President’s Message
By Julie M. McLaurin, AIA

The last several months have brought many changes to the Board of Architecture. In the Spring, three Board members completed their service with the Board and we welcomed two new members.

Two term Board Member, Cheryl Walker, FAIA, completed over ten years of service on the Board. Ms. Walker held several officer positions on the Board, including two years as the Board president. As a Board member she also had the opportunity to chair many NCARB committees. After five years of service, Chris Brasier, FAIA also rotated off the Board. Mr. Brasier served as Board Chair and was active on NCARB committees. We thank both of them for their dedication to the Board.

After two years of as a public member John Monteith has completed his service on the Board. The public member is an integral part of the Board and we appreciate his time and insight.

Governor Pat McCrory has appointed Jimmy L. Norwood, Jr. and Steven Clipp to the Board.

Jimmy Lee Norwood, Jr. is the founder and principal in charge of business development, design and design production of Norwood Architecture and Design, Inc. Norwood received his Bachelor of Architecture degree from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. After gaining experience in the construction industry, Jimmy started Norwood Architecture and Design, Inc. established in 1995. His project experience includes commercial, religious, business, educational, recreational, residential, and multifamily housing facilities. Jimmy is married to Debra K. Norwood. Children are Jessica Wylie, son-in-law Colby Wylie, and son Jimi L. Norwood III. Jimmy and Debra live in Winston-Salem, NC.

Steven Clipp graduated from the University of Florida with a Bachelors of Design in Architecture and from North Carolina State with a Masters of Architecture. He was registered in 1986 and became a Partner in Brockwell Associates in Durham in 1989. In 1995 he founded Steven Clipp Architecture in Chapel Hill. Since 2000 he has restricted his practice to high end custom homes and renovations.

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In July 2016 the Board of Architecture was honored to be a vendor at the North Carolina Building Inspector Association Conference. I had the distinct opportunity to meet many of the code officials from throughout our great state. NCBIA enjoys a proud tradition of providing excellent educational opportunities to meet the challenges faced by the industry now and into the future. The increasing variety of construction materials and methods, the evolution of the technical codes with their complexity and the increasing demand for better customer service requires us to continually build strong working relationships with organizations such NCBIA. I heard the saying “we are better together than apart”. We can achieve great things if we work together to protect the public.

If the Board staff can be of service to you in any way please don’t hesitate to call on me. We continue our outreach program and are able to provide presentations on the rules and laws governing the practice of architecture. If you would like to arrange for Board staff to attend your function as a speaker, observer or ‘question taker’, we are happy to oblige.

The Dog Ate My Renewal…. And other Tales of Woe

You will see in the Enforcement Section that failure to renew and continuing to practice with an expired license can be a costly proposition. Do not delegate renewal of your professional license to anyone and be sure to keep your email contact information up to date. Notice of renewal is sent by email only. Renewal is due by July 1…it’s been that way for over 100 years. It is your professional responsibility to renew the license in a timely manner. The Board staff has heard just about every imaginable excuse and even some unimaginable ones for not renewing a license in a timely manner. Here are some of our favorites:

I paid my AIA dues and thought that covered my license.

The NC Board of Architecture and the AIA are two completely different entities. The AIA DOES NOT ISSUE A LICENSE to practice architecture. The Board understands that professionals have a great deal of work to do, and something clerical such as renewing a license may seem unimportant when in fact, it is not. Renewing your license in a timely manner is the single most important thing you will do each year. Without a license, you are not an architect in the eyes of the law. Without a license you may not practice architecture, without a license you may have no livelihood. Failing to renew your license and continuing to practice architecture in this State will result in disciplinary action. To see the far reaching implications of failing to renew a license check out the Enforcement Section.

I got the notice but I didn’t read it. / I got the notice but I am too busy to read it. /I got the notice but I am too important to read it (yes, someone actually said that to us). You are a professional, need we say more?

My ex-husband/ex-wife/mother/father didn’t forward my mail when I moved out. / My former employer didn’t forward my mail to my new employer. We email the renewal notice to the email address on file in mid-May each year. If you change it, you must notify the Board office so we can update our records. 21 NCAC 02.0201 requires that you promptly notify us of any changes to your contact information. You can easily change your address directly on our web site at www.ncbarch.org the “licensee log in” section.

I put a yellow sticky on my iPhone, but forgot to go on line./ I am out of the country on vacation during that time of year. Try a bright pink sticky next time. They have computers just about everywhere nowadays and the Board web site is “device friendly”.

My mother/accountant/spouse/secretary/clerk/partner…forgot to pay the bill. Renewing your professional license is your professional responsibility.

I didn’t have any projects in North Carolina so I let my license expire.

No problem… But, If your license expires, we will not continue to send you notice each year. After the license expires, REGARDLESS of the reason, it will stay on ‘delinquent’ status for one year and you may renew with a late penalty fee. After the one year is up the license will be revoked for failure to renew. At that point you cannot renew the license; you must go through the reinstatement process. Remember, you must be licensed in North Carolina before you offer or render services for projects in the State.

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Following is the Enforcement Report for the period February 13, 2015 to August 16, 2016. 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 be sure to include the case number with your request.

The Board closed 34 cases as follows:
- dismissed 11 cases as unfounded
- issued 7 Letters of Caution
- issued 10 Consent Orders
  - Case 993 Architectural Design Associates, PLLC
  - Case 995 Jackson & Ryan Architects, Inc./Jeffrey D. Ryan
  - Case 1000 Novus Architects, Inc. / Thomas N. Smith
  - Case 1002 Kirk D. Anderson
  - Case 1015 Interplan, PLLC
  - Case 1023 Sam W. Greeson
  - Case 1026 Barker Neston, Inc / Kevin J. Barker
  - Case 1027 Harrison Design Associates, Inc. / William H. Harrison
  - Case 1028 Nichole Perri / Nichole Perri Architecture
  - Case 1022 Sterling Barnett Little, Inc. / James S. Little, Jr.
- 1 Consent Judgement
  - Case 965 Anthony Hunt
- 5 Letters of Warning to non-licensed individuals.
  - Case 999 Second Eden Studio / Elena Michel
  - Case 1010 Whitney Blair Custom Homes, LLC / Jeff Sanderson
  - Case 1019 James H. Klippel Residential Design, LLC / James H. Klippel
  - Case 1020 Mountainworks Custom Home Design, Ltd. / Travis Milet
  - Case 1024 James H. Foulke, III

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 and non-licensed practice. 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.
NCARB Announces ARE 5.0 Launch Date

The highly anticipated ARE 5.0 will launch November 1, 2016.

Seattle, WA—The next version of the Architect Registration Exam (ARE®), ARE 5.0, will launch November 1, 2016, incorporating the latest testing technologies and format that more closely aligns with modern practice. The six-division exam will include case studies that simulate real-world practice, and will be offered without a fee increase.

Developed by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB), the multi-division exam is taken by all candidates seeking architectural licensure in the United States. As with all licensing exams, the ARE is updated periodically to ensure it continues to test the knowledge and skills necessary for the independent practice of architecture.

To adapt to changes in the profession, ARE 5.0 will incorporate a new division structure and the latest graphic testing methods. The exam content has been reorganized into six divisions, which are designed to reflect the phases of architectural practice—from practice management to construction and evaluation. The new divisions also align with the experience areas of the Architectural Experience Program (AXP), making the licensure process smoother and easier to understand for candidates.

“We’re excited to offer this new exam to licensure candidates,” said NCARB President Dennis Ward, NCARB, AIA, who announced the launch date at the organization’s 97th Annual Business Meeting in Seattle. “By ensuring the exam is aligned to current practice, licensure candidates can more accurately demonstrate the knowledge and skills required for practice today.”

NCARB Launches Architectural Experience Program

NCARB’s experience program has been updated to reflect current architectural practice and terminology.

Washington, DC—The program designed to guide professionals through the early stages of their career has been renamed the Architectural Experience Program (AXP®) and updated to reflect modern practice. Effective June 29, 2016, the program now requires licensure candidates to document 3,740 hours of experience in six simplified areas that cover all phases of architectural practice, rather than 17 experience areas.

Developed by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB), the program—which was previously called the Intern Development Program (IDP)—is required for licensure in most U.S. jurisdictions.

This update is one of several NCARB has made to its experience program over the past few years, namely: streamlining the number of required hours from 5,600 to 3,740; the ability to report experience beyond six months and up to five years; accepting AXP credit for paid academic internships; and enabling licensure candidates to earn AXP credit after high school and regardless of a project’s duration.

The six new experience areas include: Practice Management, Project Management, Programming & Analysis, Project Planning & Design, Project Development & Documentation, and Construction & Evaluation. These areas also mirror the six divisions of the new licensing exam, ARE 5.0, which launches November 1, 2016, providing further alignment between the two programs.

“The NCARB Board of Directors, in consultation with our Member Boards, has updated the AXP to more closely align with current practice and terminology,” said NCARB President Kristine Harding, NCARB, AIA. “We have carefully broadened the program’s scope without reducing its rigor, which will help ensure licensure candidates acquire the skills and knowledge needed to practice in today’s evolving landscape.”
Licensing statistics /Expired License Lists

**Active Individual licenses:**
5475 expiring on June 30, 2017
Breakdown:
- NC - 2330
- Out-of-State – 3145

**Active Firm licenses:**
1578 expiring on December 31, 2016
Breakdown:
- NC – 684
- Out-of-State – 894

Statistics are current as of August 26, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

**Expired license listing** – Here you will find a list of all individuals whose North Carolina license to practice architecture expired on June 30, 2016. This listing is current as of August 26, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. This list includes individuals who, for various reasons, chose not to renew and notified the Board office as well as those who just failed to renew. If you find yourself (or an associate) on the list and you are currently practicing architecture in this State, you may be in violation of Board rules and laws and may be subject to disciplinary action.

To check the CURRENT status of a licensee go to www.ncbarch.org, click on the resources tab and select “Architect Search”.
You may renew your license on line at www.ncbarch.org, click on the Licensee Log In section. You will need your license number and Board issued PIN. You may download a paper renewal form from the ‘forms section’.

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Steven Clipp has produced an internet radio show ’Winning the Dream Home Race’ and for three years hosted the call-in radio show ‘Making Your Home Great’ on WPTF. His focus is on promoting the use of Architects in residential design.

Please join the Board members and staff in welcoming Mr. Clipp and Mr. Norwood to the Board of Architecture.

At its Annual Business Meeting in July, the Board elected new officers for FY 2016-2017:

President – Julie McLaurin
Vice President – John Tabor
Secretary – Robert Bishop
Treasurer – Steve McClure

In addition to electing new officers, the Board set its meeting schedule for the 2016-2017 FY. The schedule is published on the Board web site www.ncbarch.org. Board meetings are open to the public and your attendance is welcome and encouraged.

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