

STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 16, 2007

Suite 111, 110 Centerview Drive

Columbia, SC

The State Board of Architectural Examiners convened January 16, 2007, in Columbia, South Carolina. Chairman W. Barry Jenkins called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. The following persons attended the meeting:

W. Barry Jenkins	Chairman
Jose Caban	Vice-Chair
Stokes Browning	Secretary
Dennis S. Ward	Member
Stephen Russell	Member
Tom Johnson	Member
Jan B. Simpson	Administrator
Todd Bond	Investigator
Sharon Dantzler, Esq.	LLR Advice Counsel

Administrator Simpson stated the **public notice** of the meeting was properly posted at the Board office and provided to organizations and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the S.C. Freedom of Information Act. A quorum was present at all times.

Minutes: Motion by Russell, Second by Caban: To accept the **Minutes** of the November 16, 2006, meeting. Motion carried.

Violations Report:

Motion by Ward, Second by Johnson: To accept the IRC recommendations on the following cases. Motion carried.

Case No.	Action
2006-38	Cease and Desist
2006-39	Cease and Desist

The following case was reviewed by the IRC and will go forward with issuance of a Formal Complaint.

Case No. 2006-37

Exam Candidates – Motion by Browning, second by Russell: To approve the following persons to begin taking the Architect Registration Examination. Motion carried.

John Powell
Amanda Jackson
Jerry Traino
Ashley Moss
Luke McCary

Precision Design – Request for clarification - The Board received a request for clarification regarding “full-time employment,” whether a part-time or contract employee may be a firm’s architect in responsible charge, and ownership of architectural firms from Robby Wilson of Precision Design. Motion by Johnson, Second by Caban: Once the company has an architect who is registered with this Board and employed at the firm’s primary or branch office, the firm should apply for licensure. Motion carried.

Construction Administration/Legislative Changes- There was extended discussion regarding the hazards and potential negative impact of not requiring Construction Administration services to be provided by licensed architects as well as changes that need to be made in updating the current Board Laws and Regulations. Motion by Browning, second by Ward: To appoint a committee to draft proposed changes that will be presented at the March meeting for review by the Board. Members Russell and Browning will serve on the committee. The Board was asked to e-mail proposed changes directly to the committee.

Executive Session

Motion by Browning, Second by Russell: To go into Executive Session to discuss legal issues.

Motion by Browning, Second by Russell: To come out of Executive Session.

Application Hearings

Gerald Rumplick: Application Hearing continued from November 2006. After reviewing Mr. Rumplick’s NCARB BEA dossier and after additional testimony from Mr. Rumplick, the Board made the following Motion; Motion by Caban, Second by Ward: That applicant must cease and desist from all practice of architecture in this state until properly licensed. The applicants application for licensure to practice architecture in this State may be granted on or after April 15, 2007, upon the payment of a civil penalty in the amount of three thousand (\$3000.00) dollars. Motion carried.

Motion by Ward, Second by Browning. To forward a copy of the hearing transcript to the Office of Investigation for further investigating regarding the possibility of plan stamping. Motion carried.

John Haley: Motion by Jenkins, Second by Ward: To approve the licensure application submitted by John Haley. Motion carried.

Both Hearings were recorded by a Court Reporter.

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Inquiry- Clay Wine – The Board reviewed an inquiry from Clay Wine regarding use of “design” by non-architects. Administrator Simpson had written Mr. Wine prior to the meeting regarding the same issue. Motion by Johnson, Second by Browning: To concur with the letter written by the Administrator stating that the Board has no authority to enforce the use of the word “design.” Only the word “architect” and derivatives are protected terms under the Architecture Registration Law, specifically Section 40-3-30. Motion by Ward, Second by Caban: To have Chairman Jenkins cosign the letter on behalf of the Board. Motions carried. Member Russell recused himself from the vote.

NCARB Region 3 State Travel Account Authorization Form. Motion by Browning, Second by Russell, to approve the Chair and Vice-Chair to sign the NCARB Region 3 State Travel Account Authorization Form. This account is used when reimbursing members from funds held by Region 3 for travel to regional and national meetings. Motion Carried.

Budget Report: The Board accepted as information the budget report for the period ending November 30, 2006.

Administrator’s Report:

License Statistics

Architects	In-state	997
	Emeritus	52
	Out of State	2639
Total:		3688
Firms		1185

AIA’s Emerging Professional Committee

The Committee will hold two Professional Development Academies at LLR this year in the large training room. Chairman Jenkins and Administrator Simpson continue to serve on the Committee as time allows.

Sequencing

There is increasing pressure to approve interns to begin taking the ARE prior to completion of IDP. The Impediments Task Force is studying the issue.

Florida Board Response to Continuing Education Issue - The Resolution adopted by the Board at the November Meeting was mailed to approximately 198 Florida registrants. The Board accepted this as information.

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The Board office has changed responsibilities for a Board of Engineers/Surveyors position that recently became vacant to include processing all non-routine applications for both boards. These new duties will include Application Hearings, Cease and Desist Orders, and Consent Agreements that might arise from these non-routine applications. The new staff member will also be responsible for legislation for both boards, posting final disciplinary actions to the Web site and reporting same to NCARB's and NCEES's disciplinary database.

{End of Administrator's Report}

2007 Joint Regional Meeting – Orlando, Florida – Members Jenkins, Ward and Russell and Administrator Simpson will attend the meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

The members expressed an interest in obtaining laptops to use for Board-related business and at board meeting. The board meeting packets could be e-mailed to members and the laptops could be used at all meetings of the Board, reducing copying and mailing costs.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

V. Stokes Browning
Secretary