

WCARB

The mission of the Western Region shall be to collaborate as a conference of Member Boards to protect the public's health, safety, and welfare by participating in the development of effective regulations and exemplary standards for the practice of architecture.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

EDUCATE

It is essential that WCARB Board Member & Executives stay abreast of contemporary regulatory and legal issues, expand individual knowledge related to all aspects of architectural practice so as to exemplify professional continuing education and life long learning.

STRATEGIES:

- A: Create high quality education programs.
- B: Track and Influence Legal Issues.
- C: Promote lifelong learning and service.

COLLABORATE

One of WCARB's greatest strengths is its multi-faceted diversity. Sharing information and best practices among 13 jurisdictions of the region benefits all boards and members, and strengthens understanding of many unique aspects of culture, politics, ethnicity, gender, and architectural practice.

STRATEGIES:

- A: Share Best Practices between States.
- B: Collaborate with other Regions.
- C: Facilitating Reciprocity.

INFLUENCE

WCARB is committed to being an actively involved region of NCARB for the purpose of promoting Practice of Architecture through the licensing of qualified individuals. Encouraging service on committees, growing leadership, and communicating important regional issues will ensure that the region's work remains relevant and effective.

STRATEGIES:

- A) Encourage WCARB member service on WCARB & NCARB committees.
- B) Develop resolutions to improve WCARB and NCARB.
- C) Promote diversity at all levels

OBJECTIVE 1, EDUCATE: It is essential that WCARB Board members and Executives stay abreast of contemporary regulatory and legal issues, and expand individual knowledge related to all aspects of architectural practice and to exemplify professional continuing education and life-long learning.

a. Create high quality education programs.

- Develop educational programs that increase knowledge and effectiveness of members in their roles as regulators.
- Conduct educational programs that are well planned, informative, and relevant to increase member involvement in WCARB.
- Provide educational programs that qualify for HSW credits to exemplify HSW standards and also be informative for members who are not registered architects.

PROPOSED June 19, 2023- June 2024 ACTIONS:

1. Plan and present at least one 1 hour program for WCARB members to be delivered through video conference.
2. Begin development of a database of relevant high quality speakers for member boards to access for educational offerings in their jurisdiction.
3. Work with NCARB to provide AIA Continuing Education credits for program.

ASSIGNED TO:

1. Education Committee.
Tian Feng, Jim Mickey, Scott Harm, Melarie Gonzales (ED)
2. Education Committee.
3. Melarie Gonzales.

EX-COM LIAISON

1. COREY SOLUM
2. COREY SOLUM
3. NA

b. Track and influence legal issues.

- Stay abreast of NCARB legal briefs and legislative tracking of licensing issues and share this information with WCARB members.
- Gather and share information from WCARB members regarding issues facing their jurisdictions.

PROPOSED June 19, 2023- June 2024 ACTIONS:

1. Develop a place on WCARB website for regulatory issues; post/link NCARB tracking.
2. Determine Actions from 'Hot Topics' gathered at 2024 Regional Summit.

ASSIGNED TO:

1. Corey Solum, Melarie Gonzales.
2. Sian Roberts, Greg Erny

EX COM LIAISON

1. COREY SOLUM
2. JIM OSCHWALD

c. Promote service and leadership.

- Orient and support new members as they join WCARB so as to increase their participation and effectiveness more quickly.
- Recruit members for leadership positions by first engaging them in committee work and special projects.

PROPOSED June 19, 2023- June 2024 ACTIONS:

1. Develop a list of new members; assign mentors.
2. Develop WCARB committee roles/responsibilities to broaden members' understanding of opportunities.
3. Develop a place on WCARB website for committee documents.
4. Form a Working Group to develop a new member orientation program.

ASSIGNED TO:

1. Ex Comm & Melarie Gonzales.
2. Ex Comm & Melarie Gonzales.
3. Melarie Gonzales.
4. Celestia Carson, Allison McClintik, Lisa Howard

EX COM LIAISON

1. NA
2. CATHERINE FRITZ
3. NA
4. MIKE KOLEJKA

OBJECTIVE 2, COLLABORATE: One of WCARB’s greatest strengths is its multi-faceted diversity. Sharing information and best practices among the 13 jurisdictions of the region benefits all boards and members, and strengthens understanding of many unique aspects of culture, politics, ethnicity, gender, and architectural practice.

a. Share Best Practices between Members.

- Analyze the diversity of WCARB so as to better understand how to effectively collaborate among members.
- Encourage members to share issues as they develop into statutory and regulatory changes.
- Serve as a trusted resource for intern development, licensing, registration data and regulatory information.

PROPOSED June 19, 2023- June 2024 ACTIONS:

1. Define WCARB diversity, and gather information about WCARB members’ diversity.
2. Develop a format for gathering info on statutory/regulatory issues (also see OBJ 1. B.1).
3. Posting/link regulatory issues on WCARB website.
4. Develop interest groups among WCARB members to encourage communications and sharing of activities/info.

ASSIGNED TO:

1. Erica Cedar, Tonie Esteban, Nilza Serrano
2. Sian Roberts
3. Melarie Gonzales,
4. Same as Ob 2 b.1 (below).

EX COM LIAISON

1. TIAN FENG
2. COREY SOLUM
3. COREY SOLUM
4. JIM OSCHWALD

b. Collaborate with other Regions.

- Share WCARB issues with other region leadership.
- Learn about the issues of other regions and determine their impacts on WCARB.
- Increase communications and rapport among members of other regions so as to better participate in national issues.

PROPOSED June 19, 2023- June 2024 ACTIONS:

1. Engage WCARB liaisons with other regions; develop a format to report issues and activities.

ASSIGNED TO:

1. - Region 1:
- Region 2: Scott Harm -
Region 3: Mike Kolejka
-Region 4: Jim Oschwald
-Region 5: Ron Jones

EX COM LIAISON

1. MIKE KOLEJKA

c. Facilitate Reciprocity.

- Advocate for the elimination of impediments to reciprocity.
- Work with NCARB staff and Model Law Committee to identify efforts being made to facilitate reciprocity/comity.

PROPOSED June 19, 2023- June 2024 ACTIONS:

1. Gather data from NCARB & WCARB jurisdictions to better understand the similarities and differences of licensing requirements. Review state report template to consider adding relevant information.

ASSIGNED TO:

1. Melarie Gonzales, Greg Erny, Sian Roberts

EX COM LIAISON

1. CATHERINE FRITZ

OBJECTIVE 3, INFLUENCE: WCARB is committed to being an actively involved region of NCARB for the purpose of promoting the practice of architecture through the licensing of qualified individuals. Encouraging service on committees, growing leadership, and communicating important regional issues will ensure that the region's work remains relevant and effective.

a. Encourage WCARB member service on WCARB & NCARB committees.

- Increase the number of WCARB members on committees.
- Communicate committee opportunities to members in multiple ways.

PROPOSED June 19, 2023- June 2024 ACTIONS:

1. *Identify, encourage, and assist WCRARB members to apply for national committees.*
2. *Review Bylaws and plan for updates, including changes recommended through these Strategic Plan Actions.*

ASSIGNED TO:

1. *Scott Harm*
2. *Bylaws Comm:
- Mark Glenn, Robert Pearman, Melarie Gonzales*

EX COM LIAISON

1. *CATHERINE FRITZ*
2. *MIKE KOLEJKA*

c. Promote diversity at all levels.

- Using information learned from Objective 2a., review WCARB organization and activities to ensure that diversity is exemplified.
- Participate in NCARB activities to increase diversity.

PROPOSED June 19, 2023- June 2024 ACTIONS:

1. *Develop a self-evaluation tool of WCARB Executive Committee make-up and activities to determine responsiveness to diversity.*
2. *Using the information gained from OBJ 2. a. 1. to identify ways to reach out to diverse members within WCARB to increase inclusion.*
3. *Participate in NCARB DEI efforts to develop specific actions to increase diversity.*

ASSIGNED TO:

1. *Exec Comm, Melarie Gonzales.*
2. *Erica Cedar, Tonie Esteban, Nilza Serrano, Sylvia Kwan*
3. *Same as c. 2 above + Exec Comm and Melarie Gonzales.*

EX COM LIAISON

1. *CATHERINE FRITZ*
2. *TIAN FENG*
3. *TIAN FENG*