

## Firm license renewals are due by June 30!

Payments must be postmarked by June 30, 2015 in order not to incur late fees of an additional \$50.00. Firms that have failed to renew by June 30 will be delinquent and need to submit the delinquent renewal form.

The renewal form can be downloaded from the LSBAE website: [www.lastbdachs.com](http://www.lastbdachs.com), under the registration tab. Please download the appropriate form, complete, sign, date, and mail with the annual license fee of \$50.00. Complete Instructions are included on the form.



### Board members at Super Regional Summit...

Some members of LSBAE at the NCARB Super Regional Summit in San Antonio. It was the first time that all of the licensing boards met at the same time in the Spring, rather than meeting in separate regions. Shown are, from left: Allen Bacque, Richard LeBlanc, LSBAE Director Teeny Simmons, Ron Blich, Robert McKinney and John Cardone.

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# Teeny's Talk

A message from Executive Director Teeny Simmons

"Rain, rain, go away and come back another day." Our thoughts are still with Houston and other areas of the country (including north Louisiana) still fighting the aftermath of horrendous storms with much rain, hail and tornados. Hoping our architects and their businesses are operating as normal or will be soon.

Your Board has continued to work with NCARB on all the recent changes relating to IDP and the ARE. Much time and work has been spent on subjects relating to agriculture engineers and interior designers. Hopefully this can be addressed in the Winter newsletter.

Our part-time investigator, Robert Eddleman, retired recently, and we are in the process of finding a replacement. We recently had a consent order accepted/signed. It is shown on page 7.

For architects practicing as a professional architectural corporation, architectural-engineering corporation or limited liability company, please note the June 30 deadline to renew. We mailed postcard reminders recently. Renewal is not available

## LSBAE busy with changes

on-line, but your renewal form can be downloaded from our website: [www.lastbdarch.com](http://www.lastbdarch.com). Click on Registration to find the appropriate renewal form. Personal license renewals can be renewed on-line, and are due by December 31. Personal renewals will become available on-line about November 1.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Creed Brierre for his outstanding service on the board. His term expired December 31. We welcome the opportunity to work again with architect Knox Tumlin of New Orleans, who has taken Creed's place on the board.

As discussed in this newsletter, Mr. Blich announced this year's NCARB's annual meeting of all state licensing boards will be held in New Orleans at the Roosevelt Hotel June 18-20. Also Jenny Pelc, State Licensing Advisor, noted in her article that an IDP Board member/Educator meeting will be held in conjunction with the IDP Forum in New Orleans in February 2016.

We wish you a wonderful summer and hope you are planning a memorable vacation with family. Our desire is to continue to be of service to you and your business.

## Congratulations to our new licensees by examination

The Board is pleased to announce that the following individuals have been licensed from December 1, 2014 through May 30, 2015

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	CITY	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	CITY
Alexander James	Adamick	New Orleans	Stephanie Seal	Morse	Ruston
Michael William	Ball	New Orleans	Corey Joseph	Newell	New Orleans
Steven Alexander	Belflower	New Orleans	Aaron M.	Pexa	Providence, RI
Travis Allen	Black	New Orleans	Sean Raymond	Primeaux	Lafayette
André Nicholas	Bourque	Lafayette	Lori	Prochaska	Baton Rouge
Rebecca	Broome	Covington	Jonathan D.	Ratliff	Houston, TX
Joseph Axel	Carlson	Destrehan	Channing Bryce	Risher	Denham Springs
Rush J.	Carlton	Metairie	Marc Anthony	Robert	New Orleans
Andrew Otto	Dinkelacker	New Orleans	Margitta	Rogers	New Orleans
Gregory H.	Drewes	Slidell	Samuel B.	Rue	Lafayette
Gregory J.	Eckert	New Orleans	Akheil R.	Shah	Baton Rouge
Christopher James	Ferchaud	Ruston	Zachary Ryan	Smith	New Orleans
Emily Gaston	Flagler	New Orleans	Anna Thomassie	Soniat	New Orleans
Julie	Ford	New Orleans	Michelle H.	Stevens	Baton Rouge
Shannon David	French	New Orleans	Andrew	Stout	New Orleans
Conor	Gibson	New Orleans	Jonathan L.	Taylor	Shreveport
Aleah Hargrave	Guilbeau	Baton Rouge	William M.	Thibaut	Baton Rouge
K. Danielle	Johnson	Baton Rouge	Mary Grace Michelle	Verges	Mandeville
Jason Erik	Jones	Baton Rouge	Jennie Cannon	West	New Orleans
Timothy M.	Landry	Baton Rouge	Eugene B.	Wetzel III	Metairie
Benjamin Robert	Massey	New Orleans	Jerry W.	Wilhite, Jr	Monroe



# UPDATE... *Licensure changes in La.*

By **Jenny Pelc**,  
State Architect Licensing Advisor

Many of you have likely heard news about some current changes to NCARB's licensure requirements, as well as quite a bit of discussion about potential future changes. These efforts are largely in the name of simplification and refinement of process. It is important to note that the changes that NCARB makes to the IDP or the ARE represent modifications to NCARB's Model Law, and it is always the decision of individual jurisdictions whether to adopt the changes.

The change that will affect all interns seeking licensure in Louisiana and currently logging hours is the streamlining of IDP. This change is effective July 1, 2015, and results in NCARB no longer requiring elective hours. The IDP will require 3,740 total hours defined by the existing 17 experience areas. As mentioned, each jurisdiction sets its own requirements for initial licensure; however, in Louisiana, this change by NCARB is adopted immediately. This is a brief synopsis of the new IDP Streamline; however, more details are available directly through the NCARB website.

NCARB is also actively engaging the profession and the universities in two lively discussions regarding further changes to licensure: an Integrated Path Toward Licensure, as well as the "Intern" title. These are among several discussions that will be the focus of the Louisiana Licensure Forum.

In early 2016, the Louisiana State Board of Architectural Examiners and AIA Louisiana are jointly hosting the Louisiana Licensure Forum. This is an event that has taken place twice before (under the name "Louisiana IDP Forum") with great success in bringing together the voices of educators, practitioners, and interns. This event is expected to take place in mid-February at Tulane University School of Architecture and we would like to have as many voices as possible to enrich the conversation. More information will be released by LSBAE as it becomes available. Until then, please plan to be present in New Orleans for this exciting event.

## IDP streamline goes into effect July 1

On July 1, 2015, NCARB will streamline the IDP by no longer requiring elective hours. Here's what intern architects need to know about the upcoming changes:

### IDP Streamline Overview

Starting July 1, the IDP will require 3,740 total hours defined by the existing 17 experience areas:

Experience Areas	Required Hours
Construction Administration	240
Construction Phase: Observation	120
General Project Management	240
<b>Practice Management</b>	
Business Operations	80
Leadership and Service	80
<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>	<b>3,740</b>

Experience Areas	Required Hours
<b>Pre-Design</b>	
Programming	80
Site and Building Analysis	80
Project Cost and Feasibility	40
Planning and Zoning Regulations	60
<b>Design</b>	
Schematic Design	320
Engineering Systems	360
Construction Cost	120
Codes and Regulations	120
Design Development	320
Construction Documents	1,200
Material Selection and Specification	160
<b>Project Management</b>	
Bidding and Contract Negotiation	120

### Reporting Hours

Good news—intern architects can continue to report hours through My NCARB and the My IDP mobile app. They won't lose the hours already reported, and will still be able to view them in My NCARB. Plus, existing supplemental experience opportunities—including site visits, design competitions, and the Professional Conduct Monograph—aren't going away.

The current reporting requirement still applies, so don't forget to submit experience within eight months for full credit. Experience reported beyond this period and up to five years prior will be valued at 50 percent. It is recommended that interns continue to report all experience. Doing so will help facilitate licensure and reciprocity in jurisdictions that require additional experience.



# NCARB News

*By Ron Blitch,  
FAIA, FACHA, NCARB  
NCARB Past President*

## NCARB coming to New Orleans, making changes in ARE and IDP

The 97th Annual Meeting of NCARB will be hosted by the LSBAE June 17 - 20 at the Roosevelt Waldorf Astoria in New Orleans. NCARB was last in New Orleans for its Annual Meeting in 1996.

The meeting opens with an “Icebreaker” reception at the National WWII Museum. The focus of the Annual Meeting is to inform Member Boards of the latest updates of its programs, as well as plans for future programs and services. All 54 Member Boards are expected to be represented as President Dale McKinney, FAIA, oversees the meeting and President-Elect Dennis Ward, AIA, of South Carolina, outlines his plans for the next year.

ARE 5.0 will replace ARE 4.0 in September of 2016 and seminars to explain the transition and assist Member Boards are planned. The new divisions are:

1. Practice Management
2. Project Management
3. Programming & Analysis
4. Project Planning & Design
5. Project Development & Documentation
6. Construction & Evaluation

These divisions are a change from the current seven division structure in an effort to align the divisions of the ARE with the more commonly defined professional architecture activities of practice management, project management, and project design.

The Test Specification was strongly informed by the results of the 2012 NCARB Practice Analysis of Architecture. This comprehensive study included multiple surveys designed to engage architects—the most appropriate representatives of the profession—in the evaluation of tasks and knowledge/ skills required of an independent practitioner.

There are also sessions on the changes to IDP starting July 1, 2015 that will reduce required IDP hours to 3,740 hours (about 2 years), with no elective hours required. This should assist interns in a quicker and more focused path to licensure.

Your Louisiana Board remains very involved in NCARB by serving on National Committees. As of June 1, the following appointments have been announced by president elect Ward - with possible additional appointments to follow:

### **Teny Simmons**

- Internship Committee
- Internship Advisory Committee

### **Ron Blitch FAIA, FACHA, NCARB**

- Chair - Licensure Task Force
- Chair - Integrated Path Evaluation Committee
- Chair - Past Presidents Committee
- Education Committee

### **John Cardone**

- Procedures and Documents Committee - Chair
- Regional Leadership Committee
- Region 3 - Chair

### **Robert McKinney**

- Committee on Examination

### **Richard LeBlanc**

- Committee on Examination

### **Allen Bacque'**

- Chair - Graphics Grading; Education Committee

The Louisiana Board continues to work diligently to represent the licensed architects practicing in Louisiana and assisting interns in their path to licensure.



Ron Blitch, as NCARB President, presenting award to Blake Dunn

# NCARB report: Record number of architect candidates

A record-high number of candidates actively working toward an architect license provides more evidence of a thriving talent pool for the architect profession, according to new 2014 data released by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB).

More than 37,000 aspiring architects were testing and/or reporting experience hours last year, a substantial part of the path to architectural licensure required by the 54 U.S. state and jurisdiction licensing boards. This and other insights are a first glimpse at the Council's 2015 NCARB by the Numbers report to be released in July.

Key 2015 NCARB by the Numbers findings include:

- 37,178 aspiring architects were actively reporting experience hours through the Intern Development Program (IDP) and/or actively testing for the Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®) in 2014—the most ever recorded by NCARB.

- Nearly 10,000 new candidates started the path to licensure in 2014, up 4 percent from 2013.
- 3,719 candidates completed the ARE in 2014, up 17 percent.
- 107,581 licensed architects were reported by U.S. licensing boards—the third consecutive year of increased growth in the profession.
- 39,225 architects are active certificate holders, second only to the 39,325 certificate holders in 2013.

The full 2015 NCARB by the Numbers report, to be released in July, will also provide results on the demographics of those entering the profession, including how women and other minorities are performing, a look at graduates from NAAB-accredited programs versus non-accredited programs on the path to licensure, year-over-year completion times for the IDP, the ARE, and much more.

- See more at: <http://www.ncarb.org/News>



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# BOARD ATTORNEY REPORT

By Paul H. Spaht, LSBAE Board Attorney

## Board intervenes in engineer's suit over filings with State Fire Marshal

**Submission of plans to Fire Marshal** – Pending in the Nineteenth Judicial District Court for the Parish of East Baton Rouge is the suit entitled *Merritt E. McDonald, P.E. v. The Honorable H. Butch Browning, Jr. in his capacity as Fire Marshal for the State of Louisiana*, No. 614,502.

In this suit Mr. McDonald, trained as an agricultural engineer, alleges that the Fire Marshal and his office require (a) that any plans submitted by a principal design professional who is an engineer must be prepared and signed by a civil engineer and must bear the discipline specific seal of a civil engineer, and (b) that any plans for building subsystems be prepared, signed and bear the seal of a licensed professional engineer listed in the engineering discipline that encompasses that subsystem.

Mr. McDonald seeks a declaratory judgment that the imposition of these requirements by the Fire Marshal exceed the authority granted the Fire Marshal, infringe on the exclusive power of the Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board (LAPELS) to regulate the practice of engineering, and violate the equal protection and due process clauses of the U.S. and Louisiana Constitutions. By amending petition, Mr. McDonald joined LAPELS as a party defendant.

Although Mr. McDonald was trained as an agricultural engineer, he alleges that by education and experience, he possesses the expertise necessary to prepare building plans and specifications for structures. Mr. McDonald was not trained as a civil engineer, and he does not have the

discipline-specific seal of a civil engineer.

The suit raises the issue of who can submit building plans to the Fire Marshal, which raises the issue of who can prepare such plans. A group of interior designers recently contended that their profession should be allowed to submit building plans to the Fire Marshal, the same as architects and civil engineers.

The board attempts to avoid litigation. Nonetheless, the board considers the issues raised in the *McDonald* suit important issues which affect public health, safety and welfare. Thus, the board recently filed a motion to intervene into such suit. To the extent that Mr. McDonald seeks judgment declaring that he is entitled to submit plans for buildings or structures which constitute the practice architecture, the board's position is that Mr. McDonald's petition for declaratory judgment should be denied.

**Design/build** – The practice of design/build services in Louisiana is regulated by rule. See Rule § 1319. The issue was recently raised as to whether a design/build firm, which employed two registered architects, could describe itself

on billboards as "Architects." Several years ago the board had the issue of whether a design/build firm could list itself in the Yellow Pages under "Architects." The board decided then, and now, that that although a partnership or corporation may offer a combination of architectural services together with construction services if it meets the requirements of Rule § 1319, such a partnership or corporation is not an architectural firm, and it may not describe itself on billboards as "Architects," or list itself in the Yellow Pages under such a title. Such a description or listing is not permitted by the licensing law. La. R.S. 37:145.A.

### Retirement of investigator –

Several years ago the board employed a part-time investigator to allow it to better enforce possible violations of the licensing law. Unfortunately, that investigator, Robert Eddleman, recently retired. The diligent services performed by Mr. Eddleman are greatly appreciated, and he will be missed. It is anticipated that another investigator will soon be hired.



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Tulane City Center

# Formal disciplinary action taken by the Board

Below is a summary of the disciplinary action imposed by the Board since the March board meeting that has been concluded.

## THE UNLICENSED OFFERING AND/OR PRACTICE OF ARCHITECTURE

Reztark Architecture, PC  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Firm offered and/or practiced architectural services in

Louisiana without receiving a certificate of compliance or proper licensure from the Board.

VIOLATION: The offering and/or providing of architectural services in Louisiana without receiving a certificate of compliance or license from the Board.

La. R.S. 154 (A)

PENALTY: \$500.00 fine and \$125.00 administrative fee imposed by consent order dated June 12, 2015.

## ARCHITECTURAL FOCUS GROUP

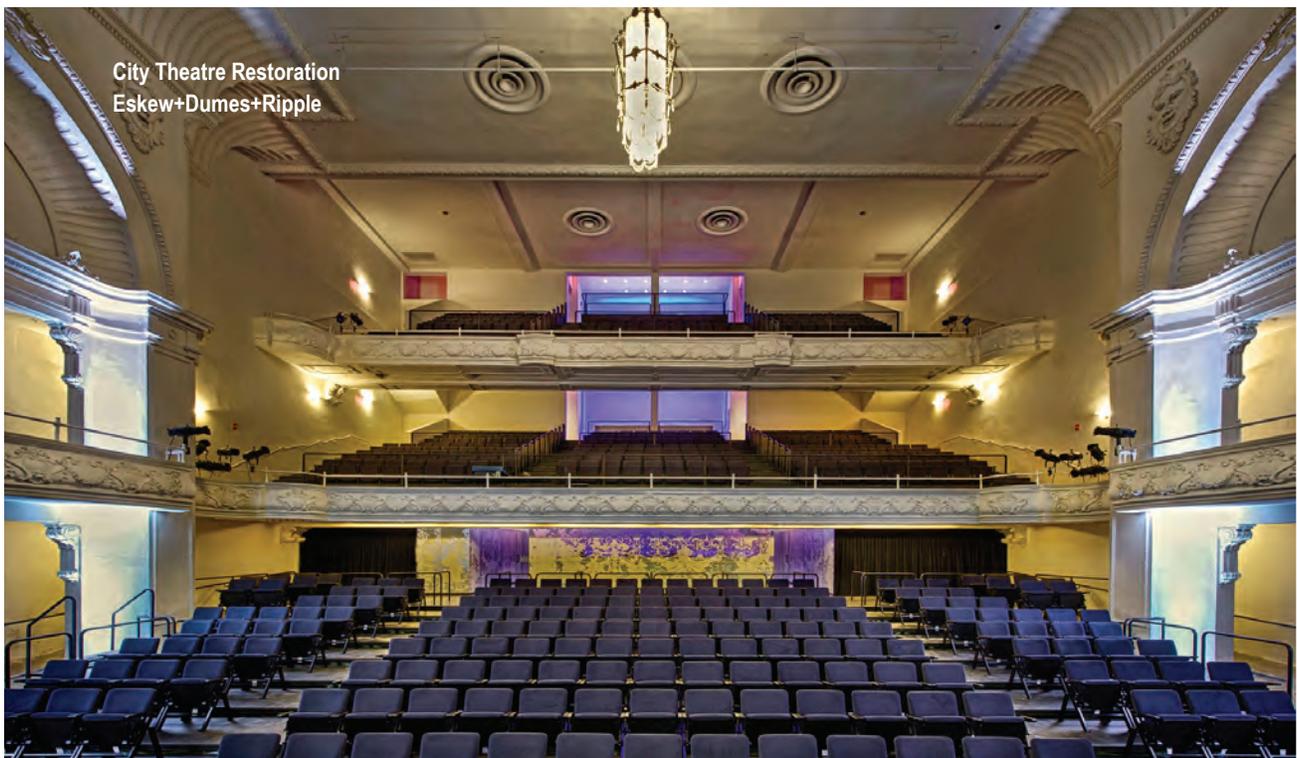
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Intern Exam Grant Winners

\$420.00 each winner (2 exams worth)

Chosen at random by 'drawing from a hat' at the  
January 31, 2015 Focus Group Seminar

David Borel	Emily Jones	Al Steelman
Kristen Caulk	Patterson	Aaron Schaubhut
Lisa Ladatto	Mike Mascaro	Michael Miller
Rachel Brown	Sarah Gravois	

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# Your LSBAE, NCARB representatives in action



In the photos on this page, LSBAE Board Members are shown at NCARB meetings. In the top photo, center in brown coat, John Cardone is shown at an NCARB Committee Meeting. In the photo above, fifth and sixth from left, are Allen Bacque and Robert McKinney at an NCARB education committee meeting in Washington, DC. In the photo below at left, LSBAE Director Teeny Simmons is shown with Delores Little at the NCARB Annual Meeting. And below at right, Robert McKinney (third from left) is shown at an NCARB meeting.

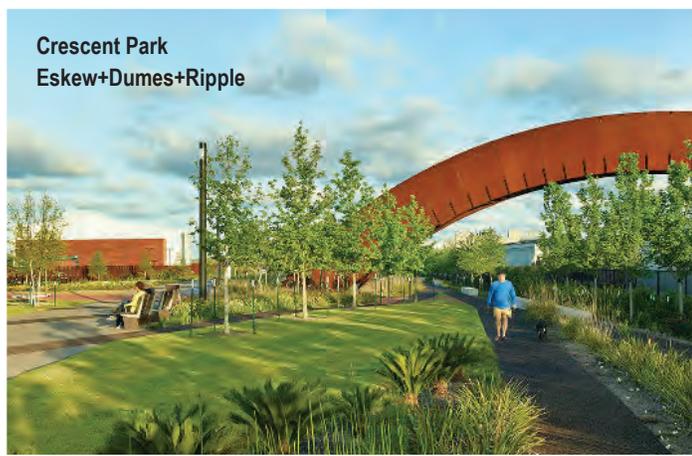




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