbert Coons, Florida — Chairman  
Dorothy Leavis, Maine  
Jean Martin, Kansas  
James Rich, New York  
Paul Welch, California  
William Wilcox, Ohio  
Ballard H.T. Kirk, Ohio — Group Leader  
James F. Head, Staff

### REPORT OF THE MEMBER BOARD SECRETARIES COMMITTEE

"... the two most ambitious projects ... were to update the Member Board Requirements Chart and to create the Member Boards Secretaries Manual."



Secretaries Coons, Wilcox, Martin, Rich, Leavis and Welch

In 1981, Bill Wilcox, second from left, late Executive Director of the Architects Board, served on the first ever NCARB "Member Board Secretaries" committee along with Ohio Board member Ballard Kirk, FAIA, of Columbus (not pictured).

## Congratulations to New Landscape Architects Licensed by Exam!

The Board wishes to congratulate the following Landscape Architects who were licensed by examination between January 5, 2012 and October 30, 2013. Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy; we apologize if any names have been omitted.

Sonia Barone  
Nicole Dinovo  
Brett Egbert  
Richard Fay

Elizabeth Flatt  
Brandon Francis  
Nick Gilliland  
Brian Griffith

Mishelle Hilliard  
Steven Maravich  
Michael McGrew  
Michael Mears

Daniel Phillabaum  
Eric Sagle  
Amirah Shahid  
Thomas Simecek

## Congratulations to Architects Newly Licensed by Examination!

The Board wishes to congratulate the following Architects who were licensed by examination between February 10, 2012 and October 30, 2013. Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy; we apologize if any names have been omitted.

Scott Alleman  
Kyle Artar  
Anthony Asimou  
Christopher Bader  
Kyle Basilius  
Michael Benkert  
Douglas Berry  
Mark Blaser  
Christopher Block  
Bradley Blumensheid  
Elena Bobeva  
Brian Bowles  
Daniel Boyne  
Ashley Brown  
Joseph Brumback  
Andrew Burbules  
Brandon Burd  
Andrew Calhoun  
Matthew Canterna  
Paul Carney  
Eric Chase  
Jaipal Chauhan  
Andrew Circle  
Richard Clark  
Matthew Clarkson  
Neal Clements  
Kristopher Cochran  
Brian Collins  
Kasey Corbet  
Nicholas Cristofaro  
Amy Crysler  
Aleksandr Daskalov  
Kimberly Demars  
Nicole Demers-  
Changelo  
Nicholas Dewald  
Leslie Dinovi  
Jennifer Donnelly  
Todd Douglas  
Lee Dunfield

Lisa Elton  
Trevor Extine  
Angela Falk  
Justin Farmer  
Bradley Fink  
Dallas Fischer  
Dana Foerster  
Patrick Fox  
Bryan Galli  
Anita Gallo  
Elizabeth Galvin  
Maria Galvin  
Christopher Gaone  
Ryan Geiser  
Benjamin Gingrich  
Jeremy Greenwood  
Christopher Gruette  
Reza Hadaegh  
Christopher Haedt  
Paul Hagman  
Steven Heckman  
Tess Hilgefert  
Patrick Horigan  
Ryan Hullinger  
Todd Hutchinson  
Hay Hwang  
Dominic Iacobucci  
Mika Ito  
Lydia Jones  
Tracie Kaglic  
Katherine Keller  
John Kilway  
Matthew King  
Jacqueline Kirich  
Lauren Kirk  
Chad Knight  
Chad Kohler  
Ryan Kotila  
Douglas Kramer  
Andrew Lallathin

Cally Lange  
Brian Lapolla  
Cindy Larson  
Jessica Leiter  
James Levy  
Brian Linc  
Margaret Lipscomb  
Amanda Loy  
Christian Lutjen  
Matthew Macrauld  
O'sam Mardin  
Burt Marzley  
Todd Mayher  
Brian McAlexander  
Joseph MCGovern  
Andrew Mckeown  
John Mcnutt  
Gregory Meyer  
Brant Miller  
Jonathan Moody  
Wayne Mortensen  
Miranda Mote  
Kevin Mousty  
Nicholas Muhvic  
Matthew Mutchler  
Trish Nearhoof  
Marina Negrila  
Kevin Noble  
Emily Norton  
Michael O'Malley  
Wesley Perkins  
Ervin Perviz  
Kris Phillips  
Sarah Pontius  
Joshua Predovich  
Matthew Puthoff  
John Rach  
Chad Raynes  
Jaylan Reeder

Steven Reynolds  
Jessica Riley  
Katherine Ritzmann  
Gregory Roda  
Richard Rodman  
Adam Rosekelly  
Wardell Ross, Jr.  
Brock Rossel  
John Ryan  
Jerome Salwan  
Joseph Schmidt  
Steven Schwope  
Carson Shields  
Sara Shonk  
Timothy Shremshock  
Brian Simpson  
Andrew Snyder  
Shannon Standish  
Laura Steele  
Phillip Sugalski  
Michael Sundrup  
Michael Suriano  
Kiera Szytec  
Christina Tayman  
Amanda Thompson  
Michael Thompson  
James Train  
Jason Turnidge  
William Turoczy  
Adam Urbanski  
Timothy Velazco  
Brian Veverka  
Meta Von Rabenau  
Kyle Wake  
Bradford Watson  
Jessica Wilks  
Robyn Wolf  
William Yokel