

# Architecture Columns



## President's Message

### BIM / IPD Pilot Project

In an effort to both identify and better understand a range of issues related to the increasing use of BIM and IPD in project delivery, The North Carolina Board of Architecture has partnered with Mecklenburg County Code Enforcement, the North Carolina Board of Examiners for Engineers & Surveyors, and Carolina Health Care System on a "Pilot Program for the use of Design Professional seals in BIM-IPD projects". Board of Architecture representatives have attended team meetings to be briefed on project activities and listen to their observations related to special BIM-IPD provisions which may be appropriate within the Board's rules.

During the Board's July meeting, Jim Bartl, AIA, Director of Code Enforcement for Mecklenburg, provided an update and a proposal for adding 2 additional projects to the study, one for the Veterans Administration Health Care Center in Charlotte and an academic building for Davidson College. These projects provide the opportunity to continue to the study through a more diverse cross section of project typologies and scope along with additional reporting and future updates.

The ability to study and identify emerging issues associated with BIM –IPD in this manner has been made possible by Jim Bartl's willingness as the Director of Code Enforcement, to personally commit the time and hands-on engagement in this effort. The Board of Architecture will continue to receive project reporting over the next year and begin to identify possible changes or clarifications to current rules.

### Southern Conference of NCARB

The Southern Conference of the National Council of Architecture Registration Boards held its Educator's Conference in March at the North Carolina State University College of Design. Educators from Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Texas attended the conference. The theme of the conference - *Integrated Education: Designing Education, Internship and Practice* was developed by Conference leadership along with Dr. Robin Abrams, Head of the School of Architecture.

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## 2014 Meeting Dates

September 24, 2014 (Charlotte, NC)

October 17, 2014 (Raleigh, NC)

November 14, 2014 (Raleigh, NC)

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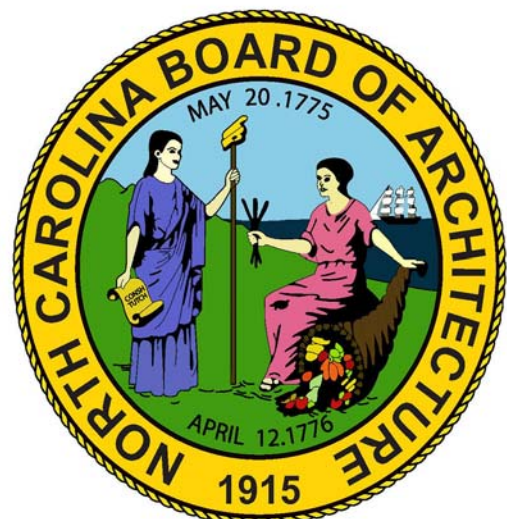
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# from the executive director's desk



Hello All,

-The Staff of the Board would like to invite you to stop by our booth at the AIA-Summer Design Conference September 24-26 in Charlotte, NC. We are excited to attend the conference again this year. It is always such a pleasure to meet the architects we license. If you have any specific questions about licensing rules and laws, please don't hesitate to stop by and chat with us... we will have give aways and prizes! Look for Julie Piatek and Tyler Barrick, they can answer any questions you might have.

-The North Carolina Board of Architecture will be celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2015. Look for special events throughout the state to celebrate this milestone. #NCBA100

-Notice of renewal for the 2014-15 license year went out on May 15, 2014 and a courtesy notice was sent on July 7, 2014 - notice is sent to the email address as on file with the Board. As a licensed professional it is your responsibility to renew your license in a timely manner as well as keep all contact information up to date. All licenses expire on June 30 each year.

-Several rule changes went in to effect on July 1, 2014. Most of the changes were housekeeping, such as adding our web site address to the rules. However, you should be aware of the meatier changes that could have an impact on your firm practice or exam eligibility. Rule 21 NCAC 02 .0214 Firm Practice now allows for auditing of firms to ensure compliance with N.C.G.S 55B. Rule 21 NCAC 02 .0302 Examination now allows for early admittance to the exam.

Speaking of rules.... Are you aware that each year, as you renew your license, you certify that you have read and understood the rules of the Board?

-In August, I was honored to join nearly 200 state, educator, auxiliary, and student coordinators gathered in Miami for the 2014 Intern Development Program (IDP) Coordinators Conference. Throughout the three-day event, attendees had the chance to meet other coordinators, share best practices, explore hot-button issues, and learn about the latest program changes. This year's conference kicked off with a bang, as NCARB CEO Michael Armstrong unveiled the group's new name: the Architect Licensing Advisors Community. #idpcc

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter! @ncArchitectureB

Sincerely,

Cathe M. Evans ([cathe@ncbarch.org](mailto:cathe@ncbarch.org))  
Executive Director

*Please don't hesitate to call on the Staff of the Board of Architecture with your questions or concerns. We are here to assist you in any way regarding the rules and laws, licensure, exam and CE. If we don't know the answer, we probably know someone who does.*



# enforcement report

Following is the Enforcement Report for the period February 8, 2014 through August 31, 2014. 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.

The Board closed one case without prejudice.

The Board dismissed three cases as unfounded.

The Board issued two letters of warning to non-licensed individuals:

- [Case 974 Tina Barnard](#), Tina Barnard Designs, LLC
- [Case 979 Aaron Cote](#)

The Board issued the following Consent Orders:

- [Case 958 Ross Adam Cole](#) (a.k.a. Ross Adam Cole-Briskman), BAM Architecture Studio, PLLC
- [Case 970 Graham Adams](#), Adams Group Architects, PA
- [Case 971 Donald Strange-Boston](#)
- [Case 973 Thomas Dalton Miller Nicholson](#)
- [Case 977 Leslie W. Colucci](#)

## A note on Board enforcement and jurisdiction.

The Board of Architecture has jurisdiction pursuant to North Carolina General Statute §83A-15 and 21 NCAC 02 .0208, 21 NCAC 02 .0209 and 21 NCAC 02 .210 to receive and investigate complaints involving dishonest conduct, incompetence and unprofessional conduct. This Board does not have the statutory authority to discipline architects regarding complaints involving contract disagreements between a client and architect or allegations of ordinary negligence, nor can the Board mediate these situations.

## licensing statistics /Licenses expired on 6/30/14

North Carolina Board of Architecture

License Statistics as of September 2, 2014

[Click HERE](#) for a listing of licenses that EXPIRED on June 30, 2014. (list is current as of September 2, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. )

Active Individual licenses : 5308 expiring on June 30, 2015

Breakdown:

NC - 2318

Out-of-State – 2990

Active firm licenses: 1516

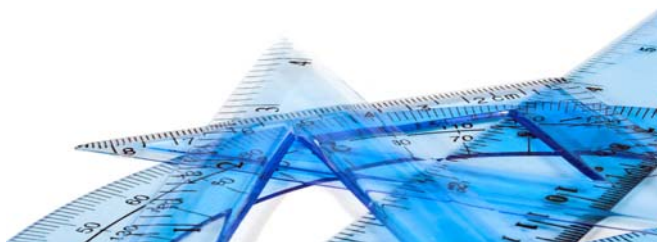
Breakdown:

NC– 663

Out-of-State– 853

Candidates Eligible to take the ARE - 476

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



# President's Message continued

Breakout sessions, panel discussions and speakers addressed two basic questions – How do architects become leaders in their communities and how do colleges provide the foundation necessary to become future leaders?

The program featured the 2011 NCARB Grand Prize Winners “Designing Practice” from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and recent AIA IDP/Outstanding Firm Award Winner Richard Wittschiebe Hand. Other speakers included Steven Nutt AIA, NCARB VP of Programs, `Marsha Cuddeback of Louisiana State University, Steve B. Miller, Chair of the NCARB Practice Analysis Committee. Professor Carol Pacheco and Gregory Hall, Chair of Architecture at Savannah College of Art and Design presented “Interactive Game of Architecture” which received the prestigious NCARB Award in 2012.

If you are an educator from a Southern Region of NCARB and are interested in participating in future Educator's Conferences please contact Cathe Evans at [cathe@ncbarch.org](mailto:cathe@ncbarch.org).

## **NCARB Annual Meeting and Conference**

North Carolina Board of Architecture members and staff representatives attended the 95th Annual Business Meeting of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) in Philadelphia. Over the three-day conference, delegates learned about several initiatives that could revolutionize the core components of licensure—education, internship, and examination.

The conference began with a presentation on proposals to significantly streamline and overhaul the Intern Development (IDP), Broadly Experience Architect (BEA), and Broadly Experienced Foreign Architect (BEFA) programs. NCARB volunteers and staff have been taking a closer look at these programs. They identified ways to streamline or overhaul the programs, without sacrificing any of the necessary rigor the state registration boards require to determine whether or not someone can be licensed in their jurisdiction. You can learn more about these historic proposals at [ncarb.org](http://ncarb.org)

## **NCARB Leadership**

The 2014-2015 NCARB officers are as:

*President, Dale McKinney, FAIA, NCARB from Sioux City, IA,*

*First Vice President/President-elect: Dennis S. Ward, AIA, NCARB, from Florence, SC*

*Second Vice President: Margo P. Jones, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP, from Greenfield, MA*

*Treasurer: Kristine A. Harding, AIA, NCARB, from Huntsville, AL*

*Secretary: Gregory L. Erny, AIA, NCARB, from Reno, NV.*

## **Countdown to North Carolina Board of Architecture's Centennial**

In 2015, the NC Board of Architecture will celebrate its centennial. Stay tuned as we take a deeper dive into our history and prepare to recognize our first 100 years. #ncba100

Sincerely,

Chris Brasier, FAIA

Random FACT...

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# A.R.E. news

## ARE Retake Policy to be Shortened to Allow Three Retakes a Year

NCARB announced in June that the wait time for retesting for the ARE divisions will decrease from six months to 60 days, effective October 1. This will allow candidates who have failed a division to retake the division as soon as 60 days after the previous attempt, up to three times in a running year for any one division.

“NCARB is actively listening to candidate concerns, and the six-month wait to retest is often noted as a significant frustration,” said NCARB CEO Mike Armstrong. “A new feature of our exam support capacity allows us to provide greater access while maintaining exam integrity.”

This change, which goes into effect on 1 October 2014, is possible because of a recent system implementation of My Examination in late 2013 that provided NCARB with a sophisticated technology platform to better implement candidate management services. This crucial improvement allows NCARB to decrease the wait time between retesting on a division while ensuring the protection of exam content.

Prior to moving the ARE to its new platform, the six-month wait retake policy was necessary to protect the security of the ARE. With a finite number of exam questions and limits on tracking past exam iterations, there was a risk that candidates would be over-exposed to questions on repeat attempts of the same division. Maintaining a wait time policy promotes use of the failing score report to better prepare for a subsequent attempt.

The new retest policy will still protect against over-exposure to examination content, and provide failing score reports to guide retest preparation. The shorter wait before retesting will maintain candidate focus and interest in the exam.

On 1 October 2014, all candidates who have failed a division within the past six months will be able to schedule under the new policy. Candidates who fail a division sometime between July and September may prefer to wait to schedule their retest appointment until after 1 October 2014 for earlier access to retesting.

# NCARB news

## NCARB proposes overhauls to certification programs for broadly experienced architects

NCARB announced proposals for discussion to overhaul the Broadly Experienced Architect (BEA) Program. The proposals would maintain appropriate rigor in the programs while **significantly reducing completion time**. These changes will optimize the process for U.S. architects who do not currently meet the requirements to earn NCARB certification for reciprocal licensure.

### Broadly Experienced Architect (BEA) Program

Currently, the BEA process allows architects without a degree from a National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) accredited program to earn the NCARB Certificate by proving they have six to 10 years of licensed practice in responsible control. In addition, they must have their education evaluated by the NAAB to define education deficiencies. Architects prepare a dossier to demonstrate post licensure, how they learned through experience to overcome identified education deficiencies. Then, their dossier is reviewed by NCARB's BEA Committee.

#### *Proposed Program Overhaul*

The proposed change would remove those steps, and instead would ensure that the applicant has completed a state board's education and experience requirements, passed the Architect Registration Examination (ARE), and practiced for one year. This proposal acknowledges that architects without an accredited degree are required by their original licensing jurisdiction to complete more rigorous experience requirements prior to initial licensure. The streamlining of the submittal process also ensures an objective rather than subjective review.