

# Architecture Columns

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Board of Architecture  
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## President's Message By Barbara A. Field, FAIA

I am very pleased to announce that Governor Beverly Perdue has appointed two new members to the Board and look forward to their participation and contribution to the business of the Board.

**Paul D. Boney FAIA** Paul, who is currently the Chief Marketing Officer/EVP at LS3P, earned his bachelor's degree in Environmental Design in Architecture from NC State University School of Design in 1977. Paul is a graduate of the Young Executives Institute of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Paul served two terms on the Wilmington Planning Commission. He served as Chairman of the New Hanover County Planning Commission. Paul is a former member of the Design Future Council Executive Board. The Design Future Council is a global network of design industry leaders with the mission to explore trends and new opportunities and innovations in the building industry. He has served as Chairman of the State Building Commission and is currently the Chairman of the State Building Commission Innovations Committee.



After serving as president of his local section of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Wilmington Section (1990), he served as AIA-NC President (1996). He also served on the Long Range Planning Committee for AIA-NC (1995) and as AIA NC President, was Chair of the AIA South Atlantic Regional Conference, Charlotte, N.C. (1996), and a member of the AIA NC PAC (1998). In 2007, Paul was awarded the AIA North Carolina Gold Medal. Paul served as AIA National Vice-President and a member of the AIA National Board of Director's Executive Committee. On the national level, Paul is a former Chairman of the National AIA Architecture for Education Committee, served as the South Atlantic Regional Director on the National Board of Directors of the AIA, was a member of the AIA/AGC Committee, AIA Government Affairs Committee and was the National Chairman of the 2003 AIA Convention in San Diego, California. In 2003, Paul was awarded an AIA National Presidential Citation.

**Chris Brasier FAIA, LEED AP** is currently serving as Vice President for Clark Nexsen Architecture & Engineering, a 500 person architecture and engineering firm with North Carolina offices in Raleigh and Charlotte. He has focused his career on serving the learning, workplace and science & technology markets. In addition to Environmental Design and Architecture degrees from North Carolina State University, Chris earned a MBA from the Fuqua School of Business at Duke University. Chris' leadership responsibilities have included directing business development and management activities as well as providing design and management expertise for institutional and corporate clients.



In addition to professional practice, Chris teaches at Duke University's Pratt School of Engineering where he serves as Director of the Architectural Engineering Certificate Program.

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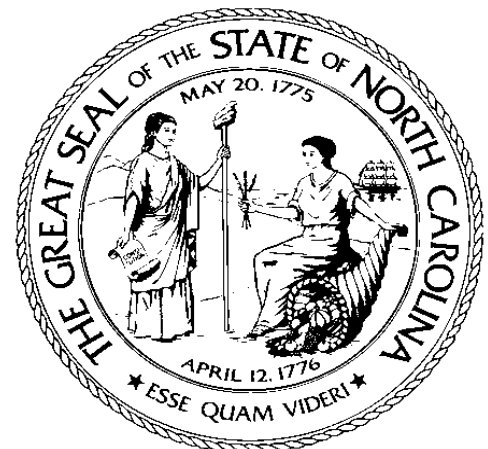
## 2011 Meeting Dates

June 22-25, 2011  
NCARB Annual Meeting Washington, DC

July 8, 2011  
Annual Meeting  
Raleigh, NC

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All Board meetings are open to the public.



# from the executive director's desk



Have you renewed your individual license registration for 2011-2012? Notice of renewal was sent out via email on May 15, 2011. If you have not yet done so please go to the registrants' only section at [www.ncbarch.org](http://www.ncbarch.org) You will need your license number and PIN.

Cathe M. Evans, Executive Director

## board happenings

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED**

Chris has also taught in the University's Focus Program, developing curriculum to introduce students to concepts of sustainability and challenging them to explore beyond the traditional "cookbook" approaches by seeking a more complete understanding of the science and engineering principles common to successful and innovative sustainable design strategies.

### **NCARB Leadership Transition**

NCARB has selected Michael J. Armstrong, currently a senior vice president at the International Code Council (ICC), as its next chief executive officer, effective June 2011. Armstrong has spent over two decades in executive roles in nonprofit, government, and for-profit organizations. During his four years at ICC, Armstrong's leadership has included oversight of their testing and certification programs, along with the administration of various activities ranging from communications and marketing to membership, chapter relations, and continuing education.

"The Search Committee was immediately impressed with the breadth of Mike's experience in a variety of settings, his adaptability to different audiences, and the ease and confidence in which he presented himself," said NCARB President/Chair of the Board Kenneth J. Naylor, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP. "He's a personable, engaging professional with excellent executive credentials to take NCARB to the next level."

The CEO position of NCARB is the primary executive staff position, reporting directly to the Board of Directors. In it Armstrong will have overall responsibility for leadership and management of the organization, in partnership with the president and the Board. The North Carolina Board of Architecture welcomes Michael J. Armstrong and looks forward to working with him.

### **SB 435 Certificate of Merit By Charles H. Boney, Jr. FAIA,**

I met last week with Senator Thom Goolsby (New Hanover) at his invitation to discuss SB 435, which would require a Certificate of Merit to accompany a lawsuit filed against an architect or engineer. The bill was introduced by Senator Hartsell (Cabarrus, Iredell), and is now pending in a committee that is vice-chaired by Senator Goolsby.

In concept, the Certificate of Merit is a statement by another architect or engineer who has considered the allegations and agrees that the lawsuit has merit. Architects provide a certificate for cases against architects, engineers for engineers.

It was an interesting discussion attended by four other architects. After the requisite period of lawyer jokes and complaints about the economy, we were able to arrive at a mutual understanding and support of the idea. We agreed that the bill would reduce the number of frivolous lawsuits, while giving professional support to those cases that have merit.

An unintended consequence of the Certificate of Merit is that it the Board of Architecture would expect an architect filing the Certificate of Merit to also notify the Board under the requirements of Rule 21 NCAC 02.0208 (d), which states:

*"Knowledge of Violation. An architect possessing knowledge of a violation of these Rules by another architect shall report such a violation to the Board."* The bill would also give the Board authority to discipline architects who certify an action that is without merit by amending NC General Statute 83A-6.

The State has charged the Board of Architecture with the protection of the public by monitoring the profession of Architecture. In my opinion, this bill will also help protect architects from abuse in our court system. The full text of the bill can be monitored at <http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/gascripts/BillLookup/BillLookup.pl?Session=2011&BillID=sb+435>

*Charles H. Boney, Jr. FAIA served on the Board of Architecture from 2002-2011.*

# NCARB news

## **New Prometric Exam Security Process**

NCARB has been informed by its testing consultant, Prometric, that it will be implementing additional security procedures at the test centers. As a result of a pilot program conducted in 2010, Prometric has decided to deploy hand-held metal detectors to all Prometric testing centers in the United States by mid-June 2011.

This new policy is summarized as follows:

- All candidates will be scanned by a hand-held metal detector prior to each entry into the testing room, including returns from breaks;
- All candidates will be required to submit to the scans, with few exceptions; and
- Candidates refusing to be scanned may not be permitted to test.

Please be aware of and prepared for this change at upcoming testing appointments.

## **NCARB Talks" Video Series Debuts**

### **Tips on how to develop a plan to get licensed by the architects who work at NCARB**

Washington, DC—The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) has launched a new video series entitled “NCARB Talks,” featuring short, informal conversations with architects on staff. These videos give viewers a glimpse of individual triumphs and challenges on the path to licensure. They discuss their experiences with the Intern Development Program (IDP), the Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®), and the importance of getting licensed and ultimately NCARB certified.

Whether you are a student considering the profession, or are an intern currently in the process of becoming licensed, this series provides insight into the licensure process. These videos are also a resource to illustrate the realities of the profession for those mentoring the next generation of architects.

In addition to the hundreds of volunteer architects from the 54 U.S. registration boards who work to contribute to the development of NCARB’s programs, there are many architects on staff in its Washington, DC office. As is typical in the profession, each of these individuals had their own unique plan to earn their license to practice architecture.

The “NCARB Talks” series will first feature Assistant Director, ARE Development Jared Zurn, AIA, NCARB, and Manager, IDP Martin Smith, AIA, NCARB, LEED Green Associate. For Zurn, the driving factor in seeking his license was independence—he knew that if he became licensed, he really had more opportunities. While for Smith, getting to licensure was about discovering his passion for the profession. Wherever his life takes him, he will maintain his licensed because he knows he will go back to it. All videos will be available in [Publications and Resources](#) and NCARB’s YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/user/NCARBorg](http://www.youtube.com/user/NCARBorg).

## **NCARB Annual Meeting and Conference**

The NCARB Annual Meeting and Conference will be held June 22-25, 2011 in Washington, DC. This year’s conference will feature key note speakers Jeff Thredgold, presenting “Outlook 2012” and Robert A. Peck—Commissioner Public Building Service, U.S. General Services Administration.

# enforcement report

Following is the Enforcement Report for the period January 1, 2011 through May 31, 2011. The Board is not bound by precedence in matters of disciplinary action. It is the prerogative of the Board to be conservative in its review of cases and to enforce the rules and laws with sanctions and civil penalties as allowed by law. You may request a copy of the entire order by sending an email to [cathe@ncbarch.org](mailto:cathe@ncbarch.org) be sure to include the case number with your request.

## Consent Judgment—Reprint from previous newsletter.

Case 869 – Paul Stafford

A Consent Judgment for Injunctive Relief was granted in Wake County Superior Court by Judge Gessner to the Board of Architecture in the matter of Paul Stafford. A Final Agency Decision was issued in November 2009 revoking Stafford's license to practice architecture. Despite the Final Agency Decision it was determined that Stafford continued to offer and render architectural services. Stafford placed the seal of another architect on the project plans and made himself the agent for the project. Stafford, via Consent Judgment, was permanently enjoined from the practice of architecture. Any violation of this Judgment shall be deemed contempt of court and shall be punishable by both the civil and criminal contempt powers of the Court upon proper showing. A copy of the entire order may be obtained from Cathe Evans, Executive Director, [cathe@ncbarch.org](mailto:cathe@ncbarch.org)

## Dismissed/Unfounded

The Board of architecture dismissed one case as unfounded.

## Close without Prejudice

The Board closed one case without prejudice.

## Cease and Desist Orders

The Board issued one Cease and Desist Order to Rob Romero of Romerama, LLC/Romero Architecture + Music + Art.

# licensing statistics

## North Carolina Board of Architecture

### License Statistics

As of June 1, 2011

Active Individual licenses 5765 (exp 6/30/10 or 6/30/11):

Breakdown:

NC - 2393

Out-of-State – 3372

Active firm licenses: 1466

Breakdown:

NC– 667

Out-of-State– 799

Candidates Eligible to take the ARE - 459

(Note that not all candidates are actively taking the exam.)

