

# Western Conference of Architectural Registration Boards

## MINUTES

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<b>MEETING CONVENED BY</b>	Chair Bob Calvani
<b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>	Regional Meeting Held at NCARB 2014 Annual Meeting
<b>ATTENDEES TO ESTABLISH QUORUM (SEE APPENDIX FOR LIST OF ATTENDEES)</b>	Alaska <u>x</u> Arizona <u>x</u> California <u>x</u> Colorado <u>x</u> Guam <u>x</u> Hawaii <u>x</u> Idaho <u>x</u> Nevada <u>x</u> New Mexico <u>x</u> Oregon <u>x</u> Utah <u>x</u> Washington <u>x</u> Quorum Established <u>x</u> (See Appendix A for list of attendees)
<b>INTRODUCTIONS</b>	Chair Calvani asked everyone in the meeting to introduce themselves and identify their jurisdiction. Introductions were made. There were several new members in attendance: Ryan Turner and Greta Anderson; Utah, Leroy Brady; Arizona, Maria Villanova, Guam, Rick Storvick, Washington and former NCARB President Bob Campbell, New Mexico; who was visiting WCARB as a guest member. The new and returning WCARB members were warmly welcomed.
<b>APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA</b>	Motion to approve the agenda made by Jon Baker. Second: Ed Marley Vote: Passed
<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>	Motion to approve the minutes from the March 7, 2014 regional meeting in San Antonio, TX, by: Steve Turner Second: Jim Oswald Vote: Passed

## Agenda topics

### REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

GREG ERNY

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Regional Director Greg Erny addressed the membership:
<p>Greg thanked the members for giving him the opportunity to serve as the WCARB Region 6 Regional Director for the past two years. He told the group that they would be in good hands with incoming Regional Director Bob Calvani. He reported that Region 6 was well represented on NCARB committees with respect to volunteers. He urged the membership to continue to volunteer within the WCARB community as well as for NCARB. It's very important to volunteer as a region. Greg said that he is very passionate about volunteering and giving back to the profession.</p> <p>Jon Baker asked Greg to give a status update about the RFP for the academies for the Alternate Path to Licensure that NCARB is working on. Greg stated that NCARB Leadership would be discussing that topic during Plenary Session tomorrow. Greg said that the schools are lining up to participate in the beta program. Essentially what the proposed program does is fully integrate education, internship and the examination, which the end result being that the graduate is eligible for registration upon graduation. He told everyone that this path will be a longer path to graduation as it is a different model that integrates the three "E's." He explained that we will find out more in the fall. The main requirement for this to be a successful alternate path is there needs to be state board/jurisdiction participation that have laws that permit licensure upon graduation. This beta model has a long way to go, since it's really in its infancy stages at this point. Pasqual Gutierrez told the group that he sits on the Task Force for this topic and that the RFP will be sent to the academies/universities in September 2014. Greg told the group that this is an NCARB led effort and that puts us in a position to have more influence on the shaping of the program.</p> <p>Mark McKechnie told Greg that most of the successful presidents have one particular passion and asked Greg if he had one, and if so what it was. Greg responded that he is very eager to see the upcoming ARE changes come to fruition as well as keep on working to improve the IDP and BEA programs in the near term. In the long term, he would like to see NCARB be the controlling agent of continuing education and would like to foster that if elected to serve as the next NCARB Secretary.</p> <p>Greg told everyone it is a privilege to serve the Region, and asked for their support in his quest to become elected as the next NCARB Secretary. He told everyone that if elected, he would be President when NCARB celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> year of existence.</p>	

**REGIONAL CHAIR'S REPORT** BOB CALVANI

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	Regional Chair Bob Calvani gave the following report to the membership:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bob welcomed everyone to Philadelphia, home to Philadelphia cream cheese, the Rocky Balboa statue, vast American cultural history, including the place where the Declaration of Independence was signed.</li> <li>• Bob briefly discussed the ARE 5.0, including the proposed new changes that will be incorporated into the exam.</li> <li>• The proposed changes to the IDP were discussed. Bob reiterated that the new requirement of 3,740 hours will align with IDP categories to align with the new ARE 5.0.</li> <li>• A brief discussion regarding NCARB's proposed alternate path to licensure (education+internship+ARE – while in school=licensure upon graduation. We will take a watch and see attitude to see how the program develops, while striving to ensure that the architectural registration path does not get too watered down.</li> <li>• The proposed BEA program changes were also discussed. This is a complicated issue and many jurisdictions are for and against the proposal as written and presented to the Council membership. This matter will warrant further discussion from a regional level because the state registration laws are very diverse in our region.</li> <li>• Another topic that is getting quite a bit of traction is the topic of intern titling. Interns do not want to be called interns. Especially interns that have been out of school for a number of years and haven't moved forward to obtain their architectural license. Bob suggested that the Region address this topic at a future meeting to get the sentiments of the region.</li> <li>• Regional Strategies: Bob urged the Region to continue to develop future leaders. When candidates from Region 6 identified themselves as being interested in serving the Region or the National Council, please support them however possible.</li> <li>• Education Committee: Jay Cone will head up the Education Committee to work on developing an educational program for the 2015 Regional Summit next March. Steve Turney, Pete Anderson and Kristen Wells volunteered to serve on the Education Committee.</li> <li>• Branding continues to be a main focus of NCARB Board of Directors. Value of the NCARB certificate needs to continue to be elevated and recognized.</li> <li>• Facilitating Licensure was discussed. This idea is being proposed by NCARB and supported by the academies to provide other options for candidates. This path will in some ways simplify the process, but not make it easier. The phrase "rigor for a reason" was discussed within the Region. It was agreed that we would wait and see what the proposal looks like before making any judgements or decisions whether to support or accept it.</li> <li>• Bob thanked the membership for the opportunity to serve as the Regional Chair and said that he is looking forward to serving the Region as the new Regional Director.</li> </ul>

**STATE REPORTS**

ANYTHING NEW SINCE MARCH

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>The following information was shared with the group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nevada reported that is just published its 8<sup>th</sup> edition of <b>The Blue Book</b>, which is a collaboration between the architecture &amp; design board, engineers board, landscape architects board, contractors board, state public works board, state fire marshal and all of the statewide building officials. <b>The Blue Book</b> is the standard setting guideline for design professionals, building officials and the general public – set in layman's terms. There is an extensive FAQ section at the back of the guideline which addresses many of the questions asked by design professionals, members of the public and building officials. It has become the leading "go-to" guideline for all things related to the built environment.</li> <li>• New Mexico told the membership that the State Use Act – people with disabilities – gets special consideration with regarding to public projects. Architects who are disabled get preference without competition.</li> <li>• Arizona shared that there was a recent issue with regard to the NCARB Blue Cover. Arizona requires retesting after five years if the architect has become inactive with all of his/her state licenses. An issue arose where a previous Arizona registrant had NCARB sent North Dakota a "buff" cover (does not meet education standard or other requirements but has a record) and they erroneously licensed him assuming it was a Blue Cover. The former registrant then came back to Arizona demanding a license based on his license in North Dakota (as a way to get out of the retesting requirement). Arizona refused to license him as he did not meet the requirements for registration. The former registrant then got a Tea Party legislator involved who tried to browbeat the board to give the former registrant a license. It all ended up working out – but Arizona is sharing the story as a cautionary tale. We can't always rely on</li> </ul>
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	<p>our sister boards or NCARB. You cannot always trust the Blue Cover, even though NCARB is continuously telling the states and jurisdictions that. Registration reviewed must be carefully considered by the individual boards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• California said that they are working on their strategic planning. One of the board's primary focuses is to reach out to military folks and help them to transition back to the real world.</li> </ul>
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**FINANCIAL REPORT**

GINA SPAULDING

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Gina Spaulding gave the current financial report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WCARB operates on a revised calendar year of October 1 through September 30.</li> <li>• The Balance Sheet for the period ended June 3, 2014 was provided in the meeting material for the membership. As of June 3, 2014, total liabilities and equity for the region totaled \$157,354.29. This statement is appended to the end of this document as Appendix "B."</li> <li>• The itemized Profit and Loss statement for the period of October 2013 through June 3, 2014 was provided in the meeting material. This statement is appended to the end of this document as Appendix "C."</li> <li>• Regional dues notices will go out in early October in order to give member boards adequate time to requisition the dues money and pay the invoices prior to December 31 of each year.</li> <li>• At the time of this meeting, the Region had a budget surplus of \$25,010.50. A discussion was held regarding what the Region should do if it continues to operate at a surplus. Arizona suggested reducing the Regional dues. California suggested the Region consider establishing a WCARB Prize for Universities within Region 6. It was agreed that we would wait until the end of the fiscal year in September 2014 to see what the actual surplus ends up being and discuss this at the next Regional Summit in 2015.</li> </ul>
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**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE 2014-15 WCARB BUDGET**

GINA SPAULDING

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Gina Spaulding presented the 2014-15 budget to the group. The budget included a line item of \$4,000 in the Expenditures category to create an Education Fund budget to put together the education component for the 2015 WCARB meeting. There was a typo in the Region name. Gina was directed to change "conference" to "council" in the budget header.</p> <p>Motion to approve the 2014-15 Budget made by: Mark McKechnie Second: Bert Yumol Vote: Passed</p>
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**REVIEW AND DECISION WHETHER TO AMEND WCARB BYLAWS**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>At the March 2014 Regional Summit, the Region reviewed a proposed bylaw change to establish a policy to handle Election Ties. The proposed language at the Summit was not acceptable to the Region and they directed the Executive Committee to revise it and present it at the June 2014 Regional meeting. The Executive Committee amended the bylaws per the membership instruction and Chair Calvani walked the Region through the proposed bylaw change:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Article VI:</b> Executive Committee: add new language to address election ties which states: "1.1. Any candidate running for Executive Committee shall have the opportunity to address the membership. In the event of a tie in an election for a position on the Executive Committee, the candidate shall have the opportunity to readdress the membership, followed by another caucus of the membership. This process shall repeat until a winner is declared."</li> </ol> <p>Motion to approve the Bylaw Amendment made by: Greg Erny Second: Ed Marley Vote: Passed</p>
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**NCARB 2014 RESOLUTIONS DISCUSSION** BOB CALVANI

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Chair Calvani led the resolutions discussions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Resolution 2014-01: <b>Certification Guidelines Amendment – Modification to the Education Requirement.</b> No comments</li><li>• Resolution 2014-02: <b>Certification Guidelines Amendment – Modification to the BEA Requirements.</b> No comments</li><li>• Resolution 2014-03: <b>Omnibus Bylaws Changes.</b> Makes various changes throughout the NCARB Bylaws. Mark McKechnie questioned why NCARB was proposing these changes. Greg Erny replied that the changes were being proposed to better reflect current practices.</li><li>• Resolution 2014-04: <b>Freeze of Member Dues and Bylaws Amendment.</b> No comments</li><li>• Resolution 2015-05: <b>Bylaws Change - Regional Directors.</b> Hans Hoffman asked why is the vote not debatable? Greg Erny replied that Robert’s Rules of Order applies. Further, according to NCARB’s research, 75% of past NCARB President’s have had NCARB certificates. The Council is trying to ensure that all future leaders of NCARB are certified, since NCARB’s primary function, after developing the ARE, is to facilitate licensure using the NCARB certificate. Rick Washington asked what problem is the Council trying to solve. Greg responded that it wasn’t necessarily a problem that needed to be solved, per se, rather the belief that future leaders of NCARB should hold an NCARB certificate since that is a primary function of NCARB.</li></ul>
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**2015 REGIONAL MEETING**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p>Chair Calvani told the membership that next year’s Regional Summit would be hosted by Region 6 and will be held in Long Beach, California on March 13-14, 2015. Additional information regarding the Regional Summit will be sent out to the membership sometime in December 2014.</p>
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**WCARB LAUDATORIES**

<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<p><b>Richard Rearick read the following Laudatory for Ronald Abo (Colorado) into the record:</b></p> <p>“WHEREAS, Ronald Abo, Architect, President and Principal of the ABO Group, is completing his duties as a valued participant and Member Board Member of Region 6; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, he has served his profession of architecture with distinction for many years including two terms since 2008 with the Colorado State Board of Licensure for Architects, Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, he served as Chair for Colorado’s Architect Rulemaking Subcommittee in 2010 and actively participated in the Continuing Competency/Continuing Education Workgroup in 2009 that resulted in the adoption of the Continuing Education into law; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, he has been known to deliver a swift face thrust (but not to worry, Sensei Ron has practiced Aikido since 1978, so you should survive).</p> <p>RESOLVED THEREFORE that we express our sincere heartfelt appreciation to Ron by unanimously passing this resolution with a standing ovation.”</p> <p><i>Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 2014 and read into the record at the Region 6 meeting at the NCARB Annual Business Meeting in Philadelphia on June 20, 2014.</i></p> <p><b>Richard Rearick read the following Laudatory for Debra Ellis into the record:</b></p> <p>WHEREAS, Debra Ellis, Office Administrator at Barker Rinker Seacat Architecture, is completing her duties as a valued participant and Member Board Member of Region 6; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, she is leaving the Colorado State Board of Licensure for Architects, Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors where she has served as the Public Member since January 2009; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, she has a tenacious volunteer spirit having served on several committees and board related to the architectural industry; and</p>
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WHEREAS, she has served on the NCARB Professional Conduct Committee and Public Member Task Force and Colorado's AES Board's Land Surveyor Quorum; and

WHEREAS, she will complete her service on the Colorado AES Board by reviewing the final 1,500 page board package; and

WHEREAS, she will then be ready for a vacation on Ocean View Beach in Runaway Bay, Jamaica-mon.

RESOLVED THEREFORE that we express our sincere heartfelt appreciation to Debra by unanimously passing this resolution with a standing ovation.

*Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 2014 and read into the record at the Region 6 meeting at the NCARB Annual Business Meeting in Philadelphia on June 20, 2014.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

**DISCUSSION** Chair Calvani asked if there was any new business. Arizona asked that the next meeting agenda in March 2015 include an agenda item to discuss reducing WCARB Region 6 dues. There was no more new business.

**NCARB VISITING TEAM**

**DISCUSSION** Blake Dunn, NCARB President, Mike Armstrong, NCARB CEO, Dale McKinney, 1<sup>st</sup> VP/President Elect and Dan Taylor, NCARB Legal Counsel were present to answer any questions from the members of Region 6.

General discussions ensued regarding the future of NCARB, new programs and task forces on the horizon. Value of the NCARB certificate was discussed, along with the newly rolled out proposed IDP streamlining and broadly experienced architects changes to the existing programs.

**CANDIDATE VISITS**

**DISCUSSION** Greg Erny, Regional Director for Region 6, is seeking election on the NCARB Board of Directors as Secretary. He spoke to the Region, answered questions and asked for support in his quest to become NCARB Secretary.

John Sorrenti, Region 1, also visited Region 6 and answered questions and asked for the support of Region 6 in his election to be NCARB Secretary.

Kristine Harding, Region 3, seeking election as NCARB Treasurer, Margo Jones, Region 1, seeking election as NCARB 2VP and Dennis Ward, Region 3, seeking election as NCARB 1VP/President Elect all visited Region 6 to answer questions and ask for support in their respective elections as they desire to continue to serve NCARB in a leadership capacity.

Chair Calvani thanked the Candidates for visiting WCARB Region 6.

**OLD BUSINESS/OTHER**

**DISCUSSION** There was no old business or other items discussed.

**MEETING RECESSED AT 4:30 PM** Chair Calvani declared this meeting of WCARB adjourned.