# **Architecture Columns**

Newsletter of the

**North Carolina** 

**Board of Architecture** 

September 2019

#### September 2019 Presidents Message

As the incoming Board president for 2019-2020, I'd like to introduce you to the slate of officers elected at the Board of Architecture Annual meeting in July:

Jimmy Norwood, Jr. AIA— President Katherine Peele, FAIA - Vice President Steve Clipp, AIA — Treasurer Cathy Morrison, AIA — Secretary

In June 2019, several Board members travelled to Washington, DC, for NCARB's 2019 Centennial Annual Business Meeting. Throughout the three-day conference, delegates learned about NCARB's evolving programs and services, helped set the agenda for the coming years, celebrated the organization's history, and elected new officers. Through various sessions and workshops, board members also brainstormed new ideas to advance architectural regulation, explored how advances in technology might impact the licensure process, and prepared for NCARB's participation in the upcoming National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) 2019 Accreditation Review Forum (ARForum19).

On September 1, 2019 rule 21 NCAC 02 0211 Unauthorized Practice was repealed. The Board of Architecture has issued a policy statement on NCGS 83A-13 that addresses the exemptions within the law. Question related to this topic should be directed to Cathe Evans, Executive Director.

Finally, please join me in congratulating the following individuals who were licensed by exam from February 13, 2019 through September 9, 2019:

John M. Arnaud **Houston Phillips Burnette** John Blanton Calvert Suzanne Cash Michael Celauro Jonathan M. Clark Cydney Duncan Clemons Robert S. Clemons Amy Marie Dominov Brandon S. Everhart Paul David Fretz Sean D. Harman Cua Thao Hester Megan Alana Hoover **Devon Stewart Hutton** Christopher Leigh Johnson Kara Konieczny **David Thomas Koontz** 

Paul Lawrence Krynski

Cameron Elise Lasater

Rebecca B. Lednev **Timothy William Martin** James Madison McNabb Sam B. McPadden Keith R. Miller Claire Williams Miller Paul Matthews Mosher Laurel A. Nee Jason Thomas Patterson Sarah Wilson Peacock Meredith A. Pittman Tracie Sansavera Anna Dorothea Schulz Rachel Anne Steinsberger Clark B. Titcomb Molly E. Vaughan **Brandon Charles Venable** William Glen Watson Karl Michael Wengenroth Peter Justin Wentz Jefferson D. Wilkins III

Sincerely, Jimmy Lee Norwood, Jr. AIA, Board President 2019-2020

### **Board Members**

Jimmy L. Norwood, AIA President

Katherine Peele, FAIA Vice President

Cathy Morrison, AIA Secretary
Steve Clipp , AIA Treasurer

Steve McClure Public Member

Fred Dodson, Jr. Public Member

Walter Sawyer, AIA Member

#### **Board Staff**

Cathe M. Evans Executive Director

Julie L. Piatek Director of Administration

Tyler Barrick Firm/CE Compliance

#### **Upcoming Meeting Dates**

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www.ncbarch.org All Board meeting are open to the public.



### from the executive director's desk



A note of caution.... Don't confuse your license to practice architecture from the Board with the Privilege License Tax collected by the Department of Revenue. Both are \$50 annually and expire on June 30. State privilege license taxes are imposed for the privilege of carrying on the business, exercising the privilege or doing the act named in Article 2 of the Revenue Laws of North Carolina. These taxes are in addition to any regulatory or qualification requirements to engage in the practice of a profession, business or trade and must be obtained prior to conducting business. The practice or architecture is one of the professions specified in North Carolina General Statute (NCGS) 105,

Taxation, Article 2, Privilege Taxes, relevant sections are as follows:

### § 105-41. Attorneys-at-law and other professionals.

- (a) Every individual in this State who practices a profession or engages in a business and is included in the list below must obtain from the Secretary a statewide license for the privilege of practicing the profession or engaging in the business. A license required by this section is not transferable to another person. The tax for each license is fifty dollars (\$50.00).
  - (5) An architect.
  - (b) The following persons are exempt from the tax:
    - (1) A person who is at least 75 years old.
    - (2) A person practicing the professional art of healing for a fee or reward, if the person is an adherent of an established church or religious organization and confines the healing practice to prayer or spiritual means.
    - (3) A blind person engaging in a trade or profession as a sole proprietor. A "blind person" means any person who is totally blind or whose central visual acuity does not exceed 20/200 in the better eye with correcting lenses, or where the widest diameter of visual field subtends an angle no greater than 20 degrees. This exemption shall not extend to any sole proprietor who permits more than one person other than the proprietor to work regularly in connection with the trade or profession for remuneration or recompense of any kind, unless the other person in excess of one so remunerated is a blind person.
- (e) Licenses issued under this section are issued as personal privilege licenses and shall not be issued in the name of a firm or corporation. A licensed photographer having a located place of business in this State is liable for a license tax on each agent or solicitor employed by the photographer for soliciting business. If any person engages in more than one of the activities for which a privilege tax is levied by this section, the person is liable for a privilege tax with respect to each activity engaged in.
  - (h) Counties and cities may not levy any license tax on the business or professions taxed under this section.
- (i) Obtaining a license required by this Article does not of itself authorize the practice of a profession, business, or trade for which a State qualification license is required.

For more information on the NC Privilege License Tax click on this link.

Sincerely,

Cathe M. Evans, Executive Director

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### licensing statistics as of September 9, 2019

Active Individual licenses: 6150 Active Firm licenses: 1819

expiring on June 30, 2019 expiring on December 31, 2019

Breakdown: Breakdown:

NC 2566 NC 718

Out-of-State 3584 Out-of-State 1101

### NCARB news

## AIA, NCARB Help Launch New Coalition to Represent Complex Professions and Licensing Boards

Washington, DC—The American Institute of Architects (AIA) and the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) are among several organizations who have helped found the Alliance for Responsible Professional Licensing (ARPL)—a new coalition of technical professions focused on educating policymakers and the public about the importance of rigorous professional licensing standards.

ARPL is a unique coalition that brings together professional organizations and their registration boards at a time when there is significant concern over the appropriate level of licensing required by law. The coalition was formed to ensure their voices are heard by policymakers and the public amid the growing debate around licensing.

"NCARB and AIA may approach the licensing debate from different perspectives but we fundamentally agree that rigorous standards must be maintained in order to protect the public we both serve," said NCARB CEO Michael J. Armstrong. "Complex professions are at risk of being swept up in broad calls to reduce licensing requirements for occupations and vocations. It is important for us to work with other technical professions to ensure public safety isn't compromised by broad brush deregulatory efforts."

"When an architect designs a hospital or a school, the public must have confidence in its safety and structural integrity," said AIA EVP/CEO Robert Ivy, FAIA. "The best way to maintain the public's confidence is to continue to require that architects demonstrate rigorous and ongoing education, examination, and experience. Attempts to weaken or undermine professional licensing requirements for architects not only harm our profession, but could potentially endanger public health, safety, and welfare."

The formation of the Alliance reflects mutual interest between regulatory organizations and their professional society counterparts in making the case for reasonable regulation. Although the regulatory associations' mission is the protection of public, and the professional societies are the voices of their respective professions, recent trends and challenges in the regulatory and legislative environment have called for these groups to proactively engage together in the narrative around the importance of reasonable regulation and licensing.

In addition to AIA and NCARB, members of the ARPL include the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB), National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA), National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE) and National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES).

You can learn more about ARPL and the importance of professional licensing by visiting the group's newly-launched website at www.responsiblelicensing.org.

## enforcement report

Following is the Enforcement Report for the period February 8, 2019 through August 31, 2019. 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 <a href="mailto:cathe@ncbarch.org">cathe@ncbarch.org</a> be sure to include the case number with your request.

The Board Closed nine cases with Consent Orders:

Case 1112 James McClaren Case 1122 Todd G. Beck

Case 1117 Charles Kaighn Case 1123 Alan Stagaard

Case 1119 Carol V. Rogers Case 1126 Douglas Janes

Case 1120 Robert Stevenson Case 1129 Kenneth Gaylord

Case 1121 James N. Sherrer

The Board closed 1 case with a Letter of Warning to a non-licensed individual:

Case 1124 Miryana Teneva

The Board issued one Letter of Caution to an Architect.

The Board closed one case without prejudice.

The Board closed two cases as unfounded.

### 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.

## expired license lists

Individual licenses that expired on June 30, 2019 can be found here.

Firm Licenses that expired on December 31, 2018 can be found here.

These lists are current as of September 9, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. Eastern. If you renewed after that date and time, you can check the status of your firm or individual here.

Random FACT...

You can follow the Board of Architecture on <a href="FaceBook">FaceBook</a> and <a href="Twitter">Twitter</a>
<a href="Twitter">@NCArchitectureB</a>

