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Teeny's Talk

A Message from the Executive Director: **Teeny Simmons**

This year marks the 100th anniversary of our state's first architectural examiners board meeting, and over the years this board has established itself as a superior watchdog of the public interest.

We have many accomplishments to be proud of and we will continue to honor our mission. 2010 has seen economic conditions in our state that have forced some of you to make changes in your business operations, but we are all hoping the climate will be better next year.

Top of mind right now should be registration renewals. You have been reminded about it several times, but I

want to remind you again. If you have not done so yet, visit our website www.lastbdarchs.com and read the renewal instructions and renew online at your earliest convenience. You never know what may happen before the end of the year and we hate to charge delinquent fees.

At the LSBAE office we are in the midst of badly needed technology upgrades. We recently purchased new computers and a
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Annual Renewal Registration Period Ends Soon! Renew Now!

It is registration renewal season and you can save money by submitting fees and the application on time.

Timely renewal eliminates the required late fee that is assessed to delinquent filers. LSBAE makes the process simple by offering online renewal on the board website. You will need to login in with your license number and the last 4 digits of your SSN (social security number) as your password. The deadline to renew registration is midnight December 31, 2010.

Ready to renew? There are a few simple steps to make sure your certified registration gets in on time.

1. Update personal information
Don't let out of date contact information make you miss a renewal. You update it yourself by going to our website www.lastbdarchs.com. Enter your new address, phone number, or email

so we can send renewal information directly to you. Or you can call us at (225) 925-4802 and we will update it for you. Remember, it is your responsibility to keep your contact information current with the board office.

2. Continuing education hours

Make sure the required documentation for continuing education hours is available. Do not skip this section of the renewal application. It must be completed in order to renew registration. Checking the box without having the correct number of hours **is a violation of the licensing law.**

3. Renew your license online using a credit card or check

4. Print current certificate/pocket card

5. Print payment receipt

6. Logout to complete your session

Are you a last minute filer? A credit card payment is your best bet to avoid late fees. Registration renewals paid by credit card are processed instantly and the renewal certificate may be printed the same day. If you pay by check, you must mail in the renewal form along with your check to the board office. It will take 7-10 days to process these payments. Just like operating a vehicle without a valid driver's license, you are violating state law if you practice architecture while your LSBAE registration is inactive or lapsed.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ronald B. Blitch, FAIA, FACHA, NCARB

This new newsletter format is the result of collaboration between the LSABE and Peacock Communications with a goal to communicate with our registrants more often and with more relevant and useful information than in the past. Hopefully the work of the LSABE will be more clear to the public. We invite your comments and suggestions.

Your Licensing Board has had an active and productive year in 2010, and is committed to overseeing and regulating the practice of architecture in the State of Louisiana for our 1,150 resident licensees and 2,637 out of state registrants (3,787 total as of December 2010).

The Board has focused this year on the complex issues of firm registration and our enforcement efforts have increased statewide. Registration renewals are in process at this point, and there is only a short time left to complete your continuing education hours for 2010.

In addition, the members of the Louisiana State of Board of Architectural Examiners have been very active in the national work of NCARB. Members of the LSBAE hold the following positions with NCARB and its committees:

Ron Blitch: Board of Directors, 2nd VP, Executive Committee, Practice Analysis Steering Committee (Chair), CEO Selection Search Committee

David Brinson: BEA (Broadly Experienced Architect) Committee

John Cardone: Secretary Region 3, Procedures and Documents Committee

Robert McKinney: ARE (Architect Registration Examination) Committee

Richard LeBlanc: ARE (Architect Registration Examination) Committee

Allen Bacque: ARE (Architect Registration Examination) Grading Subcommittee

Creed Brierre: ARE Committee – 2009, AIA National Convention 2011 New Orleans, (Host Chapter Chair)

And our Executive Director **Teeny Simmons** serves on the PCC (Professional Conduct Committee)

It has been a great honor to serve as President of the LSABE this past year, and we all look forward to the leadership of Richard LeBlanc, who will assume the office of President in 2011.

Ron Blitch FAIA, FACHA, NCARB

Teeny's Talk

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server off state contract. Our previous system was almost 10 years old. We hope to have the new system up and running without any glitches very soon.

One of our board members is in the national spotlight. **Congratulations to board president Ron Blitch in being elected second vice president of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards.** NCARB recognized his many years of service and leadership with this post and we look forward to seeing his present and future plans for NCARB accomplished. Louisiana is fortunate to have several board members serving on NCARB committees. Their involvement at this level makes our board much more effective and a great asset toward our mission.

In addition, I would like to take a moment to show some much deserved appreciation to our LSBAE staff. We are continuing to do our best in serving you and the people of Louisiana. Customer service is top priority. Mary Porche and Holly Mooberry are among the best in the business. They do a fantastic job, as shown by their hard work and long hours. Their organization and willingness to go the extra mile is a huge benefit to me.

Because of some of our dedicated architect members, our once blank office walls are now sprawling with pictures of your AIA award winning projects. We were very pleased with the interest you showed when the call was made for pictures. A special thanks goes to our board member Allen Bacque, who agreed to take on the monumental task and even asked some of his staff to help get the job completed.

In this edition of our newsletter you will read about one of our top priorities this year: enforcement. Our part-time enforcement investigator, Robert Eddleman, lists some of the main violations he has investigated in order to help member architects remain educated about state violations. You may have been called, or will be called in the future, by Mr. Eddleman and we want you to understand he has the difficult job of enforcing state law and LSBAE rules. However, with your help, we can possibly prevent some of the violations before they happen.

Thank you for your help and patience this year. Please feel free to contact this office for assistance or if you have any complaints or suggestions that you need addressed. We wish you a happy and blessed Christmas.

Market Your Registration to Potential Clients

A "Certificate of Good Standing" is now available to all registrants that have met the requirements for the calendar year. The page has been added to the board's website under the Roster (Registrants) hotlink. This designation shows your commitment to the industry and helps potential clients identify your firm as a reputable business.

Architect's Guide to LSBAE Continuing Education Hours

The lack of continuing education credits is one of the top reasons registrant renewals are held up. In Louisiana, these hours must be obtained each calendar year for an architect to be considered compliant.

Eight of the 12 required hours must be obtained in structured educational activities, such as qualifying lectures by qualified individuals or monographs like the type offered online by NCARB. A maximum of 4 hours can be obtained through individually planned educational activities, such as papers or publications authored by the architect.

Did you attend a seminar, lecture, presentation, workshop or course in HSW? The hours spent updating your knowledge base could equal one credit per hour spent learning. Remember to get documentation and make sure the subject matter is acceptable.

Here is a list of the type of credit hours that will be allowed for educational activities:

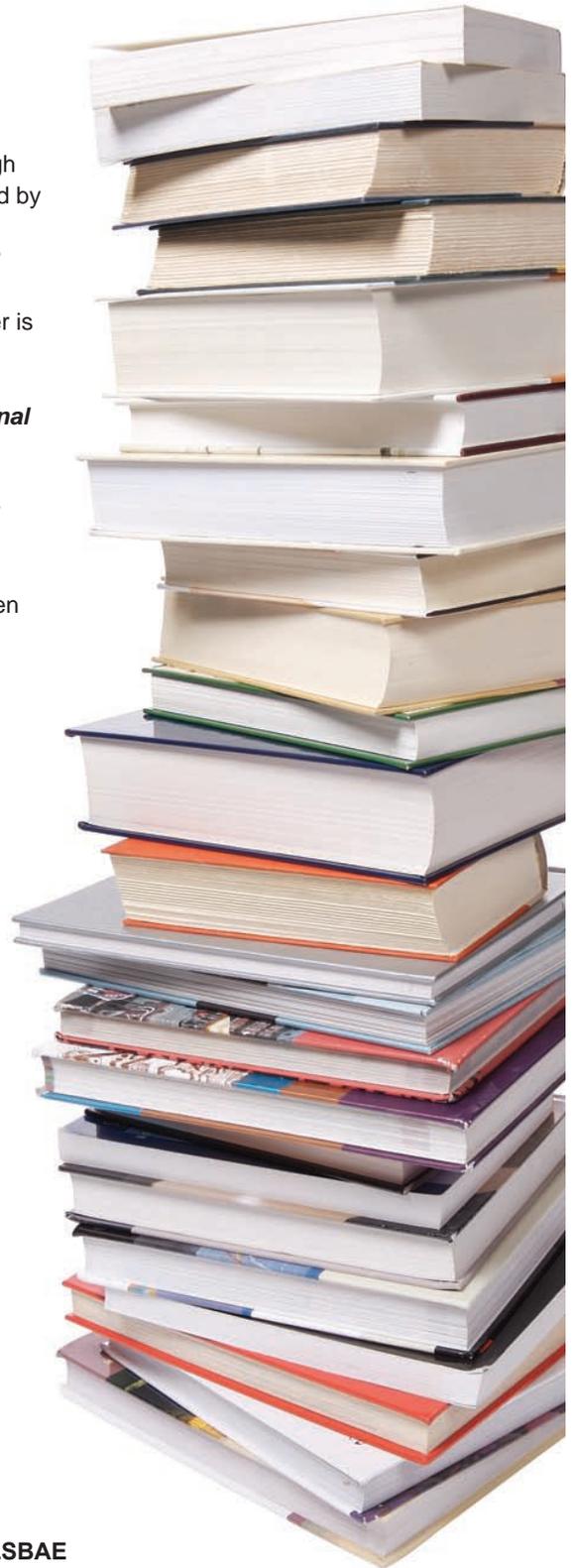
1. Directly safeguard the public's health, safety and welfare;
2. Provide the participating architect with documentation from a 2nd party for reporting;
3. Completed in subjects that are on the current Architect Registration Examination (ARE). The list is available on the board's website or by written request.

When calculating your health, safety and welfare of the public (HSW) educational activities, remember the following are the acceptable formats:

1. The activity is offered by a professional or technical organization such as AIA, National Fire Protection Association, Concrete Standards Institute, NCARB, or another credible group, insurer or manufacturer (these shall not focus upon the sale of any specific products or services offered by a particular manufacturer or provider).
2. The information was presented at a professional or technical HSW meeting, convention or conference; architect taught or instructed HSW courses; and authored or published a paper, article or book;
3. Successfully completed college or university sponsored courses;
4. Served on NCARB committees dealing with HSW matters.

So how many continuing education hours (CEH) are each activity worth? It depends on a few factors. Architects will receive one CEH for each contact hour of attendance at qualifying seminars, lectures, presentations, workshops or courses. The value of tutorials, short courses, correspondence courses, video courses, monographs and other self-study courses are determined by the program sponsor. If an architect teaches qualified material they will receive 2 CEH credit, but only for the initial teaching. Credit will not apply to full-time faculty at a college, university or other educational institution. In addition, authoring a published paper, article or book will net you 8 CEH, and successfully completing one or more college or university semester hours will satisfy all CEH for the year in which the course was completed. Don't forget, if an architect exceeds the CEH requirements in a renewal period, a maximum of 12 CEH may carry over to the next period.

Full details on continuing education requirements are available on the LSBAE website at www.lastbarchs.com



Board Office Walls Showcase Best in Louisiana Architecture

A project several years in planning is now a reality, and it can be seen on display in the LSBAE office. The finished products of the state's award winning architects are showcased along the hallway and conference room walls of the board office. The idea was inspired by former board president Allen Bacque. Early this year, architects were encouraged to submit photos of their AIA award winning projects. The photos were printed onto 1/2" black core gator board using UV stable inks.

The project received generous support from architects across the state. Several dozen prints were submitted of



past and present AIA state, regional and national award winning projects. One board office wall is designated for the current year's AIA winners. Winners do not forget to submit your photos for 2011.

Get Involved: *Architects Need to Serve on the Selection Board*

As board vacancies occur, LSBAE is often in search of dependable and qualified nominees to send to the Governor for approval. Now is the good time to consider whether you have the time and commitment to serve fellow architects in the state with your service on the board.

Louisiana resident architects in good standing with the board are eligible to serve as a representative of their district. Each district, as outlined in state law, is given one representative on the board. No write in candidates are allowed, but written nominations in support of candidates are accepted from Louisiana registered architects. A candidate must receive no less than 10 nominations by the May 31 deadline to be considered valid. An election is held if more than one candidate meets the ballot qualifications in one district. Through the entire ballot and election process, only registered architects in good standing are eligible to participate.

The Path to NCARB Certification

By J. David Brinson, Architect, AIA, NCARB, ASAI

If you are NCARB certified and your history is in any way similar to mine, you can recall all the procedures required to receive your certification. That was back in the days when you did not use the acronym NCARB after your name. Cards and letterhead could only show the designation of "NCARB certified" after the name.

The policy was that the 54 boards in individual jurisdictions made up the NCARB membership. As part of its service to member boards and architects, NCARB verifies and maintains a record of an applicant's education, experience, examinations and registrations.

An applicant who has completed an NCARB accredited degree program in architecture, completed the IDP through the NCARB record keeping process and successfully completed the Architects Registration Exam as required by most of the 54 board jurisdictions, is eligible for NCARB Certification. The NCARB education requirement is one of the requirements that must be satisfied to achieve certification.

If an architect is registered and practices in a jurisdiction that allows registration without satisfying the foregoing requirements, then the architect may be able to satisfy the education requirement of NCARB's Broadly Experienced Architect Program (BEA) and gain certification.

As a member of the Louisiana State Board of Architectural Examiners, each board member is encouraged to volunteer and serve on NCARB committees. I am assigned to participate in the BEA Committee. As a rookie board member, I had no clue what would be involved. My experience with LSBAE and NCARB has been as IDP State Coordinator.

My first introduction to BEA was the NCARB national meeting in June 2010. The first committee meeting was near the end of July. Since my appointment to the committee, several current and potential BEA applicants have learned about my position on the committee. They have asked about the certification process. While I am still a "rookie" on the committee, I have promised to share what I know about the process through a series of articles in the upcoming newsletters. The objective is to explain the process and its pre-requisites as they exist, or as changes occur.

Architects who are registered in jurisdictions outside of Louisiana, such as Texas, and are not currently certified by NCARB may be interested in becoming familiar with the process. The NCARB Certificate validates your qualifications to practice architecture by showing you have met all professional standards and provided the opportunity for reciprocity in other jurisdictions. The BEA serves as a vehicle for architects that may not have the prerequisites for NCARB Certification to accumulate the qualifications.

An applicant who has:

- Completed an NCARB-accredited degree program in architecture,
- Completed the IDP through the NCARB record keeping process and
- Successfully completed the Architects Registration Exam is eligible for NCARB Certification.

UPDATE... *Intern Development Program*

By **Marsha Cuddeback**
State IDP Coordinator

With the advent of NCARB's new website, updated resources, and implementation of IDP 2.0, understanding the Intern Development Program and its role in the path to licensure has never been easier.

NCARB's new website is user-friendly and easy to navigate, comprehensive and brimming with online resources for interns, supervisors and mentors, including the new IDP Guidelines (updated October 2010), links to IDP e-News, current event podcasts and webcasts, and assistance for new supervisors and mentors.

The implementation of IDP 2.0 is nearly complete and the first two phases are already in place. Phase 1 went into effect in July 2009, providing opportunities for interns, whether employed or not, to earn more training hours through supplementary education.

Phase 2 went into effect in January 2010, converting training units to training hours, and updating the definition of "direct supervisor" to better reflect current architectural practice.

Phase 3 will go into effect in Fall 2011, introducing new experience categories, areas and settings. Please visit <http://www.ncarb.org> for additional information or subscribe to NCARB's IDP e-News quarterly electronic publication for updates on IDP.

Beginning in October 2010, NCARB approved new IDP eligibility dates, which are the dates after which earning IDP training hours are permitted. If you are enrolled in NAAB accredited degree program, you are eligible to begin earning training hours immediately, rather than waiting until the summer of your third year (undergraduate) or first year (graduate).

NEWS FROM ACROSS THE STATE

The annual Louisiana IDP Educators meeting was held in September 2010 in conjunction with the AIA Louisiana Design Conference. Please contact your school's IDP Educator Coordinator to find out about upcoming programs and activities during AY 2010-2011.

"Margarita Mentoring," an informal IDP event was held during the AIA Louisiana Design Conference, hosted by AIA Louisiana, the State Board of Architectural Examiners, and organized by Maureen Dugas Foster, AIA Louisiana Associate Board Member. The event was well attended

The LSU School of Architecture, Office of Community Design and Development received a 2010 NCARB PRIZE FOR THE CREATIVE INTEGRATION OF PRACTICE AND THE ACADEMY, under the guidance of Louisiana's State IDP Coordinator.

AUXILIARY COORDINATORS

IDP Auxiliary Coordinators are individuals who volunteer to educate their local professional community about the Internship Development Program, support awareness and implementation, and disseminate the latest IDP news, tools and



by professionals and interns alike.

Please welcome our NEW IDP EDUCATOR COORDINATOR at Tulane University, Jonathan Tate, Adjunct Assistant Professor of Architecture, jtate2@tulane.edu.

Mark your calendars. Planning for the LOUISIANA IDP FORUM 2011 is underway. The event will take place in September 2011 hosted by Tulane University School of Architecture. For additional information please contact either Jonathan Tate (jtate2@tulane.edu) or Marsha Cuddeback (mcuddeb@lsu.edu).

resources. Auxiliary Coordinators are most often associated with, but not limited to, an architecture firm, a non-accredited school of architecture, a local AIA chapter, a state board, or an AIAS chapter and all IDP Auxiliary Coordinators are encouraged to attend the annual IDP Coordinators Conference. If you or someone in your firm is interested in volunteering or would like additional information, please contact the State IDP Coordinator (louisianaidp@gmail.com or mcuddeb@lsu.edu).



BOARD ATTORNEY REPORT

Laws Regulating Firms Are Complicated

Paul H. Spaht, Attorney At Law

The Board has handled a number of matters involving legal issues during the past year. The most time consuming issues have been those involving firm practice, discipline of firms, and firm names.

Firm practice – The Board receives its authority from the legislature, and its mandate is to enforce the law as the legislature has written. Enforcing the laws concerning firm practice is often difficult because the legislature has enacted totally different requirements for the practice of architecture by professional architectural corporations, architectural-engineering corporations, and limited liability companies.

In accordance with the existing laws, the Board presently licenses only individual

architectural corporations, architectural-engineering corporations, limited liability companies, partnerships, limited liability partnerships, unincorporated associations, and any other entity) would be the same or at least quite similar. After all, an architect may choose to practice architecture in a certain structure or vehicle for any number of reasons, most of which have nothing to do with the public health, safety or welfare.

Perhaps because the applicable statutes were enacted at different times by different legislatures, the requirements for firm practice are in seeming conflict. The Board has drafted legislation which, if enacted, will make the basic ownership and control requirements for practicing architecture by all architectural firms the same. During the past year, the Board provided copies of the draft legislation to AIA

Louisiana and the American Council of Engineering Companies of Louisiana (ACEC/L). The National Conference of Architectural Boards is also studying this issue. Whether and

when any bill seeking an in globo solution to firm practice will be introduced in the legislature is unknown. If any legislation in this area is to pass, widespread support will be essential.

The Board hopes that the legislature will at some point address the inconsistent requirements for firm practice. However, until that occurs, the Board will enforce the laws as written.

Firm discipline – There is a perception by some architects that the Board is not vigorously enforcing the licensing laws pertaining to firm practice. The Board is authorized to fine any person who violates the Architects Licensing Law; however, the legislature has mandated that no fine may exceed the sum of \$1,500 per violation in

the case of an individual, or \$5,000 per violation in the case of a person other than an individual.

In deciding whether to assess any fine against an architectural firm found to have practiced architecture in Louisiana without a license from the Board, as well as the amount of any fine to be assessed, the Board believes that the inconsistencies in the existing laws concerning firm practice should be considered. Likewise, the Board believes that it should consider the total absence of any specific laws concerning the licensing of architectural partnerships or architectural unincorporated associations. Should the maximum fine be assessed against a professional architectural corporation or a limited liability company practicing architecture in Louisiana for a short period of time without ever obtaining a license or practicing when its license has expired, when that same entity could practice architecture in Louisiana without any license at all if it had chosen to do so as a limited liability partnership? It is sometimes (in fact often) the case that such a company satisfies all of the requirements of the law and the rules but it has not applied for a license because of inadvertence or confusion. Although each case is different, the Board believes that imposition of the maximum fine is not always justified, particularly when no issue of the public health, safety or welfare is involved.

Firm names – The rules concerning firm names are contained in Chapter 15 of the Board rules, and the Board receives frequent requests from architects and architectural firms concerning these rules. The Board is currently revisiting all of its rules concerning firm names, and it is anticipated that the rules will be amended during 2011. The proposed amendments will be published in a future edition of this newsletter.



architects, professional architectural corporations, architectural-engineering corporations, and limited liability companies. A comparison of the requirements concerning the practice of architecture by those entities is set forth in the chart published elsewhere in this newsletter. As can be seen, there is no consistency in the laws pertaining to these three entities.

The legislature has not enacted any laws specifically addressing the practice of architecture by partnerships, and the practice of architecture by limited liability partnerships has become increasingly popular. Likewise, the legislature has enacted no laws specifically addressing unincorporated associations. The Board does not presently license either partnerships or unincorporated associations.

One would think that the basic requirements for practicing architecture for all architectural firms (professional

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ROBERT EDDLEMAN INVESTIGATION

LSBAE Steps Up Enforcement Efforts

It has been one (1) year and five (5) months since the Board hired me as part-time investigator to begin more actively enforcing the statutes and rules that govern the practice of architecture in Louisiana. During this period sixty five (65) investigative cases have been opened and fifty three (53) have been closed. Of the twelve (12) active cases six (6) were addressed by the Board at its December 17, 2010 meeting.

The previous year has disclosed that the type of matters being investigated are heavily weighted toward the offering or providing of architectural services on an expired license or the practice of architecture by unlicensed persons. The unlicensed offering and providing of architectural services by firms disclosed

that many may not be familiar with the rules pertaining to firm licensure. If your firm is offering and/ or providing architectural services, please refer to the Laws and Rules pertaining to the matter of firm licensure.

The Laws and Rules can be downloaded from LSBAE'S web site located at www.lastbdarchs.com. Other matters also investigated included the signing and sealing of documents not performed by the licensee or under his direct supervision and control, not adhering to the requirements for the supervising professional for a L.L.C. firm, and the use of a licensee's seal by a non-licensee.

Formal Disciplinary Actions Taken by the Board

The matters for which disciplinary action have been imposed by the Board are reported below.

THE ALLEGED SEALING OF WORK NOT PERFORMED BY A LICENSEE

Robert Sollberger, Architect # 3474 Slidell, Louisiana

VIOLATION: Signing and sealing architecture plans without exercising the requisite level of responsible supervision.

La. R.S. 37:152.B prohibits a licensee from signing or sealing specifications, drawings, or other related documents without exercising the requisite level of responsible supervision. Board Rule §1313 interprets this statute and provides:

§1313. Interpretation of R.S. 37:152(B)

A.1. Specifications, drawings, or other related documents will be deemed to have been prepared either by the architect or under the architect's responsible supervision *only* when:

- a. the client requesting preparation of such plans, specifications, drawings, reports or other documents makes the request directly to the architect, or the architect's employee as long as the employee works in the architect's office;
- b. the architect personally controls the preparation of the plans, specifications, drawings, reports or other documents and has input into their preparation prior to their completion;
- c. if the plans, specifications, drawings, reports, or other such documents are prepared outside the architect's office, the architect shall maintain evidence of the architect's responsible control including correspondence, time records, check prints, telephone logs, site visit logs, research done for the project, calculations, changes, and written agreements with any persons preparing the documents outside of the architect's offices accepting professional responsibility for such work;

- d. the architect reviews the final plans, specifications, drawings, reports or other documents; and
- e. the architect has the authority to, and does, make necessary and appropriate changes to the final plans, specifications, drawings, reports or other documents.

2. *If an architect fails to maintain written documentation of the items set forth above, when such are applicable, then the architect shall be considered to be in violation of R.S. 37:152, and the architect shall be subject to the disciplinary penalties provided in R.S. 37:153. This written documentation should be maintained for the prescriptive period applicable to claims against the architect which may arise from his or her involvement in the project.*

(Emphasis added).

Licensee signed and sealed architectural plans submitted to the Louisiana State Fire Marshall's Office, and he lacked the written documentation described in Rule §1313.A showing he had exercised responsible supervision for the preparation of such.

PENALTY: \$2500.00 fine and \$300.00 administrative cost imposed by Consent Order dated December 17, 2010.

THE PRACTICE OF ARCHITECTURE WITH AN EXPIRED LICENSED

The Front Door (A Professional Corporation) Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Firm practiced architecture on various projects while its license was expired.

VIOLATION: The offering and/or providing of architecture services on an expired license. La. R.S. 37:154 (A).

PENALTY: \$800.00 fine imposed by Consent Order dated March 15, 2010.

Formal Disciplinary Actions Taken by the Board

Wynn L. Warner, Architect # 6138
Actworth, Georgia

Licensee practiced architecture in Louisiana while his license was expired.

VIOLATION: The offering and/or providing of architecture services on an expired license. La. R.S. 37:153 (A) and La. R.S. 37:154 (A).

PENALTY: \$250.00 fine imposed by Consent Order dated March 15, 2010.

Robert H. Kirkland, Architect # 3304
Atlanta, Georgia

Licensee practiced architecture in Louisiana while his license was expired.

VIOLATION: The offering and/or providing of architecture services on an expired license. La. R.S. 37:153 (A) (3) and (6), and La. R.S. 37:154 (A).

PENALTY: \$750.00 fine imposed by Consent Order dated July 16, 2010.

Le Architect, L.L.C.
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Firm practiced architecture in Louisiana while its license was expired.

VIOLATION: The offering and/or providing of architecture services on an expired license. La. R.S. 37:154 (A).

PENALTY: \$100.00 fine and \$125.00 administrative fee imposed by Consent Order dated September 10, 2010.

THE UNLICENSED OFFER AND/OR PRACTICE OF ARCHITECTURE

The BDA Design Group, Inc.
Texarkana, Arkansas

Firm offered and/or provided architectural services in Louisiana without receiving a Certificate of Compliance or license from the Board.

VIOLATION: The offering and/or providing of architecture services in Louisiana without receiving a Certificate of Compliance or license from the Board. La. R.S. 37:154 (A).

PENALTY: \$900.00 fine and \$125.00 administrative costs imposed by Consent Order dated September 10, 2010.

NCA Architecture, Inc.
Dallas, Texas

Firm offered and/or provided architectural services in Louisiana without receiving a Certificate of Compliance or license from the Board.

VIOLATION: The offering and/or providing of architecture services in Louisiana without receiving a Certificate of Compliance or license from the Board. La. R.S. 37:154 (A).

PENALTY: \$600.00 fine and \$125.00 administrative costs imposed by Consent Order dated December 17, 2010.

Kevin Bryan Architect, L.L.C.
Shreveport, Louisiana

Firm offered and/or provided architectural services in Louisiana without receiving a Certificate of Compliance or license from the Board.

VIOLATION: The offering and/or providing of architecture services in Louisiana without receiving a Certificate of Compliance or license from the Board. La. R.S. 154 (A).

PENALTY: \$750.00 fine and \$125.00 administrative costs imposed by Consent Order dated December 17, 2010.

PBK Architects, Inc.
Houston, Texas

Firm offered and/or provided architectural services in Louisiana without receiving a Certificate of Compliance or license from the Board.

VIOLATION: The offering and/or providing of architecture services in Louisiana without receiving a Certificate of Compliance or license from the Board. La. R.S. 154 (A).

PENALTY: \$5000.00 fine imposed by Consent Order dated March 15, 2010.

Castles Design Group, Inc.
Houston, Texas

Firm offered and/or provided architectural services in Louisiana without receiving a Certificate of Compliance or license from the Board.

VIOLATION: The offering and/or providing of architecture services in Louisiana without receiving a Certificate of Compliance or license from the Board. La. R.S. 37:154 (A).

PENALTY: \$2400.00 fine and \$112.00 administrative costs imposed by Consent Order dated September 10, 2010.

The Garrison Barrett Group, Inc.
Birmingham, Alabama

Firm offered and/or provided architectural services in Louisiana without receiving a Certificate of Compliance or license from the Board.

VIOLATION: The offering and/or providing of architecture services in Louisiana without receiving a Certificate of Compliance or license from the Board. La. R.S. 154 (A).

PENALTY: \$300.00 fine and \$125.00 administrative costs imposed by Consent Order dated December 17, 2010.

Carpenter Sellers Del Gatto Architects, PC
Las Vegas, Nevada

Firm offered and/or provided architectural services in Louisiana without receiving a Certificate of Compliance or license from the Board.

VIOLATION: The offering and/or providing of architecture services in Louisiana without receiving a Certificate of Compliance or license from the Board. La. R.S. 154 (A).

PENALTY: \$500.00 fine and \$112.00 administrative costs imposed by Consent Order dated December 17, 2010.

A Look At The Board of the LSBAE



Ron Blitch, FAIA, NCARB, of New Orleans, LA, is the president of the Louisiana State Board of Architectural Examiners and past president of AIA Louisiana.

He has served as an architect member of LSBAE since 2006, and is currently the second vice president of the National Council of Architectural Registration Board (NCARB).

Blitch heads the firm of Blitch Knevel Architects in New Orleans, founded by his father in 1958. Blitch Knevel Architects specializes in the design of healthcare, senior living, university, and religious work, and has received over 80 major design awards. Blitch is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and its Rome Studies Center and is licensed in Louisiana and six other states through the NCARB Certificate. His term on LSBAE expires December 31, 2011.



John Cardone, Jr., is a public member of the board. He was re-appointed to the Board in 2009 and serves as Secretary of the SCNCARB. Cardone served on the Education Committee and currently serves on the Committee of Procedures and Documents for NCARB. Cardone serves as City Administrator for the City of Lake Charles and

has over 25 years of experience in municipal government. He is a graduate of Louisiana State University and holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration. Through postgraduate studies, he obtained certification and continuing education as a building plan examiner, building code analyst in the Legal Aspects of Code Administration, in Management-Effective Supervision and in Emergency Management. His term on LSBAE expires April 26, 2015.



Allen Bacque', AIA, CSI, NCARB, is a resident of Lafayette and is president of MBSB Group, Architects. Bacque' has served as an architect member of the board since 2004 and just recently completed a full six-year term. He was reappointed in January 2010. Bacque' is actively involved in NCARB and has served on several

committees, including the ARE committees, the Graphics Group 1, Graphics Group 2 and is currently serving on the ARE Graphics Grading Committee. He also contributes to community and volunteer activities in Lafayette by serving on the Lafayette Historic Preservation Commission, and is a board member of Downtown Lafayette Unlimited. Allen received his BA from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette in 1976.



Creed W. Brierre, FAIA, NCARB, is an architect member of LSBAE and has served on the board since 2009. Brierre is the president of the oldest, and now the largest architectural firm in Louisiana, Mathes Brierre Architects of New

Orleans. He has been the Principal-in-Charge of various projects from medical and educational facilities to office buildings and additions to healthcare facilities and museums. He holds three degrees from Tulane University, a BA, a BArch, and a MArch. Mr. Brierre also participates extensively with the American Institute of Architects, having served as President of local and state chapters, and now as local Committee Chair for the National AIA Convention in 2011. Brierre's term on the board expires December 31, 2014.



J. David Brinson, AIA, NCARB, is an architect member of the board. Brinson has served in several roles at LSBAE, including Intern Development Program State Coordinator. He was reappointed to another term in January 2010. A resident of Baton Rouge, Brinson is the owner of J. David Brinson, Architect, LC and has been in continuous practice for 41 years. He is also licensed to practice architecture in Mississippi, Alabama and Florida. He is actively involved in NCARB and became certified by the group in 1977. He has served on the Broadly Experienced Architect Program (BEA) Committee and served a term on the National IDP coordinating committee. In Louisiana, Brinson has held positions as secretary, vice president and president of the Baton Rouge AIA Chapter and is a past president of the AIA statewide. His service on the LSBAE board expires December 31, 2015.



Richard J. LeBlanc, AIA, NCARB, is a resident of Shreveport and currently serves the board as its secretary. LeBlanc is president and principal architect with LeBlanc & Young Architects, Inc. He holds Emeritus status in Texas and is also a registered architect in Arkansas. LeBlanc is an active member of state and national architectural associations. He is currently serving as a member of NCARB's Architect Registration Exam committee and is a past president of the Shreveport chapter of AIA. LeBlanc has served on LSBAE since 2006 and is the board's incoming president for 2011. LeBlanc term on the board is set to expire on December 31, 2011.



Robert McKinney, AIA, NCARB, is the architect educator member of the board. He has served on LSBAE since 2007. He is currently serving on the National Council of Architecture Registration Board's Architecture Registration Exam Committees on Construction Documents and Services and Building Construction Systems.

McKinney is director of the School of Architecture and Design at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. During the past five years, his research and scholarship focus has been architectural documentation including vernacular architecture and materials and systems of construction. He has served as AIA South Louisiana President and Secretary/Treasurer of AIA LA. His LSBAE term expires January 25, 2013.

COMPARISON OF REQUIREMENTS FOR PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL CORPORATION (“PAC”), ARCHITECTURAL-ENGINEERING CORPORATION (“A-E CORP”), LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (“LLC”), AND NCARB LEGISLATIVE GUIDELINES (“NCARB”)

Entity	Ownership Requirements	Control Requirements	Name Requirements	Practice of Architecture Requirements	Other
PAC	Majority of shares must be owned by natural persons licensed to practice architecture in Louisiana holding his shares in his own right. (R.S. 12:1090.B)	Majority of BOD shall be natural persons licensed to practice architecture in Louisiana; if BOD has fewer than three directors, at least one must be licensed to practice architecture in Louisiana (R.S. 12:1095)	Name may include full or last name(s) of one or more shareholders licensed to practice architecture in Louisiana, may include “limited” or “Ltd.,” or any other name approved by the Secretary of State (“SOS”). Name shall end with “A Professional Corporation,” “An Architectural Corporation,” or “A Professional Architectural Corporation.” Name may but need not contain “Incorporated” or “Inc.” (R.S. 12:1088)	Must be performed by or under the direct supervision of a natural person licensed to practice architecture in Louisiana. (R.S. 12:1097.B)	A PAC is a corporation “which is <i>certified</i> ” by the LSBAE. (R.S. 12:1086.A) (Emphasis added). Rule §103.B provides that the term architect includes a PAC “ <i>certified</i> by the board.” (Emphasis added.)
A-E CORP	None.	None.	Name may consist of any name approved by the SOS; name may only contain the full or last name or names of shareholder(s) licensed to practice architecture or engineering in this state. Name must end with language sufficient to identify the corporation as a corporation, such as “Incorporated,” “Inc.,” “Limited,” or “Ltd.” (R.S. 12:1172)	Corporation must designate a “supervising professional architect who shall perform all professional architectural services or who shall directly supervise the performance of all architectural services.” Only an architect licensed by the LSBAE may be designated a supervising professional architect. Supervising professional architect must be a full-time active employee of the corporation whose primary occupation is with that corporation. (R.S. 12:1173.B)	LSBAE must act upon a request “for <i>licensure</i> as an architect” within fifteen days. (R.S. 12:1179.A) (Emphasis added). Rule §103.B provides that an architect includes an A-E CORP “ <i>certified</i> by the board.” (Emphasis added).
LLC	None.	None.	Shall contain the words “limited liability company,” the abbreviation “L.L.C.,” or the abbreviation “L.C.” (R.S. 12:1036.A and Rule §1533) Name shall not contain “doing business as” or “d/b/a.” (R.S. 12:1306.A.2)	By rule, the LLC designates a “supervising professional architect” who is responsible to the board for the conduct of the LLC. Only a licensed architect who is a full-time active employee of the LLC, and whose primary occupation is with the LLC, may be designated as a supervising professional architect. (Rule §1705.E, F, and H).	A LLC “may conduct business for any lawful purpose.” (R.S. 12:1302.A) Rule §1705.B requires that an LLC shall receive a “certificate” from the board authorizing it to practice architecture
NCARB	None.	Two-thirds of general partners, managers, or directors are registered under the laws of any state to practice architecture or engineering; one-third of the general partners, managers, or directors are registered under the laws of any state to practice architecture, and the person having the practice of architecture in his/her charge is himself/herself a general partner, manager, or director and is registered to practice architecture in that state.	“A firm otherwise qualified in practice in a state should be permitted to practice in that state under a name which does not include the names of every director (if a corporation), every manager (if a limited liability company) or every general partner (if a partnership) registered in any state to practice architecture, provided the firm complies with reasonable regulations of the state board requiring the firm to file the names, addresses and other pertinent information concerning the directors (if a corporation), managers (if a limited liability company) or general partners (if a partnership) of the firm.”	The person having the practice of architecture in his/her charge is himself/herself a general partner, manager, or a director <i>and is registered to practice architecture in that state.</i>	The Commentary discusses the reasons NCARB decided against any requirement concerning the ownership of a firm. The reasons mentioned are that the principal of the firm may wish to bequeath his stock to his wife or children and the possibility of larger firms seeking public ownership in order to capitalize adequately their practice. “The Guideline suggests that a state board may wish to have a special filing for firm practice so that the state will know at all times who the officers, directors, managers and beneficial owners of the firm are. Many states have already adopted such a practice.”