

**MINUTES FOR BOARD MEETING OF THE WESTERN COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURAL
REGISTRATION BOARDS – WCARB REGION 6
Oval Room, Fairmont Copley Plaza, Boston, MA**

Friday, June 23, 2017

Chairman Jon Baker called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 1

Roll Call:

Alaska – present
Arizona – present
California – present
Colorado – present
Guam – present
Hawaii – present
Idaho – present
Nevada – present
New Mexico – present
Oregon – present
Utah – present
Washington – present

All member states and jurisdictions were present and represented at the June 2017 Region 6 Regional meeting at the NCARB Annual Business Meeting.

Introductions:

There were several new members in attendance: Neal Jones, MBM Arizona, Jim Chaney, MBM Oregon, Kelly Dunn, MBM Colorado, Ryan Peterson, MBM Utah, Brian Jacobsen, MBM Utah, Celestia Carson, MBM Utah.

Bob Fielden, NV Past President was also in attendance.

The new members of WCARB Region 6 were warmly welcomed with a standing ovation.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion: Terance White (UT) moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Matt McGuinness (CA).

Vote: All in favor. Motion passes.

Approval of the Minutes:

Motion: Mark Glenn (NM) moved to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2017 regional summit in Jersey City, NJ. Motion seconded by Scott Harm (WA).

Vote: All in favor. Motion passes.

Agenda Item 3 Regional Director's Report – Jim Oswald

Jim Oswald provided a regional director report, welcoming everyone to Boston for the 2017 NCARB Annual Business Meeting and giving an excellent overview on the current work of the Council. Topics covered included:

- Statistics regarding member board program alignment with current NCARB programs
- 6 new architectural programs have been approved into the IPAL program
- The Council has released new cut scores for more divisions of the ARE 5.0
- Discussed the benefits to member boards of NCARB's Direct Registration program and encouraged member boards not already participating to check it out
- Discussed the NCARB Blue Sky idea to create exam eligibilities without connection to a state board and how that might look like as a candidate pursues licensure

This topic sparked a lively discussion amongst the membership. Jon Baker suggested that NCARB change the name on this because it is too confusing. This topic is about direct eligibility because actual architectural registration always come through the state boards. Doug Sams recommended that NCARB work hard to make clear to the public who needs to be licensed and who does not. This item as it is being presented will cause public confusion. George Garlock asked Oswald what was broken with the current system that NCARB felt it needed to create this process? It was noted that if a candidate under this process were allowed to put "NCARB" after their name before architectural registration would confuse the public into thinking someone was already registered. Jim Robertson asked if this was even legal and would it be brought before the member boards for a vote?

AGENDA ITEM 2 NCARB Visiting Team

Visiting Team: Kristine Harding, NCARB President, Greg Erny, 1VP President Elect and Mike Armstrong, NCARB CEO stopped by the region to answer any questions.

There was a lively conversation regarding the Blue Sky idea of certification before registration. Tian Feng said that certification before registration will dilute consumer protection and is a bad idea. Harding responded she understood the idea might not grow legs but wanted to show everyone how Blue Sky ideas get developed. The AXP started as a Blue Sky idea.

Terance White said that it seems like we've had a lot of discussion on how to support boards. What can be done so that NCARB interacts meaningfully with existing certificate holders? Erny responded that it's a continual communication effort that continues to grow, but told Terance that NCARB was working on that and will continue to look at improving that message as the Council moves forward.

Joyce Young indicated that she really appreciated the keynote speakers at this meeting. Reinforces that we as member boards are not here to protect the licensees. Member boards are mandated to protect the public.

Bob Fielden said that one of the problems in the work force is the preparation or training of principals of small firms who are not equipped to prepare their staff who are examination candidates prepare for the architect registration exams. He mentioned that a training program for supervisors is greatly needed. Harding responded that NCARB was currently working on supervisor training and hoped to make it widely available soon.

Kristen Wells asked Harding to help her understand what is the purpose of NCARB. Harding stated that NCARB's mission is to support the member boards. Celestia Carson, who is a new member, said that as a board member, she appreciated hearing that NCARB supports the member boards but she didn't see what NCARB does for her as a certificate holder. She said she read the mission statement and found out that her fees subsidize the ARE and that was not something she was aware of. She suggested NCARB consider changing that message.

Chairman Baker thanked the visiting team for taking the time to visit the region.

Agenda Item 4 Executive Committee/Chair's Report – Jon Baker

Chair Jon Baker stated that WCARB Region 6 had spent the past couple of years talking about the value of regional membership and the current dues structure and as a result of these conversations the region had produced a white paper on the value of regional membership and explored and decided against lowering membership dues at this time. He updated the membership that the Arizona board had sent a letter to NCARB inquiring about establishing a task force to review the relevancy of regions. Region 6 does not know what NCARB's response to this request is yet and will update the membership on this matter when new information is provided.

Baker announced that based on membership discussion over the past year and especially at the 2017 Regional Summit in Jersey City, he would form three new task force/committees that would require member participation and would be further discussed later in the agenda:

1. Strategic Plan Task Force
2. Education and Programs Committee; and
3. Bylaws & Rules Task Force

Agenda Item 5 State Reports

Alaska: Not too many changes. The board is getting a new landscape architect member in November.

Arizona: Board successfully underwent Sunset Review and has been dealing with the Goldwater Institute.

California: Has been dealing with its Landscape Architect Technical Committee.

Colorado: Nothing new to report.

Guam: Nothing new to report.

Hawaii: Their Governor finally filled all the vacant architect board member positions.

Idaho: The Lieutenant Governor issued an Executive Order to review all of Idaho's boards and commissions.

Nevada: The board's joint CEU program with the local AIA is in its 5th year and is a huge success with the registrants. This is an all-day program that is offered free of charge that provides enough quality health, safety and welfare units for the registrant to renew his or her Nevada license. The Board also rewrote the residential designer graphic examination.

New Mexico: The board successfully underwent the sunset review process, was successful in passing a bill in the legislature that clarified practice delivery methods and ownership requirements, increased its administrative fine capability and implemented a temporary BEA process. The board moved its offices and are finally fully staffed.

Oregon: Still waiting for resolution of the Supreme Court case regarding unlicensed practice and the board's ability to go after violators.

Utah: The board was recently informed by their governor that only two board members can attend future regional and national meetings regardless of funding.

Washington: Colin Jones was reappointed to the board. Rick Storvick received a promotion but chose to remain the MBE for the architects board. The board is pleased to report that they are almost paperless and that 99 percent of licensees renew their licenses online.

AGENDA ITEM 6 Financial Report – Jay Cone

Cone stated that the finances for the region were in good shape and that the current balance sheet and profit and loss statements were provided for review in the meeting packet for member review and comment.

Agenda Item 7 Review and Approval of 2017-18 WCARB Budget

The draft budget for fiscal year October 1, 2017 – September 30, 2018 was presented to the membership for review and decision.

Chair Baker suggested to the membership that they update the education and programming budget and use it to fund the committees.

Motion: New Mexico moved to add \$15,000 to the 2017-18 budget for education and program development, seconded by Nevada.

Vote: All in favor. Motion passes.

Motion: Oregon moved to approve the amended draft budget for the 2017-18 fiscal year. Motion seconded by Utah.

Vote: All in favor. Motion passes.

Agenda Items 8 and 9 Review committee structure per the Region 6 Bylaws and confirm the need for each and possible need for new committees, including strategic planning task force

After lengthy member discussion, Baker reiterated that there will be three new task force/committees and asked for volunteers to serve on the committees:

1. Strategic Plan Task Force

Volunteer members: Jim Oschwald (chair), Doug Sams, Catherine Fritz, Mary Morrisette and Corey Solum.

2. Education and Programs Committee

Volunteer members: Jim Mickey (chair), Tara Rothwell-Clark, Terance White, Corey Solum and Joyce Young

3. Bylaws & Rules Task Force

Volunteer members: Neitha Wilkey (chair), Mark McKechnie and Mark Glenn.

Chair Baker thanked everyone for their participation and told them that he and Gina would be in contact with them over the next few weeks to get them going on their committee work so they could report back to the membership at the 2018 Regional Summit in Wichita, Kansas next March.

Agenda Item 10 2018 Regional Meeting Discussion – agenda and educational topics?

Possible future educational program topics:

- Supervisors for AXP
- Supervisor support for Region 6
- Board member training
- New board member orientation

AGENDA ITEM 13 WCARB Region 6 Laudatories

Jim Mickey read laudatories into the record for George Garlock and John Klai, from the Nevada board, who are expected to term off their board due to new Nevada legislation regarding term limits.

AGENDA ITEM 14 New Business

No new business was discussed.

AGENDA ITEM 15 Old Business

No old business was discussed.

AGENDA ITEM 15 Other

No other business was discussed.

ADJOURN FOR THE DAY

Chair Baker adjourned the Region 6 WCARB meeting at 3:25 p.m.

**REGION 6 MEETING ATTENDANCE
ROSTER - BOSTON, MA**

Attendees June 23, 2017

ALASKA

Jeff Koonce, MBM
Vernon Jones, MBM
Catherine Fritz, MBM

ARIZONA

Neal Jones, MBM
Patrice Pritzl, MBE

CALIFORNIA

Jon Baker, MBM
Matthew McGuinness, MBM
Doug McCauley, MBE
Sylvia Kwan, MBM
Tian Feng, MBM

COLORADO

Joyce Young, MBE
Mary Morissette, MBM
Catherine Kelly Dunn, MBM

GUAM

Liza Provido, MBM
Glenn Leon Guerrero, MBM
Mark Ruth, MBM
Ray Borja, MBE

HAWAII

Joyce Noe, MBM
Mark Ventura, MBM
Jimmy Kobashigawa, MBE

IDAHO

Allison McClintock, MBM
Jay Cone, MBM
Daniel Mullin, MBM
Garth Jensen, MBM
Peter Rockwell, MBM

NEVADA

William Snyder, MBM
George Garlock, MBM
Greg Erny, MBM
John Klai, MBM
Kim Ciesynski, MBM
James Mickey, MBM
Monica Harrison, MBE
Gina Spaulding (Region 6 Exec)

NEW MEXICO

Bob Calvani, MBM
Jim Oswald, MBM
Tara Rothwell-Clark, MBM
Ray Vigil, MBM
Melarie Gonzales, MBE
Mark Glenn, MBM

OREGON

Doug Sams, MBM
James Robertson, MBM
Jim Chaney, MBM
Mark McKechnie, MBM
Patrick Bickler, MBM
Kristin Wells, MBM
Dick Alexander, MBM
Maria Brown, MBE

UTAH

Ryan Peterson, MBM
Brian Jacobson, MBM
Terance White, MBM
Celestia Carson, MBM
Corey Solum, MBM

WASHINGTON

Scott Harm, MBM
Neitha Wilkey, MBM
Rick Storvick, MBE
Sian Roberts, MBM
Jill Short, Staff

GUESTS:

Bob Fielden, NV Past President