President’s Message

April 2018 Presidents Message

I hope everyone is having a great start to 2018. I am excited to announce that Governor Roy Cooper has appointed Catherine C. Morrison, AIA, LEED AP BD+C, NCARB, to the Board of Architecture for a five-year term. Her experience includes land use planning, utilization analysis, renovation and expansion projects as well as new construction and medical office buildings. Unfortunately, this means we will need to say bye to John Tabor, one of our existing Board members who just finished up his 5-year term. John, thanks for your service!

Morrison is an active member of the community and was honored in Charlotte Business Journal’s 40 under 40. She has served on the Board of Directors for AIA Charlotte, AIA North Carolina and the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce. She is also passionate about cities and has collaborated with the Arts and Science Council, is a graduate of the Community Building Initiative’s Leadership Development Initiative and was a member of the Knight Foundation’s Creative Communities Initiative.

Morrison earned a Bachelor of Science in Architecture from the University of Maryland and a Master of Architecture and Master of Arts in Geography – Community Planning from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Please join us in welcoming Cathy to the Board!

On another note, several Members of the Board will be attending the NCARB Annual Business Meeting in Detroit in July. The ABM will provide the members with opportunities to study policies and model law that may be brought to North Carolina to further protect the health, safety and welfare of the public.

This edition of Columns Newsletter is focused on providing you everything you need to ensure a timely license renewal. See the Executive Director’s Message for tips on individual license renewal.

Don’t hesitate to call on the Board Staff for any of your licensing or practice needs.

Thanks.

Steve
Renewal Time is Almost Here! Are you prepared?

On May 15, 2018 the Board of Architecture will EMAIL notice of renewal to your email on file at that time. On May 15, 2018 you will be able to renew your license on line for the 2018-2019 license year. The deadline for renewing your license is June 30, 2018. If you don’t renew by that date it will expire.

Most importantly, be sure the Board has your correct email on file…. If you received this newsletter via email and don’t change your email address in the meantime, you will also receive the renewal notice at that same email. If you do not receive the renewal notice, you are still able to renew using the link on the Board web site. Additionally, you are responsible for renewing your license in a timely manner.

Renewal will require your license registration number and PIN. You must also be able to certify that you have completed twelve hours of continuing education in the areas of health, safety and welfare during the 2017 calendar year. Questions related to continuing education should be directed to Tyler Barrick at tyler@ncbarch.org. The renewal now includes questions regarding the Employee Fair Classification Act. Each licensee must certify if he or she has or has not been investigated for employee misclassification and if so, disclose to the licensing Board the results. Questions about the Employee Fair Classification Act should be directed to NC Industrial Commission at 919-807-2582.

As a courtesy, the Board will send follow up reminders. But ultimately, it is the responsibility of the architect to renew the license in a timely manner. Failure to renew and continuing to practice will subject the architect to disciplinary action. You may review the rules and laws at www.ncbarch.org

Renewal FAQs

How do I access the online renewal portal? The link is found in the Licensee Log In section on the home page at www.ncbarch.org. For individual registration, select Licensed Architect Log In. Remember, you can’t renew for 2018-2019 until May 15, 2018.

What information do I need to renew on line? You will need your license number and PIN. As a courtesy, this information will be emailed to you on May 15, 2018 with your notice of renewal.

I was licensed as a North Carolina Architect during 2018, how do answer the CE questions? You may indicate that you have complied, since the rules state that you are exempt for the calendar year in which you become licensed.

May I renew on line if I must answer Yes to any of the Moral Character Data Questions? No. You must submit a paper renewal form with details of the issue.

I don’t want to renew on line, how can I renew my license? After May 15, 2018, you may download a 2018-2019 renewal form from the forms section of www.ncbarch.org.

I’m no longer practicing architecture in North Carolina so I don’t need to renew the license. What will happen if I don’t renew? Your license will expire on June 30, 2018 and be placed on delinquent status. Should you decide you need the license, you can renew with a late fee. After one year, it will be administrative revoked for non-renewal. This is a non-disciplinary action. There is no ‘inactive’ status.

Please don’t hesitate to contact the Board staff if you have any questions or concerns related to your renewal.

Sincerely,

Cathe M. Evans

Executive Director

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Following is the Enforcement Report for the period August 1, 2017-April 30, 2018. 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 six cases with Consent Orders:

1055 Kent Lineberger
1060 Jeffrey Schantz
1077 John Haggerty
1080 Michael McDonough
1081 John Morris McGahey
1083 Earl Applegate

The Board closed two cases with Letters of Caution to non-licensed individuals:

1070 Jason Radek
1072 Damon Boseman
1078 Tracy Taylor

The Board dismissed two cases as unfounded.
The Board issued two Letters of Caution to Architects.
The Board closed one case without prejudice.

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.

Licensing statistics /Expired License Lists as of April 24, 2018

Active Individual licenses : 6185
expiring on June 30, 2018
Breakdown:
NC 2601
Out-of-State  3584

Active Firm licenses: 1702
expiring on December 31, 2017
Breakdown:
NC  699
Out-of-State  1003

Random FACT...
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