



Renew your license now to avoid late fees!

Individual architectural license renewals must be completed by December 31, 2015 or late fees must be paid. You may log into the LSBAE website at www.lastbdarchs.com and renew online by paying with Visa, MasterCard or check.

Please note that for online renewals paid by check, you must print out a receipt page and mail that with a check, postmarked by December 31, 2015. You can also download a hard copy, which can be manually completed and mailed in with a check or money order, postmarked by December 31, 2015 to avoid late fees.

All architects (both in-state and-out-of-state) must complete 12 CEHs of HSW per year in order to renew their individual Louisiana licenses. Please review the instruction sheet on the website for additional information.

Ron Blitch receives AIA Louisiana Medal of Honor

Ronald “Ron” B. Blitch, FAIA and president of Blitch Knevel Architects LLC, has been awarded the Medal of Honor by the American Institute of Architects Louisiana Chapter. Blitch is presently serving on the Louisiana State Board of Architectural Examiners and was a recent president of NCARB.

The highest honor awarded by AIA LA, it is given to an architect who has significantly advanced the profession of architecture and whose leadership inspires fellow practitioners. It was given at the Awards Luncheon of the AIA Louisiana Design Conference in Baton Rouge on September 11, 2015.

Blitch is a Fellow of the AIA, past national president of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, recipient of the NCARB President’s Medal, past president of AIA Louisiana, Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Architects, and recipient of an honorary medal from the Federación de Colegios de Arquitectos de la República.

Ron’s father, James Buchanan Blitch, Sr., received the Medal of Honor in 2007, and this marks the first time a father and son have been so honored.



Shown are Ron Blitch (LA) and Blake Dunn (AR), both past presidents of NCARB, taken at an NCARB meeting. Both have been recently awarded the Medal of Honor by their respective state AIA organizations.

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Teeny's Talk

A Message from the Executive Director: Teeny Simmons

Hoping everyone enjoyed a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving. Looking forward to the Christmas holidays, we wish His best to you and yours.

What a time of change it is! And speaking of time, please remember to renew your individual architect license on line by December 31 to avoid a delinquent fee. If you plan on renewing on line, please note that we are in the middle of changing out computers and server, so you may want to renew early in case of any issues.

The Board has been busy preparing two legislative bills

Legislative bills, records housekeeping are on board agenda

relating to new firm rule fees and a possible education fund. We are also about to enter a contract to have all our files and records imaged, which is a big and expensive task, but is necessary.

Your board members continue to be very active in the southern conference and on national committees. And we, at the office, hope you have found our staff to be very helpful and responsive to your needs and questions.

Thank you for your help and friendship this year, and look forward to another year of service to you and the public.



2015 NCARB Annual Business Meeting
New Orleans, LA; June 17-20, 2015
Demetrius Norman, Teeny Simmons, Doug Morgan, Harry Falconer

Congratulations to our new licensees by examination

The Board is pleased to announce that the following individuals have been licensed from June 1, 2015 through November 30, 2015

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	CITY	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	CITY
David Paul	Allain	New Iberia, LA	Sabeen Fatima	Hasan	New Orleans, LA
Brian M.	Asa	Baton Rouge, LA	Caleb Deas	Hicks	New Orleans, LA
Steven	Bellanger, Jr.	San Antonio, TX	Cory S.	Hoppmann	Shreveport, LA
Marc	Berard, Jr.	New Orleans, LA	Abe M.	Kinney	Baton Rouge, LA
Benjamin	Bradford	Baton Rouge, LA	Jin Hoon	Lee	Baton Rouge, LA
Justin P.	Cortez	Thibodaux, LA	Vanessa Angené	Levine	New Orleans, LA
Stacey Norris	Danner	New Orleans, LA	S. Patton	MacMorran	Baton Rouge, LA
Gary C.	Dauphin	Mandeville, LA	Jana M.	Masset	Bismarck, ND
Alexander M.	Deshotels	Baton Rouge, LA	Joshua P	Matthews	Metairie, LA
Ernesto A.	Egoavil	Lafayette, LA	Galen Frank	Meyers, III	Baton Rouge, LA
Fritz	Embaugh	Baton Rouge, LA	Chandler Michelle	Morvant	New Iberia, LA
Sean U.	Fisher	New Orleans, LA	LaQuinton Antwain	Nimox	Baton Rouge, LA
Kevin W.	Franklin	New Orleans, LA	Stephanie G.	Ory	Spring, TX
Graham W.	Goodyear	Youngsville, LA	Joel Franklin	Ross	New Orleans, LA
Marianne	Graffam	New Orleans, LA	Clinton David	Whittington	West Monroe, LA
Michael James	Guillory	Ethel, LA	Victoria G.	Yee	Slidell, LA



AC Hotel Bourbon
John T. Campo & Associates



President's **REPORT**

By: *J. David Brinson, Architect, AIA, NCARB*

As 2015 draws to a close, so does my term as LSBAE President end, along with my current term as an NCARB Board Member. My association with the Louisiana State Board of Architectural Examiners extends back to 1983, when then Board President Bill Brockway, FAIA, recruited me to be the IDP State Coordinator for Louisiana.

Considerable evolution of the program has resulted in changes that produced the program we have today. Serving the Board as IDP Coordinator provided an opportunity to participate in activities related to our profession on a national level. One of the most rewarding (and stressful) activities was grading the old "paper and pencil" Architectural Registration Examinations, which I did with then board members Wallace Elbersen and Dale Branch, along with other Board members and educators from across the country.

It also provides an opportunity to serve on the IDP National Coordinating Committee.

The Louisiana State Board adopted the IDP following NCARB guidelines early on and established the first funded coordinator position in the country in 1983. Our Board now has its third state coordinator for developing architects. Individual Board members continue to be very active in national and NCARB Southern Conference affairs, with Board members serving as committee chairs and serving on committees on the state, regional and national level .

2015 BOARD FOCUS

2015 has seen the board focusing on several critical issues concerning licensing and practice. LSBAE has intervened in a lawsuit as a co-defendant with the Louisiana State Fire Marshal

A look back at 30 years with LSBAE, and more

concerning the validity of an Agricultural Engineer's seal on building plans that were originally rejected for review by the Fire Marshal. The suit is, as of this writing, still pending. A side issue of this matter is with the Engineering Licensing Board and consideration of the practice of architecture by licensed engineers other than Licensed Civil Engineers.

Our Compliance Review Committee met several times this year to determine a replacement for the Board Investigator position to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Robert Edelman. Requirements and qualifications were discussed and established. Teeny and staff provided the appropriate solicitation, and applications were accepted and reviewed during the summer. A short list was developed for individual interviews, which were conducted in October. It is anticipated that a new Investigator will be nominated by CRC and approved by the Board at the December Board meeting.

In conclusion of my term as Board President, my deepest appreciation goes to Teeny and her staff. All three ladies in the office have been a pleasure to work with, and it's their hard work that keeps the Board office operating smoothly and efficiently. A working relationship with Teeny has existed for more than 30 years. Mary and Holly's predecessors, Anita and Dot, helped with IDP for a decade. Mary has continued and enhanced assistance when I've needed reminders, corrections and much needed cyber challenges. Many thanks to all of you.

I have had the unique opportunity to associate and serve with a significant number of Board compositions over the past 30 years. It has been a great honor and privilege to serve with all of them, and it has been distinct privilege to serve with this current board of distinguished gentlemen and professionals, and my long-time friend, Paul Spaht, Board attorney.

Owensboro-Daviess County Convention Center
Trahan Architects





UPDATE... Architectural Licensure

By Jenny P. Chandela,
State Architect Licensing Advisor

Mark your calendars for the Louisiana Licensure Forum!

On Saturday, February 13, 2016, you are invited to join practitioners, educators and students from throughout the state and region to discuss and collaborate relative to current issues and opportunities within our field. This is a continuation of the statewide event that previously has taken place under the name "Louisiana IDP Forum." In 2016, it will take place in conjunction with the Region 3 Educator/ Practitioner Conference in an effort to include even more diversity.

The conference will take place on the campus of Tulane University School in Richardson Memorial Hall, with a Friday night reception at the AIA Center for Design. The schedule for the conference includes presentations on the evolving IDP and ARE, and NAAB updates, as well as panel discussions addressing Emerging Professional preparedness.

More information and an agenda is available at <http://llfandpec.eventbrite.com>. Spaces are limited so register as soon as possible. We would like to have many voices to enrich the conversation – please let yours be heard!



St. Pius Chapel and Prayer Garden
Eskew+Dumez+Ripple



BOARD ATTORNEY REPORT

By Paul H. Spaht, LSBAE Board Attorney

Fire Marshal suit, legislation for 2016 are current top issues

Submission of plans to Fire Marshal – As mentioned in the last newsletter, the suit entitled *Merritt E. McDonald, P.E. v. The Honorable H. Butch Browning, Jr. in his capacity as Fire Marshal for the State of Louisiana*, No. 614,502, is pending in the Nineteenth Judicial District Court for the Parish of East Baton Rouge.

In this suit Mr. McDonald, trained as an agricultural engineer, alleges that the Fire Marshal and his office require (a) that any plans submitted by a principal design professional who is an engineer must be prepared and signed by a civil engineer and must bear the discipline specific seal of a civil engineer, and (b) that any plans for building subsystems be prepared, signed and bear the seal of a licensed professional engineer listed in the engineering discipline that encompasses that subsystem. Mr. McDonald seeks a declaratory judgment that the imposition of these requirements by the Fire Marshal exceeds the authority granted the Fire Marshal, infringes on the exclusive power of the Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board (LAPELS) to regulate the practice of engineering, and violates the equal protection and due process clauses of the U.S. and Louisiana Constitutions. By amending petition, Mr. McDonald joined LAPELS as a party defendant.

Although Mr. McDonald was trained as an agricultural engineer, he alleges that by education and experience he possesses the expertise necessary to prepare building plans and specifications for structures. Mr. McDonald was not trained as a civil engineer, and he does not have the discipline-specific seal of a civil engineer. The suit raises the issue of who can submit building plans to the Fire Marshal, and thus the issue of who can prepare such plans.

To the extent that Mr. McDonald seeks judgment declaring that he is entitled to submit plans for buildings or structures which constitute the practice architecture, the board's position is that Mr. McDonald's petition for declaratory judgment should be denied. Since the last newsletter, the board has intervened into the suit,

as has AIA-Louisiana. In addition, the board has propounded written discovery seeking to clarify the exact contentions of the plaintiff.

Future updates on this suit will depend upon what activities occur in the suit. No trial date is presently fixed.

2016 legislation – In the upcoming legislative session, it is anticipated that a few changes in the licensing law may be proposed. Possible legislation which has been discussed by the board includes the establishment of a Louisiana Architectural Education and Research Fund, similar to what has been established in South Carolina. If such a fund is authorized by the legislature, the board may allocate a small percentage of renewal and delinquent fees (no more than 10%) to the fund, to be used for the benefit of NAAB credited universities in Louisiana to better prepare students for internships and future careers as architects. The establishment of such a fund will require enabling legislation, and an amendment to the Architects' Licensing Law will be required.

The board has also discussed possible legislation concerning firm practice. This has been mentioned in several previous newsletters. Presently, some architectural firms (professional architectural corporations, architectural-engineering corporations, and limited liability companies) are required to obtain certificates of registration or licenses from the board; other firms (such as partnerships) are not. Any proposed legislation will level the playing field and require that all firms practicing architecture in Louisiana obtain a certificate of authority from the board.

Compliance officer – Since the last newsletter, the board has advertised for a part-time compliance officer/investigator and interviewed several outstanding applicants for this position. It is anticipated that the position will soon be filled.

Individual licensing – Please remember that the deadline for renewal is December 31, 2015. The form which must be completed is found on the board website, www.lastbdarchs.com.



LSBAE Director Teeny Simmons serves on the NCARB Internship Advisory Committee. The photo shown was taken at a committee meeting held in San Diego this summer. Simmons is in front in purple shirt.



Tipton Associates

AIA Baton Rouge Can Wars Canstruction 2015

AIA Baton Rouge's Can Wars Construction, held this fall, raised 16,451 pounds of food for The Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank. The annual canned food building competition among architecture firms focused on the Star Wars theme this year. Shown are some of the can creations by various teams.



GraceHebert Architects



Post Architects



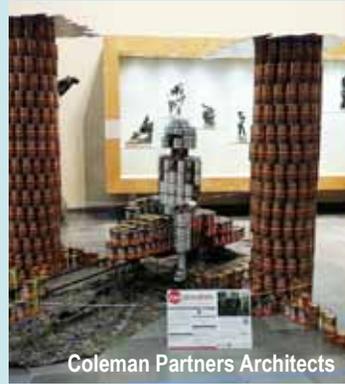
Lionel F. Bailey



Bradley Blewster Associates



Forte & Tablada



Coleman Partners Architects



Crump Wilson Architects



Southern Earth Sciences



Fox Nesbit/Nesbit Associates

14 Inaugural Integrated Path Schools named by NCARB

The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) has listed the first 14 accredited architectural programs to be accepted for participation in the [NCARB Integrated Path Initiative](#). The initiative encourages programs that are accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) to propose a pre-graduation integration of education, experience requirements and the opportunity to take each of the six divisions of the new Architect Registration Examination® 5.0.

The acceptance of initial participants culminates a two-year effort of the Council's Licensure Task Force (LTF) to design an integrated path framework that promotes individual academic program flexibility while addressing all regulatory requirements for architectural licensure. The LTF, composed of licensing board members, former presidents of related architectural organizations, recently licensed architects and aspiring architects, deans and instructors, and members of the public, reviewed existing programs requiring experience as a pre-graduation requisite and conducted a Request for Interest & Information and a formal Request for Proposals as part of its deliberations.

NCARB has established a new Integrated Path Evaluation Committee (IPEC) to oversee the ongoing work of this initiative. It is anticipated that the IPEC will continue to coach accepted programs, promote engagement with jurisdictional licensing boards regarding necessary law or rule changes to incorporate integrated path candidates, and oversee the acceptance of future program applicants.

These 14 accepted schools represent a wide range of accredited B.Arch and M.Arch programs in 11 jurisdictions, and are equally split between public and private institutions.

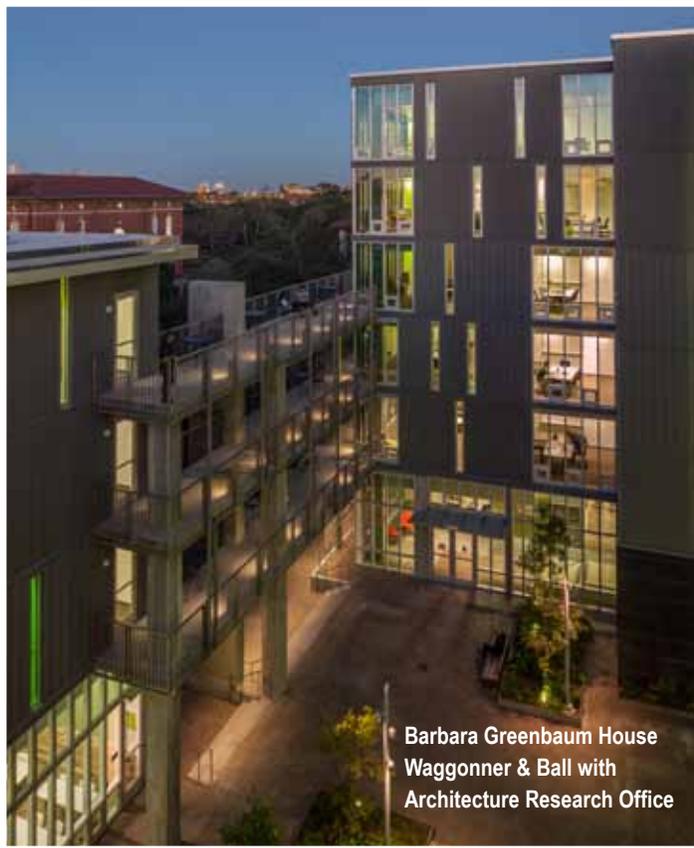
The inaugural class of NCARB-accepted Integrated Path programs is composed of:

- Boston Architectural College; Boston, Massachusetts
- Clemson University; Clemson, South Carolina
- Drexel University; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Lawrence Technological University; Southfield, Michigan
- NewSchool of Architecture and Design; San Diego, California
- North Carolina State University; Raleigh, North Carolina
- Portland State University; Portland, Oregon
- Savannah College of Art and Design; Savannah, Georgia
- University of Cincinnati; Cincinnati, Ohio
- University of Detroit Mercy; Detroit, Michigan
- University of Kansas; Lawrence, Kansas
- University of North Carolina-Charlotte; Charlotte, North Carolina
- University of Southern California; Los Angeles, California
- Woodbury University; Los Angeles, California

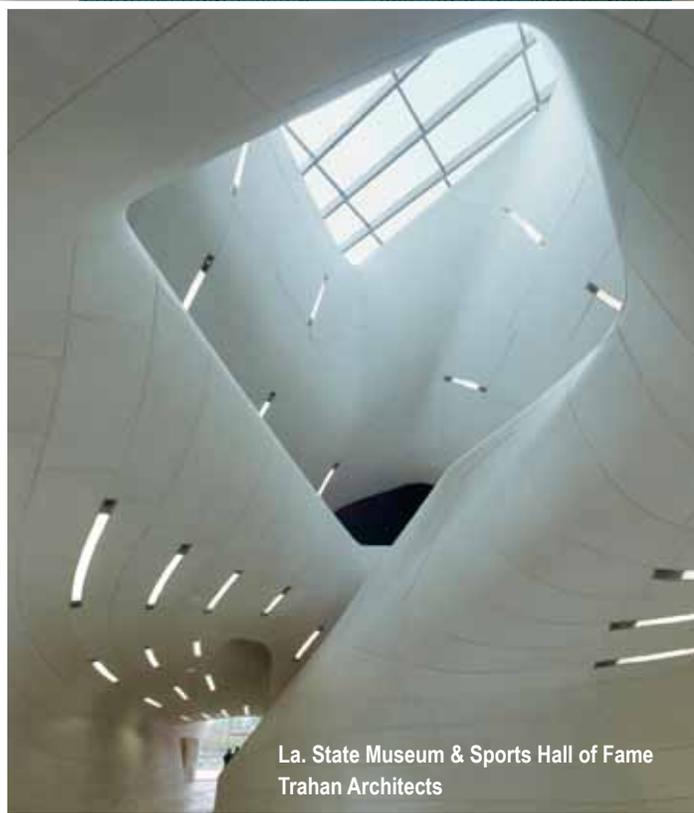
"Each of these programs has impressed our Licensure Task Force with their creativity, commitment to maintaining their NAAB-accreditation, and desire to provide a conduit for students who choose a rigorous path that will enrich both the academic and experience elements of architectural licensure," said NCARB President and LTF Member Dennis S. Ward, NCARB, AIA. "We look forward to coaching these programs, and future program participants, as well as celebrating the licensure of their alumni. Over the next few years we will provide support to our licensing board members as they work to evolve their regulations toward accepting this new licensure path."



The Pond House at Ten Oaks Farm
Holly and Smith Architects



Barbara Greenbaum House
Waggoner & Ball with
Architecture Research Office



La. State Museum & Sports Hall of Fame
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