



Columns

*The Newsletter of the Board of Architecture and
Registered Interior Designers
August 2023*

President's Message



Cathy Morrison, AIA

I am humbled to be re-appointed to a second term on the NC Board of Architecture and Registered Interior Designers and continue as President for another year. Fred Dodson,

Jr also continues his service as Vice President. Roula Qubain continues as the Secretary and Emmy Williams joins the executive committee this year as the first Registered Interior Designer to do so. We, and the rest of the board, look forward to continuing to serve North Carolina.

Now that we have the Registered Interior Designer legislation past us, the board is taking on an update of policies to ensure compliance and consistency. This proactive refresh will reduce confusion if issues arise and ensure inclusion of registered interior designers. Specifically, the Board is looking at its Design/Build Opinion. We have recruited a few architects to assist with this process to ensure that it is in line with current practice.

The Board is well represented both on a national and regional level. Several Board members and our Executive Director are serving on NCARB and CIDQ committees and task forces. This gives North Carolina a voice in the rules, laws and policies that govern the practice of architecture.

Board Members

Cathy Morrison	President/Architect
Fred Dodson, Jr.	Vice President/Public Member
Emmy Williams	Treasurer/Registered Interior Designer
Roula Qubain	Secretary/Architect
Cora Cole-McFadden	Public Member
Timothy Hillhouse	Architect
Ilesha Patel	Registered Interior Designer
Elizabeth Pyle	Registered Interior Designer
Walt R. Teague	Architect
Walter Sawyer	Architect

Board Staff

Cathe M. Evans	Executive Director
Julie L. Piatek	Director of Administration
Tyler Barrick	Firm/CE Compliance

Upcoming Meeting Dates

September 13, 2023, Asheville, NC
November 17, 2023, Charlotte, NC
January 12, 2023, Raleigh, NC
March 1-2, 2024, Savannah, GA NCARB Regional Summit
April 12, 2024, Raleigh, NC
June 13-15, 2024, Chicago, IL NCARB ABM
July 12, 2024, Raleigh, NC

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All Board meeting are open to the public.



Executive Director's Message

Cathe M. Evans

The Dog Ate My Renewal and Other Tales of Woe. Otherwise known as....

I didn't get the Email and Other Fish Tales.

Renewing your license and registration is part of your professional responsibility.

The NC Board of Architecture & Registered Interior Designers requires its licensees and registrants to renew every year. Renewals are due by June 30th each year. We email renewal to individuals in mid-May each year as a reminder that it is time to renew your professional license or registration. The notice is sent to the last known email address on file. Additionally, as a courtesy, we send a second, third and final notice throughout the year. NOT to mention... for NC residents the NC AIA also sends a reminder note as a COURTESY. Because the licensing and registration of professionals has implications that reach further than our state borders, we take this requirement very seriously. The Board staff has heard just about every imaginable excuse and even some unimaginable ones for not renewing a license or registration 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 mailing in a renewal 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 or registration 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 said that to us).

You are a professional. You are responsible for maintaining your license.

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.

I downloaded the form from the web site, I thought I could mail my check on the deadline, and it would be delivered on time. / I told the postman to be sure you received it.

Make sure that you allow enough time for your snail mail to reach our office. No exceptions are made for checks received after the renewal deadline.

I downloaded the renewal form but misplaced it. / My desk is messy, and I couldn't find it.

There is no extension for filing; we must have your renewal by the date due or your license or registration will expire on June 30.

My mother/accountant/spouse/secretary/clerk/partner...forgot to pay the bill.

Renewing your professional license or registration is ***YOUR PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY.***

I didn't have any projects in North Carolina, so I let my license or registration expire.

If your license or registration expires, we will not continue to send you notice each year. After it expires, REGARDLESS of the reason, it will stay on 'delinquent' status for one year and you may renew with a late penalty fee. After one year is up the license or registration will be revoked for failure to renew. At that point you cannot renew; you must go through the reinstatement process. If you want to reinstate your license or registration, contact the board office for a reinstatement application or download one from the web site. Your application must then go before the Board for approval, and you must pay the reinstatement fee (currently \$250) before your license or registration is reinstated. Remember, you must be licensed or registered in North Carolina before you offer, render, or compete for projects in the State. Doing so without a license or registration is a violation of the law.

License and Registration Statistics as of August 16, 2023

Licensed Architects Expiring on June 30, 2024

Break down:

NC - 2740

Out of State - 4115

Licensed Architecture Firms Expiring on December 31, 2023

Break down:

NC - 754

Out of State - 1245

Registered Interior Designers Expiring on June 20, 2024

Break down:

NC - 240

Out of State - 50

Registered Interior Designer Firm Expiring on December 31, 2023

Break down:

NC - 40

Out of State - 18

Expired License and Registration Report

Individual architect licenses that expired on June 30, 2023, can be found [here](#).

Individual interior designer registrations that expired on June 30, 2023, can be found [here](#).

Architecture Firm Licenses that expired on December 31, 2022, can be found [here](#).

Interior Design Firm Registrations that expired on December 31, 2022 can be found [here](#).

These lists are current as of August 16, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. If you renewed after that date you may check the status of [your architecture firm or individual license by clicking here](#) or to check the status of [your interior designer registration click here](#) .

NCARB NEWS

NCARB Installs 2023-2024 Board of Directors

06/17/2023

Tampa, FL—The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) introduced its FY24 Board of Directors at the organization’s 2023 Annual Business Meeting in Tampa, Florida.

NCARB’s Board of Directors is made up of volunteers from around the country, elected annually by the organization’s members, who are the 55 U.S. architectural licensing boards. To serve on the Board of Directors, individuals must have previously served on or currently serve on one of those licensing boards. Service on a licensing board is obtained through appointment by a governor or other elected entity.

The elected officers and directors are as follows:

President/Chair of the Board

Jon Alan Baker, FAIA, NCARB, LEED AP
San Diego, California

First Vice President/President-elect

Kenneth R. Van Tine, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP
Brighton, Michigan

Second Vice President

Edward T. Marley, NCARB, AIA, LEED AP
Tucson, Arizona

Treasurer

John Patrick Rademacher, NCARB, AIA,
NOMA
Loveland, Ohio

Secretary

Sylvia Kwan, FAIA, NCARB, NOMA, LEED
AP
San Francisco, California

Past President

Bayliss Ward, NCARB, AIA
Bozeman, Montana

Director, Region 1

Jennifer R. Arbuckle, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP
North Ferrisburgh, Vermont

Director, Region 2

George H. Miller, FAIA
New York, New York

Director, Region 3

Miguel A. Rodriguez, FAIA, NCARB, NOMA
Coral Gables, Florida

Director, Region 4

Margaret (Meg) S. Parsons, FAIA, NCARB,
LEED AP BD+C, ALEP
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Director, Region 5
Lenora Isom, RA, NCARB
Ashland, Nebraska

Public Director
Stephanie V. Hopkins
Baltimore, Maryland

Director, Region 6
Scott E. Harm, AIA, NCARB
Tacoma, Washington

Member Board Executive Director
Cathe M. Evans
Raleigh, North Carolina

NCARB's new score validity policy now in effect

The new score validity policy bases the validity of passed Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®) divisions on exam versions, such as ARE 4.0 or ARE 5.0, rather than a set time frame. As a result, NCARB is reinstating previously expired divisions of ARE 4.0 for candidates seeking licensure from jurisdictions that do not have a rolling clock-type requirement.

Under the new score validity policy, passing ARE divisional scores will remain valid throughout the delivery of the exam version under which they were taken. They'll also be used to establish credit toward the immediately following version of the exam (e.g., ARE 6.0). If the jurisdiction where you are seeking licensure has a rolling clock requirement, you will still be subject to their rolling clock.

North Carolina rules comply with the new policy.

CIDQ NEWS

[The CIDQ "Q Connection" is found at this link.](#)

Enforcement Report

The following Enforcement Report is for the period August 1, 2022 to July 7, 2023. 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 of Architecture and Registered Interior Designers has jurisdiction pursuant to North Carolina General Statute §83A-15 and 21 NCAC 02 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. All civil penalties collected by the Board of Architecture and Registered Interior Designers are deposited with the Office of State Budget management where they are disbursed to school systems throughout the State.

The Board dismissed five cases with no action or as unfounded.

The Board issued two Letters of Caution to architects and/or registered interior designers.

The Board issued Letters of Warning to the following non-licensed individuals:

[Case 1229 - Darryl Clugston](#)

[Case 1231 - Said Idy](#)

[Case 1247 - Brian Fifolt](#)

[Case 1251 - Ben Johnson](#)

The Board issued Consent Orders to the following individuals:

Case 1226 – Robert Evans

Case 1232 – Brian Cook

Case 1233 – Christopher Bitsas

Case 1234 – Illya Alexieff

Case 1237 – Paul Getchell

Case 1238 – Walter D. Fritts

Case 1239 – Robert W. Elliot

Case 1240 – Scott W. Bartholomew

Case 1244 – John Owen Petri

Case 1246 – Douglas Greene

Case 1252 – Ernest Sills

Case 1254 – Emily Lassiter York

The Following Final Agency Decision was issued:

Case 1227 – Ferris, Robert

The following Consent Judgement were issues:

Case 1188 – Gerld T. Meyers

Case 1194 – Rodney Cameron