

OHIO ARCHITECT



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NCARB HONORS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

William N. Wilcox, Executive Director of the Ohio Board of Examiners of Architects was the recipient of one of four Presidential Medals awarded during the 1996 NCARB Annual Meeting and Conference. In the presentation made by Richard Quinn, President of the Council, he cited how Bill had broadened the understanding between architecture and other design professions, expanded the knowledge of potential architects by lecturing at schools and universities, AIA state conventions and conducting building design and site design seminars across the state. He said Bill has served as an excellent spokesperson for the profession of architecture in his state and the Ohio Board and has earned the respect of his peers.

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New Board Member

Governor Voinovich has appointed Joseph E. Vetter of Toledo to a five-year term on the board, succeeding Robert E. Martin. Joe is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati, College of Design, Architecture, Art and Planning. He is the President of Vetter Design Group in Toledo. Joe and his wife have two children. He is a past president of AIA Toledo and AIA Ohio. Bob Martin served the Board for ten years and was active in many NCARB activities on both the regional and national levels.

THE COMPUTER A.R.E. - IT'S HERE!!

An era ended in June as the Board and candidates celebrated the last of the paper and pencil exams. Beginning in late February of 1997 the computer exam will become the single method by which candidates will be tested. The Board will be sending a list of all active candidates and newly approved candidates to The Chauncey Group in November. The Chauncey Group has been awarded the contract through NCARB to administer the exams. Ten testing sites have been established in Ohio but candidates may test at any testing center in the U.S. or Canada. Testing will be by appointment and

candidates may select the divisions of the exam they wish to take at any particular time. Grades will be reported to the Board and the Board will report the grades to the candidates.

Applications for registration by examination will continue to be made directly to the Board. Any questions concerning applications should be directed to the Board office.

EXAM RESULTS

In June 1996, the Board administered the ARE to 301 candidates. Of these candidates, 163 new architects were registered. The 301 candidates sat for 1,114 exam divisions of which 625 divisions were passed for an overall passing rate of 56%. Seventy-four candidates received their registration.

The following chart compares the passing rate of Ohio candidates with the passing rate for our NCARB Region (Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, Illinois, Kentucky, Minnesota, Michigan, Missouri and Wisconsin) and with the passing rate of all jurisdictions administering the exam, including all of the United States, most of Canada, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Guam, Bermuda and the Northern Marianas.

<u>Division</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>All Jurisdictions</u>
A - Pre-Design	50%	54%	53%
B - Site Design (Written)	73%	76%	68%
B - Site Design (Graphic)	48%	54%	49%
C - Building Design	31%	30%	29%
D/F - Structures-General	70%	65%	62%
E - Structures-Lateral Forces	55%	61%	60%
G - Mech, Plumbing & Elec.	57%	62%	57%
H - Materials & Methods	73%	69%	58%
I - Construction Documents	74%	70%	64%

REGISTRATION GUIDELINES

The Board has released a new publication entitled "Registration Guidelines" which is available through the Board office. The *Guidelines* tracks registration requirements under the current syllabus, the syllabus in effect prior to 1994, reciprocal registration, registration by eminence, firm authorization and includes fee information. Anyone with specific questions is always urged to call the office.

NCARB ON THE INTERNET

The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) has opened a site on the internet offering instant access to information on architectural examination, registration and certification. The site is located at <http://www.ncarb.org>. The web site offers information for anyone interested in registration or certification and offers interactive forms to request information on line. There is a listing of the NCARB member boards with links to their sites as available. Many other documents are also available including position papers on interior designer registration, difference between architecture and engineering and plan-stamping. Other areas are under development.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Many calls have been received concerning Ohio's requirements for continuing education as a requisite for license renewal. Continuing education is not required for architects in Ohio. There is no indication that it will become a requirement in the near future. Continuing education is required in a few states and is required for AIA membership. NCARB has published several monographs which are acceptable for continuing education credit by most, if not all, agencies requiring continuing education. These are excellent materials whether needed for credit or just for one's own edification.

NEW REGISTRANTS

Following the administration of the ARE in June 1996, the Board issued registration to the following candidates who passed all divisions of the exam and otherwise met all the requirements of education and experience:

Cert. No. 11480 Abucar Yusuf Columbus, OH	Cert. No. 11490 Michael L. Cornette Cincinnati, OH	Cert. No. 11500 Rick L. Graber Archbold, OH	Cert. No. 11510 Dinah M. Klamert Valley View, OH
Cert. No. 11481 Douglas J. Amend Cincinnati, OH	Cert. No. 11491 Mark T. Costello Cincinnati, OH	Cert. No. 11501 Kevin W. Harney Nashville, TN	Cert. No. 11511 David A. Koppelman Riga, MI
Cert. No. 11482 Michelle L. Avery Cincinnati, OH	Cert. No. 11492 Julie M. Criscione Cleveland Hts., OH	Cert. No. 11502 David F. Helmers Kettering, OH	Cert. No. 11512 Victor P. Krevinko Berea, OH
Cert. No. 11483 Dean L. Baumgartner Cleveland Hts., OH	Cert. No. 11493 Bradley L. C. Curtis Columbus, OH	Cert. No. 11503 Bradley C. Horst Somerville, MA	Cert. No. 11513 Pradnya W. Martz Oberlin, OH
Cert. No. 11484 Karen T. Borland Lakeland, OH	Cert. No. 11494 Timothy H. Donoghue Columbus, OH	Cert. No. 11504 Robert A. Jarc Columbus, OH	Cert. No. 11514 Christopher F. Mierke S Euclid, OH
Cert. No. 11485 Philip M. Bourizk Reynoldsburg, OH	Cert. No. 11495 David E. Ferguson Scott Depot, WV	Cert. No. 11505 Keith M. Jasinski Columbus, OH	Cert. No. 11515 Kyle E. Miller Marietta, OH
Cert. No. 11486 Robert D. Bowman Sarasota, FL	Cert. No. 11496 Jeffery G. Ford Dayton, OH	Cert. No. 11506 James D. Kaiser Cincinnati, OH	Cert. No. 11516 Todd A. Miller Sandy, OR
Cert. No. 11487 Jerrold B. Bradley Hillsboro, OH	Cert. No. 11497 Nathan W. Fuchs Ithaca, NY	Cert. No. 11507 Kathleen A. Kelly Columbus, OH	Cert. No. 11517 Lamees S. Mubaslat Miamisburg, OH
Cert. No. 11488 Nadia M. Butcher Cincinnati, OH	Cert. No. 11498 Joye K. Goblirsch Ann Arbor, MI	Cert. No. 11508 Timothy L. King Pittsburgh, PA	Cert. No. 11518 Eileen S. Cantor S. Euclid, OH
Cert. No. 11489 Chi-Cheung Chan Shauiwan, Hong Kong	Cert. No. 11499 Beth B. Golias Solon, OH	Cert. No. 11509 Susan M. Kirkhope Akron, OH	Cert. No. 11519 Christopher L. Nash Dayton, OH

Cert. No. 11520 Anne M. O’Kane Lakewood, OH	Cert. No. 11528 Michael C. Ryan Cleveland, OH	Cert. No. 11536 William R. Valaski, Jr. Cincinnati, OH	Cert. No. 11544 Adam J. Womelsdorf Jersey City, NJ
Cert. No. 11521 Jeffrey M. Reker Hilliard, OH	Cert. No. 11529 Michael A. Schuyler Erie, PA	Cert. No. 11537 Zsolt S. Vamosi Loveland, OH	Cert. No. 11545 Xiaodong Xu West Chester, OH
Cert. No. 11522 Scott R. Rhoades S. Euclid, OH	Cert. No. 11530 Steven E. Shrake Toledo, OH	Cert. No. 11538 Andrea Vrankar Chardon, OH	Cert. No. 11546 Chih-Chin April Yang Columbus, OH
Cert. No. 11523 Paul A. Rodriguez Akron, OH	Cert. No. 11531 David J. Siegner Orlando, FL	Cert. No. 11539 Charissa Y. Wang Columbus, OH	Cert. No. 11547 Christopher Dumford Fairfield, OH
Cert. No. 11524 Theodore P. Rusnak Aurora, OH	Cert. No. 11532 Mary A. Stepnick Maumee, OH	Cert. No. 11540 Michele L. Warner Lakewood, OH	Cert. No. 11548 Daniel L. Keiser Reynoldsburg, OH
Cert. No. 11525 Kevin R. Russell Columbus, OH	Cert. No. 11533 Peter M. Stuhle Hixson, TN	Cert. No. 11541 Roderick B. Weeks Maineville, OH	Cert. No. 11549 Qingyun Ma Brooklyn, NY
Cert. No. 11526 Angela D. Rutherford Cincinnati, OH	Cert. No. 11534 Barbara R. Swain Columbus, OH	Cert. No. 11542 Michael K. Werner Lakewood, OH	Cert. No. 11550 David L. Krebs Lakewood, OH
Cert. No. 11527 Denise R. Ryan Cincinnati, OH	Cert. No. 11535 Stephen L. Turk Columbus, OH	Cert. No. 11543 Jayne A. Williams Columbus, OH	

New Rules

The Board has adopted amendments to rules (Ohio Administrative Code) establishing requirements consistent with the computer examination. Deadlines for filing applications have been deleted since there will be year round testing and the Board will no longer need to place exam orders as with the paper and pencil test. Grades in all divisions of the exam will now be reported as pass or fail. Numerical scores have no relationship to the methodology being used for the computer testing. Unsuccessful candidates will, however, receive more information about where they may have shown weakness on the exam. This will pertain to all divisions, not just the graphic sections.

As a result of the enactment of H. B. #231, the seal law, the current definition of the practice of architecture is no longer appropriate. To supplant the current definition, the following definition has been approved:

(B) "Practice of Architecture" - except as otherwise permitted by divisions (C) and (D) of section 4703.18 and by section 4703.182 of the Revised Code or the preparation of manufacturer’s technical documents, shop drawings, assembly or erection drawings or graphic descriptions used to detail or illustrate a portion of the work required to construct the

building in accordance with the plans, rendering or offering to any one or combination of the following: advice, consultation, evaluation, planning, any type of architectural plans, designs, or specifications, or administration of construction contracts in connection with the erection, enlargement or alteration of any building or buildings, or the equipment or utilities thereof, or the accessories thereto.

To meet the requirement of H.B. #231 concerning professional responsibility, the Board has adopted the following new rule:

4702-3-08 Professional Responsibility

An architect or architectural firm shall, when providing professional design services to a public authority, have and maintain professional liability insurance or other assurance of financial responsibility as may be required by the public authority.

What is an Architect's seal?

Since the implementation of the seal law in November, 1995, building departments are requiring documents submitted to them to be sealed by the appropriate professional. This has led to a lot of creativity on the part of unlicensed persons attempting to have their plans approved. We have seen seals proclaiming the individual to be a "registered design professional," mechanical and electrical contractors who have sealed documents as certified contractors. Obviously these do not conform to the requirements of the law but there are also seals of architects being used which are not legal. There have been numerous instances in which only a rubber stamp or other facsimile of an architect's seal has been used and been accepted by building departments. Many of these have been used fraudulently by persons other than the architect. It is very easy to have such a seal copied and applied to any documents. That is why the seal is only that which is described in the laws and rules of the Board. The only seal recognized by the Board and the only seal that should be accepted by building departments is the embossed seal applied over the architect's signature. This is required to be placed on the cover or title sheet of bound sets of drawings and specifications. Any supplemental documents should be sealed in a similar manner. Many architects prefer to seal all sheets in a set of drawings as an added measure of protection.

Protect yourself, protect your work, protect your reputation. Properly seal your work.

ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

File No. 94-11

Ernest E. Bishop, Cert. No. 4036

Ft. Thomas, Kentucky

Following an administrative hearing, the Board suspended the license of Ernest E. Bishop. Mr. Bishop was found to have failed to comply with the registration laws and regulations governing his professional practice in any jurisdiction, namely the jurisdiction of Kentucky. Mr. Bishop's certificate of qualification to practice architecture was suspended for a period of one (1) year, beginning July, 1, 1996 and running through July 1, 1997.

File No. 94-103

Everett D. Jones, Cert. No. 4507

Lakewood, Ohio

Alleged to have failed to accurately represent to a prospective or existing client or employer his or her qualifications and the scope of his responsibility in connection with work for which he claimed credit. Mr. Jones denied the charges, however entered into a settlement agreement with the Board whereby he will accept a three (3) month suspension of his certificate of qualification to practice architecture and accept a letter of reprimand to be placed in his Board file.

File No. 94-103

Ronald N. Payto, Cert. No. 5925

Cleveland, Ohio

Alleged to have failed to accurately represent to a perspective or existing client or employer his qualifications and the scope of his responsibility in connection with work for which he is claiming credit, and allegedly providing and holding himself out as providing architectural services in Ohio when his certificate of qualification had expired. Mr. Payto denied the charges, however entered into a settlement agreement with the Board whereby he will accepted a three month suspension of his certificate of qualification to practice architecture and accept a letter of reprimand to be placed in his Board file.

File No. 95-61

Tarlee W. Brown, Cert. No. 6588

Atlanta, Georgia

After an administrative hearing, the Board revoked the license of Tarlee W. Brown. In 1993, Mr. Brown was adjudged by the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama to have violated federal laws. The Ohio Board revoked Mr. Brown's license based upon his violating federal laws, conduct involving wanton disregard of the rights of others and being found guilty by a court of justice of a felony. Mr. Brown is not to assume title or designation of "Architect" or "Registered Architect" or to hold himself out to be any of the above, or to engage in the practice of architecture unless properly licensed to do so by the Ohio Board.

File No. 95-74

James F. Darnell, Cert. No. 8398

Jonesboro, Arkansas

After an administrative hearing, the Board revoked the license of James F. Darnell. The Ohio Board revoked Mr. Darnell's license based upon his failure to comply with the registration laws and regulations governing his professional practice in any United States jurisdiction, namely the jurisdiction of the state of Arkansas. Mr. Darnell is not to assume title or designation of "Architect" or "Registered Architect" or to hold himself out to be any of the above, or to engage in the practice of architecture unless properly licensed to do so by the Ohio Board.

File No. 95-76

Pamela M. Schnell, App. No. 11917

North Olmsted, Ohio

Alleged to have engaged in the unlicensed practice of architecture by designing extensive interior modifications for a commercial building in the Akron, Ohio area. In addition, alleged to have advertised the providing of "Architectural Design" services. Entered into a settlement agreement whereby she will cease and desist from such practices.

File No. 96-02

Kenneth L. Butts, Cert. No. 8104

Bell Canyon, California

After an administrative hearing, the Board adopted the findings of fact, conclusions of law and recommendation of the Hearing Officer to the extent that it revoked the certificate of qualification of Kenneth L. Butts to practice architecture in Ohio. Mr. Butts was found to have violated the registration laws and regulations governing his professional practice in another state.

File No. 96-04

Roger B. Robinson, Cert. No. 6941

Cincinnati, Ohio

Alleged to have advertised, provided or offered architectural services through a firm (Kaneta Robinson Architects) not possessing a certificate of authorization. Entered into a settlement agreement whereby he will cease and desist from such practices until the firm (Kaneta Robinson) is properly licensed to offer or provide such services.

File No. 96-06

David C. Price, Cert. No. 6553

Columbus, Ohio

After an administrative hearing, the Board adopted the findings of fact, conclusions of law and approved the recommendation of the Hearing Officer to the extent that it reprimands David C. Price for his actions. Mr. Price was found to have sealed plans which he was not the author of, was not in responsible charge of their preparation, and did not have direct supervisory control. However, the Board wishes to note that there was significant mitigation evidence in this matter, despite a technical violation.

File No. 96-07

Arnold Zimmerman, Cert. No. 3548

Cincinnati, Ohio

Alleged to have reviewed, signed and sealed a plumbing construction drawing for a commercial building in the Norwood, Ohio area of which he was not the author or actual architect, was not in responsible charge of its preparation, and for which he did not have direct professional knowledge and direct supervisory control. Entered into a settlement agreement whereby he will accept a letter of reprimand, which will be placed in his Board file.

File No. 96-08

John R. Greiwe, Cert. No. 9651

Cincinnati, Ohio

After an administrative hearing, the Board adopted the findings of fact, conclusions of law and approved the recommendation of the Hearing Officer to the extent that

it reprimands John R. Greiwe for his actions. Mr. Greiwe was found to have sealed plans for which he was not the author, nor involved in their preparation, and did not have direct professional knowledge or direct supervisory control.

File No. 96-10
Marcia Sherry, Cert. No. 8558
Cincinnati, Ohio

After an administrative hearing, the Board dismissed an aiding and abetting charge. The Board adopted the remaining findings of fact, remaining conclusions of law, and approved the recommendation of the Hearing Officer that it reprimand Marcia Sherry for her actions. Ms. Sherry was found to have sealed plans for which she was not the actual author of and was without written prior consent of the architect originating the design. Ms. Sherry also was found to have offered services through a firm (The Sherry Partnership) without a certificate of authorization, signing documents where she was not the author, and did not have direct professional knowledge or direct supervisory control.

File No. 96-11
Kerry W. Illes, Cert. No. 4206
Medina, Ohio

After an administrative hearing, the Board approved the findings of fact, conclusions of law and approved the recommendation of the Hearing Examiner to the extent that it reprimands Kerry W. Illes for his actions. Mr. Illes was found to have not been the author of plans which he sealed, nor was in responsible charge of their preparation and did not have direct professional knowledge and direct

supervisory control of such plans. However, the Board wishes to note that there was significant mitigation evidence, despite a technical violation.

File No. 96-12
Dan Thomas
Cincinnati, Ohio

Alleged to have improperly used the term "Architecture" as part of a logo on a title block for a residential home. Entered into a settlement agreement whereby he will cease and desist from such practices.

File No. 96-13
Calvin C. Kopp
Computerized Architectural Design
Wellington, Ohio

Alleged to have advertised the providing and offering of residential and commercial architectural design and drafting services. Entered into a settlement agreement whereby he will cease and desist such practices.

File No. 96-20
Boris Berger, Cert. No. 1968
Cincinnati, Ohio

Alleged to have reviewed, signed and sealed HVAC drawings for commercial buildings in the Greater Cincinnati, Ohio area of which he was not the author or actual architect, was not in responsible charge of its preparation, and for which he did not have direct professional knowledge and direct supervisory control. Entered into a settlement agreement whereby he will accept a letter of reprimand, which will be placed in his Board file.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

To insure receipt of mailings, including your next renewal application, be sure to notify the Board immediately of any address change. Send changes to the following address:

State Board of Examiners of Architects
77 S. High Street, 16th Floor
Columbus, OH 43266-0303

NAME: _____ REG. NO. _____

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PHONE: _____ FAX: _____

1997 Meeting/Event Schedule

January 31	Board Meeting - Columbus	June 25-29	NCARB Annual Meeting - Minneapolis
February 21	Board Meeting - Toledo	July 25	Board Meeting - Salt Fork State Lodge
March 14	Hearings - Columbus	September 12	Hearings - Columbus
March 20-23	Mid Central States Conference Des Moines, IA	October	Board Meeting/Registrant Recognition Cleveland
April 25	Board Meeting - Mohican State Lodge	November 21	Board Meeting - Columbus
May 30	Board Meeting - Deer Creek State Lodge	December 19	Hearings - Columbus
June 20	Hearings - Columbus		



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