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Summary Report of Vote on Resolutions at NCARB's Annual Meeting and Conference Chicago, IL June 18-20, 2009

Washington, DC—During the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards' (NCARB) Annual Meeting and Conference in Chicago, IL, delegates representing all of the Council's 54 Member Boards that oversee the practice of architecture voted on the following resolutions:

Resolution 2009-01: *Model Law* Amendment – Clarifying the Definition of “Responsible Control”

Passed as Amended: 53-0-1

RESOLVED, that the definition of “Responsible Control” in Section 1 of the *Model Law* be amended to read as follows (and that conforming changes also be made to the term defined in Section 100.006 of *Model Regulations*):

“Responsible control.

That amount of control over and detailed professional knowledge of the content of technical submissions during their preparation as is ordinarily exercised by a registered architects applying the required professional standard of care, including but not limited to an architect's integration of information from manufacturers, suppliers, installers, the architect's consultants, owners, contractors, or other sources the architect reasonably trusts that is incidental to and intended to be incorporated into the architect's technical submissions if the architect has coordinated and reviewed such information. Other reviewing, or reviewing and correction correcting, of technical submissions after they have been prepared by others does not constitute the exercise of responsible control because the reviewer has neither control over nor detailed professional knowledge of the content of such submissions throughout their preparation.”

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Paragraph 2 of the definition of “Exceptions” in Section 11 of the *Model Law* be amended to read as follows:

Exceptions

[Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prevent:]

“2. The preparation of submissions to an architects by ~~the~~ manufacturers, suppliers, installers, the architect's consultants, owners, contractors, or others of any materials, components, or equipment, or other information incidental to the architect's design of the entire project that describe or illustrate the use of such ~~items~~ submissions.”

Resolution 2009-02: *Handbook for Interns and Architects* Amendment – Applying Five-Year Rolling Clock to Previously Passed Divisions and Authorizations to Test

Passed: 53-0-1

RESOLVED, that subparagraph B of the transitional rules of paragraph “Five-Year Rolling Clock” of Chapter 5 of the *Handbook for Interns and Architects* be amended to read as follows:

“B. For applicants who have passed one or more but not all divisions of the ARE by January 1, 2006, such applicants will have five years to pass all remaining divisions. A passing grade for any remaining division shall be valid for five years, after which time the division must be retaken if the remaining divisions have not been passed. The five-year period shall commence after January 1, 2006, on the date when the first passed remaining division is administered passed. Any division passed prior to January 1, 2006 shall no longer remain valid if all remaining divisions have not been passed by July 1, 2014.”

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FURTHER RESOLVED, that new subparagraph D of the transitional rules of paragraph "Five-Year Rolling Clock" of Chapter 5 of the *Handbook for Interns and Architects* be added as follows:

"D. Effective January 1, 2011 and thereafter, the authorization to test of any applicant shall terminate unless the applicant has passed or failed a division of the ARE within a period of five years. This includes the five-year period prior to January 1, 2011. Any applicant whose authorization is so terminated must establish a new eligibility under the then current procedures of a Member Board."

FINALLY RESOLVED, that NCARB will provide the Member Boards the names of those applicants who may be affected by this change. Both the Member Boards and NCARB will attempt to notify each impacted applicant using the last known address that each has.

Resolution 2009-03: *Handbook for Interns and Architects* Amendment – Transfer Specific Education Requirements and the Education Standard to the *Education Guidelines*

Passed: 54-0-0

RESOLVED, that Section 2, Education, of Chapter 1 of the *Handbook for Interns and Architects* be amended to read as follows:

"2. Education Requirement

You must hold a professional degree in architecture from a program accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) or the Canadian Architectural Certification Board (CACB) not later than two years after your graduation, or hold a professional degree in architecture, certified by the CACB, from a Canadian university.

Alternative to a Professional Degree

If you do not hold a professional degree, NCARB will accept either of the following:

A. Satisfaction of NCARB's Broadly Experienced Architect ~~process program~~, which permits an applicant with the required years of comprehensive architectural experience gained while holding a registration issued by any U.S. jurisdiction to demonstrate that ~~his/her professional~~ a combination of education and/or comprehensive architectural experience satisfies all of his/her education deficiencies with respect to the NCARB Education Standard set forth in the Education Guidelines. The required years are:

- Six years for architects who hold a pre-professional degree in architecture awarded by a U.S.-regionally accredited institution or the Canadian equivalent, or
- Eight years for architects who hold any other baccalaureate or higher degree, or
- Ten years for architects who do not hold a post-secondary baccalaureate or higher degree.

B. With respect to applicants with a degree in the field of architecture granted by an academic institution outside the United States and Canada, an EESA-NCARB evaluation report stating that you have met the *NCARB Education Requirement Standard*.

~~See The NCARB Education Standard for details on how to meet these alternative requirements and the NCARB Broadly Experienced Architect program are described in the Education Guidelines, which may be revised from time to time by NCARB.~~

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FURTHER RESOLVED, that the paragraph entitled "Changes to NCARB Certification Standards" of Chapter 4 of the *Handbook for Interns and Architects* be amended to read as follows:

"Changes to NCARB Certification Requirements Standards"

NCARB ~~requirements standards~~ for certification as set forth in this *Handbook* may only be changed by an absolute majority vote of the NCARB Member Boards. ~~Such change~~ becomes effective July 1, following the close of the Annual Meeting and applies both to applications for certification in process and new applications; ~~however an applicant for certification who has completed the Education Requirement or Training Requirement shall be treated as having satisfied that Requirement notwithstanding subsequent changes.~~ If applicants whose applications were in process met all certification requirements that existed prior to the change, they will be eligible for certification.

Changes to NCARB Education Standard and the IDP

A change in the NCARB Education Standard or the IDP becomes effective on the date of the change as described in a notice given to all Member Boards, at which time such change shall also be posted on NCARB's web site. The effective date shall be a minimum of 90 days after the date of such notice. Any change in the NCARB Education Standard and the IDP applies both to Records in process and new Records. An existing Record holder who has satisfied the NCARB Education Standard and/or the IDP prior to the effective date of the change shall be treated as having satisfied either or both."

Resolution 2009-04: *Handbook for Interns and Architects* Amendment – Transfer the Intern Development Program Requirements to the IDP Guidelines

Passed: 54-0-0

RESOLVED, that Section 3, Training, of Chapter 1 of the *Handbook for Interns and Architects* be amended to delete all information now appearing in Section 3 (deleted text is lengthy and is omitted) and that Section 3 read as follows:

"3. Training Requirement"

You must have completed the Intern Development Program (IDP). The IDP ensures exposure to the diverse areas of the practice of architecture. The IDP objectives are to:

- Facilitate the transition from education to professional practice,
- Provide a validated list of experience areas essential for the competent, comprehensive practice of architecture,
- Provide a uniform system for documentation and periodic assessment of progress, and
- Identify alternative means of acquiring experience to supplement on-the-job opportunities.

To begin participation in the IDP, an applicant shall have established an NCARB Record and met all requirements for eligibility listed in the IDP Guidelines, which may be revised from time to time by NCARB.

The IDP Guidelines describes the specific training requirements including eligibility to begin participation in the IDP, work settings, training categories, training areas, training unit minimums and maximums, timely reporting and verification of training experiences, and the like.

Alternative to IDP Training Requirement

~~Z.~~ In lieu of ~~satisfying~~ completing the ~~Training Requirement~~ IDP, NCARB will accept any one of the following:

- 1) Registration by an NCARB Member Board for five consecutive years and submission of evidence satisfactory to NCARB showing that your practice included exposure to each of the IDP ~~T~~training Areas in the IDP Guidelines.

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- 2) Five years of foreign experience as a principal in an organization whose architectural practice encompasses the comprehensive practice of architecture including each training category found in the ~~IDP Training Requirement~~ *Guidelines* and submission of evidence satisfactory to NCARB showing that your experience included exposure to each of the IDP ~~training~~ Areas.
- 3) Registration by an NCARB Member Board before July 1, 1996, and satisfaction before or after that date of the NCARB training requirements existing on June 30, 1996.*
- 4) Satisfaction on or before June 30, 1996, of the NCARB training requirements existing on June 30, 1996.*
- 5) Satisfactory completion of the Canadian Intern Architect Program.

* The training requirements existing on June 30, 1996 can be found on the Council's web site at <http://www.ncarb.org/certification/formerreq.html>."

Resolution 2009-05: Revocation of Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Membership for Failure to Pay Annual Membership Dues

Withdrawn

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About NCARB

NCARB comprises the architectural registration boards of all 50 states as well as those of the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands. NCARB assists its member registration boards in carrying out their duties and provides a certification program for individual architects.

The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards is committed to protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the public through effective regulation and exemplary service. In order to achieve these goals, the Council develops and recommends standards to be required of an applicant for architectural registration; develops and recommends standards regulating the practice of architecture; provides to member boards a process for certifying the qualifications of an architect for registration; and represents the interests of Member Boards before public and private agencies. NCARB has established reciprocal registration for architects in the United States, Canada, and Mexico, and is engaged in similar discussions with additional countries.