

Do you wonder how rules are made for the Intern Development Program (IDP)?

FROM IDEA TO IMPLEMENTATION: RULEMAKING FOR IDP

All proposed changes to the Intern Development Program (IDP) are thoroughly vetted through a six-step process that involves input from subject-matter experts, state registration boards, collateral organizations, and other architects at various stages of their careers.

STEP 1: CHARGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Each year, NCARB's incoming president sets a list of charges for each of the Council's committees and task forces. The charges come from a variety of sources including the president, past committees, and NCARB staff.

STEP 2: CHARGES UNDERTAKEN BY COMMITTEE ON THE IDP

The Committee on the Intern Development Program is the main committee responsible for addressing all the charges related to the IDP. Committee members are subject-matter experts—architects who are currently serving or have recently served on one of the 54 U.S. registration boards of architecture that make up NCARB's members. The committee also includes a recently licensed architect, a Member Board Executive, and an observer from the American Institute of Architects (AIA).

Committee members collect data and debate each charge. When they come to a consensus, the committee sends a recommendation for course of action to the NCARB Board of Directors.

The IDP Advisory Committee (IDPAC), which is made of representatives from NCARB, AIA, the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA), the American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS), AIA's Committee of Architectural Component Executives (CACE), the Society of Design Administration (SDA), and emerging professionals, also addresses issues related to the IDP. The IDPAC receives charges each year jointly from the presidents of AIA and NCARB.

Recommendations from the IDPAC are considered by the Committee on the IDP and acted on as deemed appropriate by the NCARB Board of Directors. "The IDPAC is essentially a think tank for the IDP," said NCARB Director, IDP Harry M. Falconer Jr., AIA. "That is where a lot of ideas for the future changes to the IDP come from."

STEP 3: RECOMMENDATIONS SENT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The NCARB Board of Directors discusses the pros and cons of each recommendation for the IDP and then determines a course of action.

STEP 4: PRESENTED TO THE MEMBER BOARDS

If the Board determines a new rule is in order, it presents the rule to the Member Boards for review and comment.

STEP 5: INPUT REVIEWED BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

After reviewing all comments from the Member Boards, the Board of Directors either modifies the rule, sends it back to committee, or moves the rule forward for implementation.

STEP 6: IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW RULES

New rules are then communicated to interns and supervisors through updated *IDP Guidelines*, *IDP e-News*, *IDP Supervisor e-News*, *Direct Connection*, and announcements on NCARB's web site. Some rules go into effect immediately and others—like the Six-Month Rule and IDP 2.0—are phased in. **DC**

