

GEORGIA BOARD OF ARCHITECTS AND INTERIOR DESIGNERS

Board Meeting: April 17, 2009

The Georgia State Board of Architects and Interior Designers met on Friday, April 17, 2009, at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia, for the purpose of conducting Board business.

The following Board members were present:

Anne K. Smith, President and Architect
E. Camille Puckett, Vice President and Interior Designer
G. Niles Bolton
Ivenue Love-Stanley
David M. G. Maschke
Laurie H. McRae
Jim Mehserle
Andrew Pace

Others present:

Tanja D. Battle, Executive Director
Ruth Reece, Licensing Analyst
Brandi Howell, Board Support Specialist
Janet Wray, Assistant Attorney General via videoconference
Russell Lewis, Investigations

Chairperson Smith established that a quorum was present at 9:32 a.m. and called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Smith stated on page 5, the last sentence on the first paragraph under Committee/Subcommittee Report needed to be changed to read "*Chairperson Smith stated that Secretary of State Handel made it very clear, that unless it is legislation that the Board has crafted and brought to the table, the Board members should lobby only as individuals and not as representatives of the Board.*"

A motion was made by E. Camille Puckett, seconded by Ivenue Love-Stanley, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2009 full Board meeting as presented with the change noted.

Executive Director's Report

Mrs. Reece asked for clarification on Board Rule 50-9-.05 Reinstatement. 50-9-.05(2)(b)(1) states that the applicant has to have six (6) hours of continuing professional education for each year, up to a maximum of twenty-four (24) continuing education hours. Mrs. Reece asked the Board how many of those continuing education hours have to be in health, safety and welfare. Ms. Puckett responded by stating that at least half of these must be in Public Protection.

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Discussion was held on Board Rule 50-11-.01 Requirements. 50-11-.01(1) will be revised to state "Of these, at least half of these hours must be in Public Protection Subjects acquired in Structured Education Activities."

A motion was made by Camille Puckett, seconded by Ivenue-Love Stanley, to allow staff to make the two changes noted above to Board Rules 50-9-.05 Reinstatement and 50-11-.01 Requirements. Discussion was held. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Ms. Battle asked the Board how the Epiware site is working for everyone. Ms. Battle suggested for those who were still having issues to make sure they had the latest version of Internet Explorer installed.

Ms. Battle mentioned that each licensee with a valid e-mail address will start getting an e-mail with a link to the Secretary of State quarterly newsletter.

Written Correspondence

Applicant #841879: The Board reviewed correspondence asking whether or not a person working with a corporation in Georgia, who is not a registered Architect in Georgia, but an Architect in another jurisdiction (without NCARB certificate) can use the titles / phrases in the State of Georgia such as "Registered Architect", "Architect", "President" or "Vice President" (of this Architectural firm), "Vice President" in charge of the design team (of this Architectural firm), "Principal" (of this Architectural firm), "Managing Director" (of this Architectural firm), "Principal-in-charge" (of a project). The Board advised that Georgia law does not allow you to call yourself an architect if you are not registered and referred the licensee to O.C.G.A. § 43-4-10.

The correspondence goes on to ask what constitutes 'full time' in the State of Georgia. The Board advised to refer the licensee to Rule 50-7-.03 and suggested the licensee contact the IRS in reference to what constitutes 'full time'.

Carl Matthews: After reviewing correspondence regarding whether or not an out of state firm must have the name and registration number included on each business card, even if the card is to be used by someone other than the licensed architect, the Board advised that Per Board Rule 50-3-.03, an out of state firm must have the person identified as Georgia Registered on all firm letterheads, public identification, and instruments of service.

ARE 4.0

Chairperson Smith reported that the pass rate for the examination has gone down slightly. She went on to state that there is one major issue going on with ARE 4.0 and 3.1 and that is cheating. Discussion ensued.

NCARB

Chairperson Smith stated that the NCARB National Conference is coming up. NCARB has changed its delegate program. Chairperson Smith stated she was planning on going, but was hoping someone else could go as well. Mr. Pace and Mr. Maschke both stated that one of them could possibly attend, but each would need to check his schedule. A motion was made by Ivenue Love-Stanley, seconded

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by Andrew Pace, and the Board voted unanimously to elect Chairman Smith as the delegate for the conference, plus two alternates to be determined by their respective schedules.

NCIDQ

Ms. Puckett reported that she is going to Washington, D.C. in July for the nominating committee meeting. She also stated that Ms. McRae is on the policy/procedures committee.

Committee/Subcommittee Reports

Rules Committee: Chairperson Smith stated she wants to get a comprehensive list of each rule that needs to be addressed.

Applicants Licensed Since Last Review

The Board reviewed the following list of Registered Architects and Registered Interior Designers licensed or reinstated since the last Board meeting. A motion was made by Ivenue Love-Stanley, seconded by Laurie McRae, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the list.

**Registered Interior Designers
Licensed Since Last Review**

License #	Name	Issue Date
ID000701	Anderson, Heather Leah	3/10/2009
ID000702	Cadaret, Lindsay Kay	3/10/2009
ID000703	Hepler, Sara Weinberger	3/10/2009
ID000704	Hines, Julia Gray	3/10/2009
ID000705	Johnson, Kristine Kirchner	3/10/2009
ID000706	Bowles, Marvella Z	3/31/2009
ID000707	Kim, Joon Nyun	3/31/2009
ID000708	Pope, Stephanie Siggers	4/1/2009
ID000709	Sowell, Joseph Robert	4/1/2009
ID000710	Downen, Sarah Elizabeth	4/9/2009
ID000711	Whitman, John G, III	4/14/2009

**Registered Interior Designers
Reinstated Since Last Review**

License #	Name	Reinstated
ID000209	Bradley, Sandra Fay	3/31/2009
ID000502	Cain, Tanya	4/14/2009
ID000511	Wisniewski, Ann Guertin	4/9/2009
ID000517	Smith, Brenda L	4/9/2009

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Registered Architects
Licensed Since Last Review

License #	Name	Issue Date	License Method
RA012486	Bruh, Steven J	2/20/2009	Reciprocity
RA012487	Kennedy, Keith Karl	2/20/2009	Reciprocity
RA012488	Accordo, Gaspare	2/23/2009	Reciprocity
RA012489	Briggs, Paul T	2/23/2009	Reciprocity
RA012490	Searls, Mark D	2/23/2009	Reciprocity
RA012491	Yarnall, Steven V	2/23/2009	Reciprocity
RA012492	Moredock, John D	2/23/2009	Examination
RA012493	Hocking, Douglas Wyatt	2/24/2009	Reciprocity
RA012494	Overmiller, Craig Matthew	2/24/2009	Reciprocity
RA012495	Lerner, Jill	2/24/2009	Reciprocity
RA012496	Louie, William C	2/25/2009	Reciprocity
RA012497	Polisano, Lee	2/25/2009	Reciprocity
RA012498	Scofidio, Ricardo M	2/25/2009	Reciprocity
RA012499	Pedersen, William E	2/25/2009	Reciprocity
RA012500	Fletcher, Nancy Cristine	2/26/2009	Reciprocity
RA012501	Hale, Allen W	2/26/2009	Reciprocity
RA012502	Broner, Walter	2/26/2009	Reciprocity
RA012503	Gouws, Jacobus J	3/2/2009	Reciprocity
RA012504	Zyscovich, Bernard	3/2/2009	Reciprocity
RA012505	Smith, Melanie Teresa	3/3/2009	Examination
RA012506	Bai, Rui	3/3/2009	Examination
RA012507	Ly, Daniel Chi	3/3/2009	Examination
RA012508	Hall, Michael M	3/5/2009	Reciprocity
RA012509	Kepley, Drew H	3/5/2009	Reciprocity
RA012510	Cobb, Alan H	3/6/2009	Reciprocity
RA012511	Page, Douglas R	3/9/2009	Reciprocity
RA012512	Kowalewski, Eve F	3/9/2009	Reciprocity
RA012513	Newman, Charles Robert	3/12/2009	Reciprocity
RA012514	Chance, Joel Craig	3/12/2009	Examination
RA012515	Berri, Linda Wood	3/18/2009	Reciprocity
RA012516	Rownd, C Josh	3/18/2009	Reciprocity
RA012517	Pounds, William D, Jr	3/18/2009	Reciprocity
RA012518	Aughtry, Pascal Alain	3/20/2009	Reciprocity
RA012519	Baird, James W	3/20/2009	Reciprocity
RA012520	Berry, George M	3/20/2009	Reciprocity
RA012521	Frank, Gary L	3/20/2009	Reciprocity
RA012522	Seipel-Parks, Joseph	3/23/2009	Examination
RA012523	Harrell, Gregory Patrick	3/23/2009	Examination
RA012524	Martin, Bradley L	3/24/2009	Examination
RA012525	Roberts, Christina M	3/24/2009	Examination
RA012526	Fettig, Scott Wade	3/31/2009	Reciprocity
RA012527	Bray, James A	4/1/2009	Reciprocity

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RA012528	Brennan, Ross A	4/6/2009	Reciprocity
RA012529	Jensen, William C	4/8/2009	Reciprocity
RA012530	Lyon, Angela Anglin	4/8/2009	Reciprocity
RA012531	Treschitta, Domenick J	4/8/2009	Examination
RA012532	Stillman, Adam Paul	4/8/2009	Examination
RA012533	Lombardi, Kevin W	4/8/2009	Examination
RA012534	Gosselin, Andrew Marcy	4/15/2009	Reciprocity
RA012535	Warner, James H	4/15/2009	Reciprocity
RA012536	Williamson, Apryl L	4/16/2009	Reciprocity
RA012537	Morrison, James Robert	4/16/2009	Reciprocity

Executive Session

A motion was made by Camille Puckett, seconded by David Maschke, and the Board members present: Bolton, Love-Stanley, Maschke, McRae, Mehserle, Pace, Puckett and Smith, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session, in accordance with O.C.G.A. 43-1-2(k) and 43-1-19(h) for application discussion. The Board concluded Executive Session in order to act on these matters and to continue with the public session.

Vote on Discussions from Executive Session

Open Session was declared by Chairperson Smith.

A motion was made by Niles Bolton, seconded by Laurie McRae, and the Board voted unanimously to accept the recommendations made during Executive Session.

The recommendations made during Executive Session are as follows:

The Board voted to approve the following applications as recommended:

The following applicants, who were administratively approved, were ratified to take the Architectural Registration Examination:

- Applicant #1160461
- Applicant #1171450
- Applicant #1177962
- Applicant #1178766
- Applicant #1179307
- Applicant #1179923
- Applicant #1181038
- Applicant #1181865
- Applicant #1182672
- Applicant #1183605
- Applicant #1183991
- Applicant #1183994
- Applicant #1184658
- Applicant #1186275
- Applicant #1186890

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Applicant #1187423

The following applicants were approved for a Registered Architect license by Reciprocity:

Applicant #1170333

Applicant #1181035

Applicant #1182285

Applicant #1183430

Applicant #1186286

The following Registered Architect was approved for renewal based on audit review of the submitted continuing education documentation:

Paul D. Lorenz

Written Requests

Applicant #938871: After reviewing correspondence requesting a waiver of the requirements for professional development based upon personal hardship, the Board voted unanimously to disapprove the applicant's request.

Applicant #285473: After reviewing correspondence requesting a waiver of the reinstatement fee, the Board voted unanimously to approve a reduction in the reinstatement fee. The Board will consider reinstatement of licensure upon receipt of the reinstatement fee, application fees, reinstatement application and review of documentation of PDU.

Applicant #1052340: After reviewing correspondence requesting a waiver of the requirements for professional development, the Board voted unanimously to disapprove the applicant's request.

Applicant #278782: After reviewing correspondence requesting a reduction of the reinstatement fee, the Board voted unanimously to approve the applicant's request and reduce the reinstatement fee. The Board will consider reinstatement of licensure upon receipt of the reinstatement fee, application fees, reinstatement application and review of documentation of PDU.

Applicant #286015: After reviewing correspondence requesting advice on which courses are approved by the Board for public protection units, the Board advised that it does not make prior approval of the courses or seminars, or the sponsors of the courses or seminars, and referred the applicant to Board Rule 50-11-.01 Requirements.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the following licensee's request for termination of his probation effective May 9, 2009:

James C. Stewart

Investigations/Enforcement:

The Board heard a report on the following cases:

ARCH070015: The Board voted unanimously to table the case.

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ARCH080015: The Board voted unanimously to close the case.

Matthew Anderson-ARCH070030: The Board voted unanimously to accept a signed Voluntary Cease and Desist Order and close the case.

Robert Cannon-ARCH070033: The Board voted unanimously to accept a signed Voluntary Cease and Desist Order and close the case.

Roy Spiker-ARCH080033: The Board voted unanimously to accept a signed Voluntary Cease and Desist Order and close the case.

Kyong Woon Park and Voranth Chanthavong-ARCH090004: The Board voted unanimously to accept a signed Voluntary Cease and Desist Order and close the case.

Steven Mayer-ARCH090021: The Board voted unanimously to accept a signed Voluntary Cease and Desist Order and close the case.

Complaints:

The Board voted unanimously to close the following case with no action:

ARCH080018

Board Attorney

There was nothing to report at this time.

Other Business

Board Rules: A motion was made by Laurie McRae, seconded by Camille Puckett, and the Board voted unanimously to post Rule 50-9-.05 Reinstatement and Rule 50-11-.01 Requirements as written. The following revisions were made to those two rules:

- *Rule 50-9-.05 Reinstatement.* *The underlined was added to 50-9-.05(2)(b)(1) which reads: Six (6) hours of continuing professional education from approved programs described in Rule 50-11-.04 for each year or fraction thereof since the last renewal of the applicant's registration, up to a maximum of 24 continuing education hours. Of these, at least half of these hours must be in Public Protection Subjects acquired in Structured Education Activities.*
- *Rule 50-11-.01 Requirements.* *50-11-.01(1) was revised to read: Beginning with applications for renewal of certificates of registration which expire on March 31, 2009, a registered interior designer must have completed twelve (12) hours of acceptable continuing education during the two-year period immediately preceding each biennial renewal date as a condition for registration renewal. Of these, at least ~~six (6)~~ half of these hours must be in public protection subjects acquired in structured education activities. The remaining units may be in related practice subjects acquired in structured educational activities or in public protection. Computerized courses are accepted from approved programs. Certificate subjects for public protection units must indicate the course qualification for health, safety, and welfare.*

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Next Steps with Interior Design Legislation: Chairperson Smith stated that a task force was put together that worked on this issue for a year. Chairperson Smith stated that the three bills introduced will be part of a two-year cycle and will be introduced again next year. Chairperson Smith stated that the professional organizations are looking to the Board to craft the language. Discussion ensued. Mr. Mehserle suggested looking at other states where there is a title act for Interior Designers for possible language. Chairperson Smith stated that research needs to be done prior to the next meeting. It was suggested that the Board utilize the Epiware site to share information before the June meeting. This information will be discussed at the next scheduled Board meeting.

Conference Call Meetings: Chairperson Smith stated that a conference call in lieu of a physical board meeting would be possible if the Board has a light agenda. At this juncture, the Board prefers to have meetings in Macon. Ms. Battle stated that this is just an option and something to keep in mind for the future.

With no other business for the Board to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Brandi Howell, Board Support Specialist

Minutes Edited/Reviewed by:

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