

**ARCHITECTS, CERTIFIED INTERIOR DESIGNERS and
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS SECTION MEETING**

MINUTES

The Architect, Certified Interior Designer and Landscape Architect Sections of the Virginia Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects (APELSCIDLA Board) met on September 15, 2015, at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia, with the following members present:

Robert A. Boynton (Arch)
R. Corey Clayborne (Arch)
A. Cabell Crowther (LA)
Andrew M. Scherzer (LA)
Christine Snetter (Arch)
Cameron Stiles (CID)
Sheila Wilson (CID)

Board staff present for all or part of the meeting was:

Kathleen R. (Kate) Nosbisch, Executive Director
Amy Goobic, Administrative Assistant

No representative was present from the Office of the Attorney General.

Ms. Wilson, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:13 p.m.

Call to Order

Mr. Boynton moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Scherzer seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Boynton, Clayborne, Crowther, Scherzer, Snetter, Stiles and Wilson.

Approval of Agenda

Clifton Strickland, Architect, was present to address the Section. Mr. Strickland expressed concerns he has with NCARB and the fact that he cannot obtain an NCARB certificate without having a college degree. Mr. Strickland stated that a college graduate would pay \$175 for an NCARB certificate; however he would have to pay \$6,500. Mr. Strickland inquired as to why the Virginia Board delegates voted no at the annual meeting, for a pathway to obtain a certificate without a degree. Mr. Boynton stated the the Virginia Board voted no due to an amendment added to the original measure. Mr. Strickland informed the Section that he is currently getting a degree from Regents University, in something other than architecture that will enable him to qualify for an NCARB certificate. He must then pay \$1,500 to have degree analyzed and \$5,000 to have someone review his work. Mr. Strickland is requesting the Architect Section consider working towards changing the process. Ms. Nosbisch state that the Section may take under advisement for the NCARB Annual meeting next year and thanked Mr. Strickland for voicing his concerns to the Section.

Public Comment

Ms. Stiles provided an update from the certified interior designers section. Ms. Stiles reported that as of June 1, 2015, James Madison University (JMU) no longer had an accredited interior design program, that the Spring 2015 class would be the last to have accredited degrees. She also stated that JMU changed the name of the program to 'interior architecture.' Virginia still has CIDA accredited programs at VCU, Radford, Virginia Tech and Marymount.

Certified Interior Designer Section Update

Ms. Nosbisch reported that the CIDQ Board of Directors election was upcoming and the Virginia vote must be submitted by October 26. Ms. Stiles will submit the vote for the Virginia Board. Ms. Nosbisch also stated that CIDQ was soliciting nominations for the Louis S. Tregre Award, for volunteer service.

CIDQ Update

Ms. Nosbisch reported that Mr. Crowther represented the Virginia Landscape Architect Section on a CLARB regional teleconference, and that Rick Picatagi, New Jersey, was the new regional director, and Steven Pilz, Rhode Island, is the alternate director. Ms. Nosbisch also indicated there would be a vote on the CLARB bylaws regarding a new standard for eligibility.

Landscape Architect Section Update

Mr. Scherzer stated that he has been attending the PE/LS Sections to ensure the landscape architect section remains informed on topics that may pertain to their profession as well.

Discussion was held on the candidates for the Board of Directors election to be held at the upcoming annual meeting in New Orleans, September 17-19. Mr. Crowther will submit the vote for the Virginia Board at the meeting.

CLARB Update

Ms. Wilson, Ms. Stiles, Mr. Scherzer and Mr. Crowther departed the meeting at 12:40 p.m. Ms. Snetter assumed the position of Chair.

Departure of Section Members

Ms. Nosbisch again welcomed Mr. Clayborne as a new member of the Board and Architect Section.

Architect Section Update

Ms. Nosbisch informed the Section that there were two surveys from NCARB to complete, and explained that she feels there is merit in completing the surveys as a group, as opposed to individually. Section members agreed by consensus.

NCARB Update

Discussion was held on the survey questions and concerns Section members had with changes to IDP and the core hours required, which may present a problem to Virginia applicants as the IDP handbook in the Board's regulations is date specific. Section members suggested inquiring how the hours would be tracked, due to the date specific IDP handbook. Section

members then discussed the issue of taking exam prior to graduation. Mr. Boynton stated that it would be an issue with comity applicants in Virginia. Section members recommended NCARB work with NAAB, so that students are aware that taking the exams pre-graduation, may result in issues with some states licensure requirements.

Ms. Nosbisch informed the Section that the NCARB Regional Summit and MBE meeting, will be held March 10-12, in Savannah, GA. NCARB will fund the MBE and two board members.

Ms. Nosbisch informed the Architect Section that they need to elect the Section Chair. Mr. Boynton moved to have Ms. Snetter remain as Chair. Mr. Clayborne seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by members: Boynton, Clayborne and Snetter.

Other Business

Conflict of Interest forms were completed by all members present.

**Conflict of Interest
Forms**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

Adjourn

Sheila Wilson, Chair

Jay W. DeBoer, Secretary