

**OPEN MINUTES
ARCHITECTURAL DIVISION
OF THE MISSOURI BOARD FOR ARCHITECTS,
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, PROFESSIONAL LAND
SURVEYORS AND PROFESSIONAL LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS**

Friday, August 29, 2014
Division of Professional Registration, Room 380
3605 Missouri Boulevard
Jefferson City, Missouri

The Architectural Division of the Missouri Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Professional Land Surveyors and Professional Landscape Architects met via telephone conference call and was called to order by Chairman James C. "JC" Rearden at 9:45 a.m. on Friday, August 29, 2014. A quorum being present, Chairman Rearden declared the meeting open for business.

Members Present

James C. "JC" Rearden, Chair of the Division
Michael L. Popp, Member of the Division
Martha K. John, Member of the Division

Others Present

Judy Kempker, Executive Director
Dawn Wilde, Investigator
Sandy Robinson, Processing Technician Supervisor
Curtis Thompson, General Counsel

To better track the order in which items were taken up on the agenda, each item in the minutes will be listed in the order it was discussed in the meeting.

Finalize the responses to the NCARB IDP Survey

The Members of the Architectural Division met in open session to finalize their responses to the National Council for Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) IDP Survey. The responses to the survey are as follows:

Phase 1 – Streamlining the IDP:

- Does your Board agree, disagree, or have no position on the proposed change to focus solely on the required, or "core" hours, to complete the program? **Missouri disagrees with NCARB's proposed change.**

- If your Board disagrees, what are your concerns?
Ms. John presented a draft response for the Architectural Division Members to review. Upon review, the Division Members agreed to utilize Ms. John's response with a few edits. The edited response is as follows:

The NCARB path to licensure has been based for many years on a firm foundation of education, experience and examination. The change proposed will reduce the experience component by a third. NCARB contends that such a reduction will not result in less competent architects being granted their initial license. We disagree, and believe that NCARB has provided weak arguments and no hard data to support this reduction.

It is our belief that along with the "rigor" of the current 5,600 hour requirement, comes the time needed for an intern to fully understand the "real-world" consequences of the decisions that are made during the design process. An architect's competency is not measured by the drawings he or she produces, but by the building that was constructed from those documents and is occupied for a period of time. Only after an architect-intern has received the feedback from completing more than one project can he or she truly appreciate his/her limitations and become aware of the extra care needed to design. That experience cannot be acquired in two years even with the use of computer aided design. It just isn't enough elapsed time.

We believe that there was sound logic in NCARB's previous position providing a structure to the experience component of licensure in the form of "core hours" and additional electives. Those 1,860 hours of electives advance each intern's individual experience along the career path that each person chooses. This learning process is much like the elective courses taken to fulfill most college degrees. A certain amount of diversity is good – indeed essential – for our profession. We believe that NCARB has not taken the time necessary to assess the significant value in the elective hours.

We would point out that NCARB passed a resolution last year that allowed 900+ hours of time spent on certain construction jobs to count in lieu of experience gained under the supervision of an architect. The assumption was that this time would be applied to the elective hours. We would object to having these hours considered part of the core hours.

In conclusion, we believe it makes a difference whether the accredited degree earned is a 5-year or 6-year degree and how much of the program is spent outside the classroom in an internship program. Please do not reduce the rigor of the licensure process without solid evidence and strong supporting data.

Phase 2 – Overhaul the IDP:

- Does your Board agree, disagree, or have no position on the proposed change to align the required programmatic experience areas with the phases of contemporary practice? **Missouri agrees with NCARB's proposed change.**

Broadly Experienced Architect Changes Proposed for Discussion

- Does your Board agree, disagree, or have no position on the proposed change to the requirements for certification through the BEA program? **Missouri agrees with NCARB's proposed change.**

Broadly Experienced Foreign Architect Changes Proposed for Discussion

- Does your Board agree, disagree, or have no position on the proposed change to the requirements for certification through the BEFA program? **Missouri agrees with NCARB's proposed change.**

Motion to Close

At 10:05 a.m., Chairman Rearden then called for a motion to close the meeting to the general public for the purpose of discussing confidential or privileged communications between this agency and its attorney as well as to discuss information pertaining to licensees or applicants. Mr. Popp made a motion that the meeting be closed to the general public pursuant to Chapter 610.021 subsection (14) and 324.001.8 and 324.001.9, RSMo for the purpose of discussing information pertaining to licensees or applicants; Chapter 610.021 subsection (1) RSMo for the purpose of discussing general legal action, causes of action or litigation and any confidential or privileged communication between this agency and its attorney, and under Chapter 610.021 RSMo which authorizes this agency to go into closed session during those meetings. The motion was seconded by Ms. John. A roll call vote was taken and unanimously carried. Chairman Rearden asked that all visitors to disconnect from the conference call. There being none, the meeting was declared closed to the general public.

Reconvene in Open Session

At approximately 10:20 a.m., the Architectural Division Members reconvened in Open Session for the purpose of adjourning.

Adjournment

There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Ms. John and seconded by Mr. Popp to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m. on August 29, 2014.

Executive Director

Date Approved: _____