CONTINUING EDUCATION AUDIT

We are trying to process all continuing education audit letters and/or letters asking for more information or verification. If you were chosen in the random audit, we appreciate you supplying the requested information. If you have not heard from this office since you responded, you will shortly. All the information received was mailed to the Board members for review prior to the last board meeting which was held at the end of March. Once again, I feel the Board was pleased with the audit. Please remember that you are not to renew your license unless you have completed the continuing education requirements. If you do not have the hours by December 31, it is best to wait until you complete the time, although your renewal will be delinquent, you will be within the law.

ARCHITECTURAL SELECTION BOARD

Nominations are open from May 1 through May 31. Official ballots will be mailed around June 20. Please follow the directions in order for your vote to count. Failure to sign your name and license number in the upper left hand corner of the return envelope is one of the main problems. We cannot accept your firm’s logo. We must have a signature and license number. Make sure your vote counts.

LEGISLATION

This year’s session has been very busy. To date, our bill on increasing license fees, which is only a $25.00 increase in your renewal fee for both in state and out of state architects, is pending hearing by the senate. The bill to increase the licensing board by two public members is also pending senate hearing. We were commended by the House Commerce Committee last week in having the foresight in wanting to include a public member’s perspective in assessing the practice of architecture. We will let you know the outcome of the legislation in the next newsletter. Thank you for your support.

“Teeney’s Talk”

RELOCATION OF BOARD OFFICE

Our lease at the present address will expire on December 31 of this year. We are in the process of finding new space or either space which can be renovated. We will notify you of address change and moving date. Once we move in, please feel free to give us a visit.

RULES OF THE BOARD

Yes, updating the rules is a major undertaking, but one in which we will need to address possibly next year.

We still enjoy working for you and are always open to suggestions for improvement. Have a great spring and summer.

Teeney Simmons,
Executive Director

Board Members

Left to right: Edwin Wallace Elberson, Glenn E. Angelle, Raymond Post, Henry V. Stout, & John F. Morton, Jr.
A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD ATTORNEY

by: Paul H. Spahn

DESIGN/BUILD:
The issue of design/build has been discussed in each of the last three newsletters in some detail. You will recall that in the last newsletter the Board requested your thoughts on whether it should sponsor legislation or adopt a rule incorporating the NCARB legislative guidelines on this issue.

After much discussion and consideration of the comments received, the Board decided that it should commence the procedure for adopting a rule concerning design/build. Following this article is the proposed rule.

The language of the proposed rule is identical to the language in NCARB's Legislative Guidelines. In accordance with state law, a Notice of Intent pertaining to this proposed rule was published in the April 20, 2001 issue of The Louisiana Register. State law requires a minimum of ninety (90) days after this initial publication for comments from any interested person. It appears that this proposed rule will be considered for formal adoption at the Board's September 21, 2001 meeting.

The Board recognizes that this is a most difficult issue. If you have any comments, please express same to Teeny as soon as possible and certainly no later than early September. The Board remains very interested in your comments.

EMERITUS ARCHITECTS:
Rule §905.E provides that registrants retired from active practice who have either practiced architecture for thirty (30) years or more or who are 65 of age or older may request emeritus status. A large number of architects have recently requested emeritus status.

The Board believes that there may be some confusion concerning the intent of Rule §905.E. This rule is intended to allow a retired architect who is no longer actively engaged in the practice of architecture to request emeritus status. Some architects apparently believe that they are not engaged in the "active practice" of architecture and are eligible for emeritus status if they do not stamp plans, even though they might otherwise practice architecture. The Board does not agree with this interpretation. If an architect maintains an office, meets with clients, prepares or reviews drawings or specifications, or does any of the other acts that are normally considered the practice of architecture, that architect is not eligible for emeritus status.

As in the past, the Board staff will mail licensing renewal forms to all registered architects in October, 2001. These forms will have several questions which must be answered by any architect requesting emeritus status. The intent of these questions will be to make certain that any architect requesting this status is truly retired from active practice and therefore entitled to emeritus status.

An emeritus architect is exempt from the requirements of continuing education. Rule §1117.B.2. However, if an emeritus architect returns to the active practice of architecture, that emeritus architect is required to acquire the total number of CEH that would have been required if registration had been regularly renewed. Rule §1117.D.5.

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES:
The Board has amended its rules to allow an LLC which satisfies the requirements of an architectural-engineering corporation to practice architecture. The amended rule is published following this article. As mentioned in the last newsletter, the Board concluded that this amendment was required by the Limited Liability Company Law (L. R.S. 12:1301 et seq.) which provides that an LLC "may conduct business for any lawful purpose".

ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERS:
A number of colleges and universities now offer degrees in "Architectural Engineering", which in many states is considered a discipline of engineering similar to civil, mechanical, electrical, structural, etc. May an engineer with a degree in "Architectural Engineering" use that title in Louisiana?

La. R.S. 37:141(B)(3) provides that only a licensed architect may use the title "architect", or any term derived therefrom, to indicate that such person practices or offers to practice architecture, or renders architectural services, or is an architect. Engineers who have obtained the degree entitled "Architectural Engineering" further contend that the phrase "Architectural Engineering" does not represent to the public that he or she is an architect, or renders architectural services. Such engineers further contend that they are entitled to represent to prospective clients that they have such a degree and that they are entitled to include the words "Architectural Engineering" in their firm title. Legal proceedings have recently been instituted against the Board to allow a firm of engineers with degrees in "Architectural Engineering" to use that title in their firm name.

Following this article is a proposed rule pertaining to this issue. If you have any comments, please provide same to Teeny. This proposed rule will probably be considered for adoption at the Board's September 21, 2001 meeting.

RECENT DISCIPLINARY ACTION:
The Board recently received a complaint that an out-of-state architectural firm and two of its principals had practiced architecture in Louisiana without certificates of registration or licenses from the Board. Upon investigation, the Board found that this firm had performed information gathering and prepared a concept Master Plan program that would provide a guideline to a country club for possible future projects. The specific services performed included a membership survey, a concept design phase, an MEP/systems assessment, and a resultant cost estimate. The firm had discussed its licensure status with the country club and informed them that it would need to obtain a Louisiana license if it was engaged for further services. Toward that end, one of its principals had completed a Louisiana application which he was ready to send to NCARB, and in which this representative held certification, in the event the firm was engaged to perform further services.

The Board found that the firm and its principals did not intend to violate the Louisiana Licensing Law, but that the firm had unintentionally done so. To resolve the matter, the Board and the firm agreed to a fine in the sum of $2,500.00, which has been paid.

§1121. INTERPRETATION OF LA. R.S. 37:141(B)(3); DESIGN/BUILD:
A partnership or corporation offering a combination of architectural services together with construction services may offer to render architectural services only if (1) an architect registered in this state or otherwise permitted to offer architectural services participates substantially in all material aspects of the offering, (2) there is written disclosure at the time of the offering that such architect is engaged by and contractually responsible to such partnership or corporation, (3) such partnership or corporation agrees that such architect will have responsible control of the architectural work and that such architect’s services will not be terminated prior to the completion of the project without the consent of the person engaging the partnership or corporation, and (4) the rendering of architectural services by such architect will conform to the provisions of the architectural registration law and the rules adopted thereunder.

§ 1506. LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES:
A. The practice of architecture by limited liability companies is only permissible when lawfully constituted under the laws pertaining to limited liability companies, R.S. 12:1301, et seq.

B. No person, firm, partnership, corporation, or group of persons shall solicit, offer, execute, or perform architectural services in this state as a limited liability company without first receiving a certificate from the board authorizing the limited liability company to do so.

C. A limited liability company soliciting, offering, contracting to perform, or performing the practice of architecture shall be subject to the discipline of the board and to its authority to adopt rules and regulations governing the practice of architecture.

D. Any person seeking to practice architecture as a limited liability company shall on an annual basis file with the board a request for licensure and registration, stating the name of the proposed limited liability company and designating therein the supervising
professional architect who shall perform all professional architectural services or who shall directly supervise the performance of all architectural services by said limited liability company. The applicant is required to complete said application fully and return same to the executive director. Upon receipt of such application and the fee, the board shall promptly either approve said application and certify the limited liability company as authorized to practice architecture or disapprove said application advising the applicant of the reasons therefor.

E. Only those persons who are presently licensed by the board pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 37:141 through R.S. 37:158, who are in compliance with said provisions, who are full-time active employees of the limited liability company, and whose primary occupation is with that limited liability company may be designated as supervising professional architects.

F. The limited liability company shall authorize the registered supervising professional architect to appear for and act on behalf of the limited liability company in connection with the execution and performance of all contracts to provide architectural services.

G. In the event that such registered supervising professional architect ceases being a full-time active employee of the limited liability company or no longer employed by the limited liability company on a primary basis, the authority of the limited liability company to practice architecture is suspended until such time as the limited liability company designates another supervising professional architect pursuant to §1505.D above.

H. The designated supervising professional architect will be responsible to this board for all acts and conduct of such limited liability company.

I. It will be the responsibility of the supervising professional architect to advise the board of any organizational change that would relate to the authority granted under this rule. Failure to do so could result in disciplinary action, including suspension, revocation, or rescission of the license of the supervising professional architect.

$1123. Interpretation of La. R.S. 37:145; architectural engineers

A registered professional engineer who has a degree entitled Architectural Engineering from a public or private college or university accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology to offer such a degree may use the title "Architectural Engineer." A corporation, partnership, limited liability company, or group may include the title "Architectural Engineer" in its firm name, provided an owner, partner, or principal of that firm is a registered professional engineer who has such a degree from a public or private college or university so accredited.

This interpretation limits the use of the words "Architectural Engineer" to the descriptive title only. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to authorize or allow such an individual or firm to practice architecture in this state.

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NCARB UNVEILS PRIZE PROGRAM

The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) announces its inaugural NCARB Prize for Creative Integration of Practice and Education in the Academy. Under the leadership of Peter Steffian, FAIA, current President of NCARB, the Council will recognize those academic programs that best emphasize the continuum between practice and education. A total of six cash prizes will be presented: five prizes of $7,500 and a grand prize of $25,000. Honorable mentions may also be named at the discretion of the NCARB prize jury.

Architecture schools with degree programs accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board are invited to submit established projects, completed or in progress by the end of the Fall 2001 semester, that demonstrate creative initiatives to bring together the academy and the profession within the studio curriculum. Acceptable work may include comprehensive studio projects, community design charrettes, and other joint venues for practitioner, faculty and student interaction. Practice areas serve as the basis for the prize and may include, but are not limited to, the following: leadership, ethical, social, economic, political and legal aspects; public benefit; project development; practice management; issues of infrastructure/context; allied/affiliate professionals; and building systems.

Recipients of the six cash prizes will be named during NCARB’s Annual Meeting and Conference in Boston, Massachusetts in June, 2002. A jury comprising the five members of the NCARB Practice-Education Task Force, as well as one dean from a school located in each of the six NCARB Regions, will be identified prior to the commencement of the fall 2001 Semester. The participating deans will be selected by NCARB’s regional leadership.

Entry packets will be mailed beginning April 20, 2001. Submissions should include a one page abstract, a maximum of seven pages describing the program, and one or two 30" x 30" boards for visual presentations. A sealed envelope containing the names of all participants, including the respective school and practitioner(s) for each(s), and a statement signed by the dean verifying the information will accompany the program materials. All materials must be received in NCARB’s Washington, D.C. office by February 1, 2002.

For more information concerning the NCARB Prize, contact Michiel M. Bourdrez, AIA, Director, Professional Services at (202) 879-0533 or by e-mail at mbourdrez@ncarb.org.
Two years ago there was an IDP summit in Kentucky. The summit was intended to bring representative architects, educators, interns and other relevant groups together and evaluate the experience of internship for architecture graduates in the United States and Canada. The convening of this diverse group was, in part, the result of the Boyer Report which was a sweeping independent study of architectural academy and practice. From the intern summit, several objectives were defined. The five collateral organizations: The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, The American Institute of Architects, The American Institute of Architecture Students, The Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture and The National Architectural Accrediting Board, appointed representatives to the Collateral Internship Task Force (CITF). The task force’s charge was to “review the summit objectives and develop implementation strategies.” Out of deliberations of that task force came nine goals, objectives and implementation strategies.

The CITF reviewed the objectives defined at the internship summit and created a model framework for “improving the professional development transition between education and practice.” The following is an excerpt from the task force report:

“The profession should aspire to the highest levels of intellectual, creative, technical, ethical, social, cultural and leadership skills and values. To this end, there must be recognition, by both educators and practitioners, of their shared roles in providing appropriate experiences for students and young professionals. Similarly, the five architectural collateral organizations must continue to work together, coordinating efforts and resources, to implement the recommendations of this report, to effect positive change.”

Elaboration of their nine objectives and strategies is beyond the scope of this article. There are several ideals, the task force declared, “that are pervasive to each organization to ensure that the enhancement of the profession is achieved.” The report goes on to enumerate and describe the specific points and recommendations as well as the organizations that, in the task force’s opinion, are “best positioned to implement specific strategies.”

One of the more apparent controversial items in the report is the final one dealing with recognition of architecture graduates for their knowledge and abilities. It seems that for the past several years, there has been growing discontent on the part of architectural graduates over the term “intern” to describe aspiring architects. The task force believes that “appropriate titling, responsibility, and compensation should reflect an individual’s stage of achievement.” The “titling” aspect is likely to draw the most opposition. “Intern” is distasteful to the graduates. They seem to feel it demeaning. They want to be called “architects” once they have achieved their degree. Currently, this would be a violation of most jurisdictions’ licensing laws. But, if this term is applied to all professional degree recipients, what happens if they pursue another career course which seems to occur more often than not and does the public really know the difference anyway?

The IDP Coordinating Committee has briefly reviewed the report. The committee, which is also composed of representatives of the five collateral organizations, decided to take no action or make any recommendations related to the task force report. A copy of the report can be obtained from IDP State Coordinators or AIA.

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**KITCHEN HOODS AND DUCTS**

By: Henry C. Reed, Sr.

It seems like hardly a week goes by without news of another kitchen hood fire. In response to this increased fire risk, the State Fire Marshal will increase Plan Review’s attention on obtaining and reviewing specific construction details for the installation of kitchen hood and duct installations. If a project is submitted to this office that contains a kitchen, the review staff will closely scrutinize the construction details of the hood and duct. The submittal must provide sufficient information to the contractor for the proper installation of the kitchen hood and duct. NFPA 96 contains the specific requirements that will be used by this office to verify compliance. It appears that most projects are omitting these necessary details. Do not be surprised if you receive a request for additional construction details.

**ENERGY CONSERVATION**

Due to the low voluntary compliance rate (+/- 50%) during the last fiscal year, projects submitted for review without the required energy conservation documentation will be issued not in compliance letters. Additionally, copies of the drawings will be held for review by the architect’s and engineer’s licensing boards. This will apply to all projects received after December 31, 2000.

**HANDICAP ACCESSIBILITY**

Please note that handicap parking spaces and their associated aisles must be constructed with a maximum slope of 1:50 and that curb ramps are not permitted to extend into the require handicap parking aisle space. The inspectors have informed Plan Review that this is a persistent problem. Particular attention should be given this particular detail in the construction documents and during site visits.

**SCHEDULED INSPECTIONS**

Inspectors have reported that final inspections are often scheduled when the projects are not complete and, in fact, are not ready for final inspection. Fire Marshal Inspectors are not available to prepare your punch list and will not perform an inspection without the stamped review package. The inspectors would also prefer to have the Architect present for all scheduled inspections to facilitate an accurate explanation of violations that will require your personal attention. After all, the contractor can only deviate from your construction documents when authorized to do so by you, the Professional of Record.
The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards recently published Sustainable Design, the newest title in the Professional Development Program’s monograph series. Sustainable Design offers a comprehensive though accessible introduction to this timely topic. Defining sustainable (or green) design is an ongoing process; however, the concept recognizes connections between and among natural, social, and economic factors when designing a project.

For information, or to order a monograph from NCARB’s Professional Development Program, contact the Council at (202) 783-6500. Or visit NCARB’s web site at www.ncarb.org/publications.
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