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Continuing Education

In August 2004, a small number of architects were selected randomly by computer for a continuing education compliance audit. We sent memos to each architect requesting submittal of documentation proving the required 12 hours (of which, eight hours should be related to health, safety and welfare) had been obtained during the appropriate time period and the activities met board requirements.

RESULTS

Most architects promptly submitted acceptable documentation. We extend our thanks to them for their quick response.

Of the group audited, five architects submitted insufficient documentation, or obtained the continuing education after signing the renewal form, or obtained no continuing education at all.

They were issued an Order to Cease and Desist from practicing architecture in S.C. until they comply with the requirements. See Disciplinary Actions for more information.



Tips for the Upcoming Renewals

· If you have not actually completed the required 12 hours, do not sign the renewal form affirming that you have done so. If you sign the renewal form affirming that you have completed 12 hours, when in fact you have not, you may be sanctioned by the board. (Please refer to Section 40-1-110(1)(a). Please complete the hours and then renew your license, even if you do it after the June 30 deadline and have to renew late.

· Review the renewal form for correct answers to all questions prior to signing it.

· If you renew online, you may do it as late as June 30 without paying a late fee, giving yourself extra time for getting continuing education.

Other Continuing Education Opportunities

In an ongoing effort to provide quality continuing education opportunities, the board will participate as a sponsor of three continuing education activities in S.C. in June along with other state agencies and the S.C. Chapter of the AIA. These day-long seminars will offer participants 6.5 hours of AIA-approved continuing education in health/safety/welfare and will include topics such as Special Inspections, Indoor Air Quality (mold), ADA, LEED and Concrete, and Code Footprint. The seminars will be held in Greenville on June 2, in Charleston on June 9, and in Columbia on June 16. Brochures will be mailed to in-state residents and some architects in bordering locales. Registration is \$50 per person and includes a box lunch.

Last Printed Edition!

This edition of *S.C. Architect* is the final one that will be printed. Future editions will be available on our Web site at www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Architects/

Please check the site regularly to keep up-to-date with Architectural Examiners' news.

Looking for a CE Resource Rich in Health, Safety, and Welfare? Check Out NCARB's Newest Monograph, *Building Envelope*!

Washington, DC —The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards is pleased to announce the recent publication of *Building Envelope*, the sixteenth title in its health, safety, and welfare-enriched monograph series. Written by Randall Stout, FAIA, CCIDC, and Michael Garrison, SBSE, IALD, *Building Envelope* explores the outer walls and roofs that give shape to habitable structures. The monograph also looks at how the evolution of information technology has positively influenced the design and construction of building envelopes—so much so that architects regularly experiment with unusual materials, forms, and functions. Divided into seven chapters, *Building Envelope* covers such topics as types of envelopes, concepts associated with envelopes, and related construction systems and material selection. The authors, both of whom have significant experience in sustainable practices, also investigate the advanced energy strategies now associated with envelope performance. A final chapter reviews the complexities and challenges of working with computer-generated envelopes. Two case studies and several sidebars augment the main text. Appendices include a detailed listing of resources and a comprehensive bibliography. *Building Envelope* sells for \$135 (current NCARB Record holders) and \$215 (all other purchasers). Those successfully completing the *BE* quiz will earn 10 professional development units in health, safety, and welfare. All monograph quizzes may now be taken online through the NCARB web site—an added convenience that eliminates processing time and provides test takers with immediate results. A printable certificate of completion is supplied to all who pass the quiz. NCARB also reports all successfully earned continuing education units to the AIA.

The NCARB monograph series was created in 1993 in order to address the increasing need for continuing education and professional development verification focusing on health, safety, and welfare issues. In addition to *Building Envelope*, the following titles are currently available: *Cracking the Codes*, *Design Within a Community Context*, *Energy-ConS.C.iuous Architecture*, *Fire Safety in Buildings*, *Getting to Smart Growth*, *Improving Building Performance*, *Indoor Environment*, *Low-Slope Roofing I*, the award-winning *Low-Slope Roofing II*, *Professional Conduct*, *Seismic Mitigation*, *Subsurface Conditions*, *Sustainable Design*, *Why Buildings Fail*, and *Wind Forces*.



The Council's next monograph will explore the effects and mitigation of mold in building design. NCARB monographs are a portable and economical professional development resource that investigate subject matter of interest to practicing architects and allied design professionals. All U.S. jurisdictions accept PDP monographs for compliance with state continuing education/professional development requirements. To order an NCARB monograph, visit the Council web site at www.ncarb.org/publications.

National "ROLLING CLOCK" for the ARE



Most of you know that the majority of state boards approved a national "rolling clock" standard for the ARE to be implemented on Jan.1, 2006. After that date, candidates for the ARE must pass the nine-division exam within **five** years or begin losing credits on a rolling basis.

Current S.C. law allows candidates **four** years to pass the ARE. To address this discrepancy and to allow S.C. candidates the same opportunity to pass the ARE as their peers nationwide, the board supports pending legislation, S.C. Senate bill 660, to change the current four-year restriction to a "time period prescribed by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB)." We hope for passage of the bill this session. However, if it does not become law this year, we will correspond directly with each S.C. candidate regarding his/her ARE status.

Code Footprint



Last Fall, we solicited your input on use of a Code Footprint. We received over 150 replies! Thanks to all of you who took time to share your thoughts and concerns with us. The majority of you who responded supported the concept of the Code Footprint, but you expressed concerns about duplication of effort, cost, potential for discrepancies between the Footprint and the design documents, and the extensive list of items included. The same request is being sent to S.C. resident engineers for their feedback.

The Board of Architecture does not intend to initiate legislation that would require the Code Footprint to be submitted along with design documents. The board sought feedback from you as a means of exploring a means of further protection of public health, safety and welfare. Such a Code Footprint would be an invaluable resource to owners, subsequent occupants, fire officials, building officials, and design professionals who might alter the building in the future.

As you know, there are several state agencies that function as permitting authorities in S.C. in addition to the counties and municipalities. They have the authority to require the Code Footprint—or some version of it—with submittals to their office. Please check with the permitting authority when you have a project in S.C. to determine if a Code Footprint is required for plans review and permitting.

Disciplinary Actions

James C. Stewart Jr., Norcross, Ga., who is not currently licensed in S.C., entered into an Consent Agreement with the board for an out of state violation. Sanction imposed was a public reprimand

Thomas Incze, Registered Architect, Charlotte, N.C., entered into a Consent Agreement with the board. Incze admitted that his firm, ABL Architecture and Design, practiced architecture in S.C. without a current license. Sanctions imposed were a public reprimand, \$2,000 fine and immediate firm licensure.

Harold E. Langbehn, Jr., Pendleton, S.C. His license remains suspended.

Charles D. Harker, Philadelphia, Pa., entered into a Consent Agreement with the board for falsifying his individual renewal form for 2004-2005 by claiming he had completed 12 hours of continuing education. Sanctions imposed were a public reprimand, \$2,000 fine and documentation showing all continuing education deficiencies have been corrected and satisfied. His license will remain inactive until he has complied with the terms of the Agreement.

John K. Wolff, entered into a Consent Agreement with the board for falsifying his individual renewal form for 2003-2004 by claiming he had completed 12 hours of continuing education. Sanctions imposed were a public reprimand, \$500 fine and documentation showing all continuing education deficiencies have been corrected and satisfied. His license will remain inactive until he has complied with the terms of the Agreement.

Joseph Perry, Atlanta, Ga., entered into a Consent Agreement with the board for falsifying his individual renewal form for 2004-2005 by claiming he had completed 12 hours of continuing education. Sanctions imposed were a public reprimand, \$2,000 fine and

documentation showing all continuing education deficiencies have been corrected and satisfied. His license will remain inactive until he has complied with the terms of the Agreement.

Edward L. Eichman, Jr., Charlottesville, Va., entered into a Consent Agreement with the board for falsifying his individual renewal form for 2004-2005 by claiming he had completed 12 hours of continuing education. Sanctions imposed were a public reprimand, \$2,000 fine and documentation showing all continuing education deficiencies have been corrected and satisfied. His license will remain inactive until he has complied with the terms of the Agreement.

Jack P. Hill, Charlotte, N.C., entered into a Consent Agreement with the board for falsifying his individual renewal form for 2004-2005 by claiming he had completed 12 hours of continuing education. Sanctions imposed were a public reprimand, \$1500 fine and documentation showing all continuing education deficiencies have been corrected and satisfied. Hill has complied with the terms of the Agreement and his license has been reactivated.

Terry E. Dalton, Charlotte, N.C., entered into a Consent Agreement with the board for falsifying his individual renewal form for 2004-2005 by claiming he had completed 12 hours of continuing education. Sanctions imposed were a public reprimand, \$1000 fine and documentation showing all continuing education deficiencies have been corrected and satisfied. Dalton has complied with the terms of the Agreement and his license has been reactivated.

The board issued three letters of caution for various infractions including violations that occurred in other jurisdictions, registration violations, and holding out as an architect.

Applications Available on the Web

You can now download board applications and instructions on the web. These forms can be accessed at www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Architects/. Click on “Applications/Forms” then click on “Forms and Applications.” If you have any questions regarding these forms, please contact Alice Richardson, Licensing Coordinator.

Sealing Consultant Plans

The Board is considering a policy related to architects sealing consultants’ plans. At the May 2005 Board meeting, they will consider revisions to the draft policy. Once approved, we will post the policy on the board’s web site.

Moving? Be Sure and Notify the Board

A change of address form can be downloaded from the web at www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Architects/. These changes can be mailed, faxed or e-mailed to the board office. Be sure to type or neatly print changes so that they may be entered into the database correctly. The board cannot accept address changes over the telephone. Please forward address changes to the attention of Alice Richardson, Licensing Coordinator, or e-mail changes to Richardsona@llr.sc.gov

Architects and Architectural Firms Listed on the Web

Architects and architectural firms currently licensed in S.C. are listed on the Web site under Licensee Lookup. You can use this lookup to make sure that your licenses are up-to-date. This site is updated daily.

The Web site address is www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Architects/

Look under licensee lookup. If you believe a firm or individual was recently licensed but you are unable to locate them on this site, please e-mail us at Richardsona@llr.sc.gov or call us at 803-896-4408.

2005 Board Meeting Dates

May 4, 2005
Sept. 7, 2005
Nov. 15, 2005

The board office will be closed for the following state holidays:

- Mon., May 10, 2005
- Mon., May 30, 2005
- Mon., July 4, 2005
- Mon., Sept. 5, 2005
- Thurs., Nov. 11, 2005
- Thurs., Nov. 24, 2005
- Fri., Nov. 25, 2005
- Mon., Dec. 26, 2005
- Tues., Dec. 27, 2005

Inactive Architectural Firms In and Out of State

Certificates of Authorization for firms to practice architecture in S.C. expired Dec. 31, 2004. In some instances, a successor firm replaced the firm listed below; in other instances, the firm ceased to provide architectural services in S.C. This listing is current as of April 2005.

Firms listed here may have renewed the license since this newsletter was printed. If you would like to verify that a firm or individual has a current license, please access “Licensee Lookup” on the board’s Web site: www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/architects/.

Download full list at www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/architects/list.htm

Individual Renewals

Your South Carolina individual license will expire on JUNE 30, 2005. We will mail you a renewal notice in early May 2005. The renewal notice will include your user id and individual password as well as instructions for renewing online. YOU MAY EITHER COMPLETE THE FORM AND MAIL IT BACK TO US, OR YOU MAY RENEW ONLINE. The processing fee for online renewals is only \$1.25.

If you do not receive your renewal notice by June 1, please contact us.

Whether you renew online or by completing the form, there are questions you must answer. Please read them carefully and answer them truthfully. You are solely responsible for your answers to these questions. Even if someone else completes the form for you—on paper or

Emeritus Architect

What are the qualifications? You must be at least 65 years old, you must have been licensed as an architect for ten consecutive years in any jurisdiction, and you must be retired from active practice. “Retired from active practice” means “not engaging or offering to engage in the practice of architecture” as defined in Section 40-3-20 of the Architectural Registration Laws.

As an Emeritus Architect, you cannot consult, you cannot serve as expert witness, you cannot advise clients, design, or perform any work that could be defined as architecture.

If you are interested in becoming an Emeritus Architect, you may make that change on the renewal form

electronically—you are solely responsible for the information provided.

You are not eligible to renew your license until you have obtained the required 12 hours of continuing education. DO NOT sign and submit the renewal form UNTIL you have actually attended or completed the event. Planning to attend an activity prior to June 30 is unacceptable. Of the 12 hours, at least eight hours must be in technical and professional architectural subjects related to safeguarding life, health, property, and promoting the public welfare. A maximum of four continuing education hours may consist of elective topics related to any other area in the practice of architecture. Of course, all 12 hours may be in health/safety/welfare topics. For more information on continuing education, visit www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Architects/.

or you may contact us. If you know someone who qualifies but who is not currently licensed (and therefore will not receive this newsletter), please alert him or her. When you become an Emeritus architect, you will retain the same South Carolina license number, you will receive all publications and notices, and you may use the title “Emeritus Architect.”

There is a place on the renewal form to check if you want to change from active status to Emeritus status. The annual fee for in-state Emeritus architects is \$30; for out-of-state Emeritus architects, the fee is \$40. You are NOT required to obtain continuing education to change to Emeritus status or to retain your Emeritus status.

We will send you a letter acknowledging your status, but we will not send you a “license.”

Board Policy Regarding Specialty Systems

The South Carolina Board of Architectural Examiners has adopted the following policy regarding ‘specialty system’ drawings and/or specifications prepared by suppliers, vendors, subcontractors, or others when bound as a part of bid or contract documents.

Examples of ‘specialty systems’ include, but are not limited to, the following:

- food service
- acoustical systems
- auditorium or stadium seating
- science equipment
- stage performance equipment
- wiring schematics
- control diagrams
- fire/smoke seals

Policy

Architects shall not seal ‘specialty system’ drawings and/or specifications which are not prepared under their direct supervision and review (Regulation 11-12.D.1). To do so constitutes a violation of the South Carolina Board of

Architectural Examiners Regulation 11-11 (B), Seals.

Drawings and/or specifications for ‘specialty systems’ may be included as a part of the bid or contract documents provided that the following conditions are adhered to:

- Documents shall bear originators’ firm name, address, date, and title block.
- Technical ‘specialty system’ designs which require the seal of a South Carolina registered engineer shall bear such seals.
- ‘Specialty Systems’ documents shall be listed in the project Drawing Index and/or Table of Contents under a heading or subscript clearly indicating that they were not prepared under the supervision of the ‘design professional in responsible charge’.
- Information contained in the ‘specialty system’ documents shall have been reviewed by the ‘design professional in responsible charge’ who shall verify that the specialty system is appropriate for the use intended and meets all applicable code requirements.

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Newly Registered Architects

Congratulations to the following individuals who recently passed the Architect Registration Examination:

- Steven V. Booth, Charleston
- Joshua M. Caplea, Charleston
- Michael S. Edwards, Charleston
- William E. Hereford, III, Florence
- Ansley H. Manuel, Ridgeland
- Daniel H. Marchant, III, Charleston
- Charles A. Riley, III, Columbia
- Benjamin S. Whitener, Charlotte, N.C.
- Nicholas S. Winter, Charleston