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COVID-19 Update

In accordance with Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak's order, the NSBAIDRD remains closed to the public. Staff is working remotely and is available through [email](#) or phone during regular office hours. When the office reopens to the public, we will update our website and social media channels, and advise of any new procedures in place for safely visiting the office.

For the latest information on Nevada's response to COVID-19 and Governor Sisolak's latest directives, please refer to [Nevada Health Response](#).

Board Meeting

The June 10, 2020 board meeting will be held virtually. Information about connecting to the meeting virtually will be posted on the meeting agenda. The meeting agenda will be posted June 5 on the [board's website](#), as well as www.notice.nv.gov. If you have any questions or need help connecting to the meeting, please contact the board's office prior to the board meeting.

Residential Design Exam

The August Residential Design Exam is tentatively scheduled for August 13-14, 2020. Exam registration forms are not yet available as it is unknown what testing facilities will be available or what testing procedures will be in place. If you are considering testing in August, please [email Nani Aguada](#) so she can keep you up to date on testing. Updates will also be posted on the board website and social media channels.

NCARB and ARE

As of this writing, Prometric Test Centers in North America remain closed with a planned opening date of May 31, 2020. Once test centers are open, they will be operating at 50 percent capacity in order to keep appropriate socially distancing. To help accommodate test takers, NCARB has implemented a nine-month rolling clock extension to all passed sections of the ARE. NCARB is also offering free rescheduling to ARE candidates.

NCARB is also reminding candidates that seat credits are good for one year. This means the exam must be *scheduled* in one year; the exam does not have to be taken within the one-year timeframe. If a candidate



Calendar

June 10, 2020

Board Meeting
Virtual

August 19, 2020

Board Meeting
Location TBD

August 2020*

Residential Design Exam
*(Subject to change)

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has a seat credit expiring soon and cannot schedule due to current circumstances, they should call NCARB directly.

To read the latest update on NCARB's services, please visit the [NCARB website](#).

To watch the April 30th NCARB Live: ARE Update, please visit the [NCARB YouTube channel](#).

CIDQ and NCIDQ Exam

The April administration of the NCIDQ Exam was cancelled as all Prometric Test Centers were closed. All candidates whose exams were cancelled will automatically have their eligibility rolled over to the fall exam. CIDQ will contact candidates in July regarding scheduling for the fall exam. Additionally, in order to accommodate all test takers in the fall, CIDQ has extended the window for the fall exam to October 1 through November 24, 2020.

For the most up to date information about the NCIDQ Exam, please visit the [CIDQ website](#).

Continuing Education NSBAIDRD / AIA Annual CEU Seminar Goes Online

Reno and Las Vegas In-Person Events Cancelled

Due to the ongoing pandemic, NSBAIDRD and AIA Nevada have jointly decided to cancel this year's scheduled in-person seminars and move the annual continuing education event online. At this point it is unclear when large gatherings will be able to take place. Additionally, in order to be mindful of some attendees' health concerns, it was decided it would be best to move online for the 2020 seminar.

The seminar will be held from 8:00am – 5:00pm, Thursday, November 19, 2020. Registration for all four classes is \$95. We are working on finding a great platform where attendees will be able to interact and ask questions of the presenters during the live presentation. To register and see a detailed schedule, visit [AIA Las Vegas](#).

Scoping for Accessibility in New and Existing Buildings

Presented by Todd Snider, SE, CBO / Regional Manager WC3

This class provides a brief overview of the accessibility requirements of the 2018 IBC and focuses on which elements are required to comply with the accessibility provisions of ICC A117.1-09. The class also discusses the requirements for accessibility upgrades required for modifications to existing buildings. It will talk about additions, alterations, change of use, historical buildings, and modifications to areas containing primary functions.

The Future of Design and Its Impact on the Health, Safety and Welfare of All Stakeholders

Presented by Jared Zurn Jared N. Zurn, AIA, NCARB, CAE, NCARB Vice President, Examination and Andy McIntyre, NCARB Vice President, Marketing & Communications

Learn how technology is changing roles and responsibilities on and across project teams and the considerations design professionals must have for maintaining authority and responsibility.

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Moving? Changing Jobs?

Registrants have 30 days to notify the board of a change of address or place of employment per NRS 623.720.

Download a [change of address form](#), or [email the following information](#) to the board office:

- Full name
- Registration Number
- Prior Address & Phone #
- New Address & Phone #
- Email Address
- Effective Date of Change
- Type of Change (Business or Home)

Introduction to the IEBC

Presented by Todd Snider, SE, CBO / Regional Manager WC3

This course provides a brief synopsis of the 2018 IEBC. It provides an overview of how the IEBC is laid out and how it is applied to buildings. There will be some discussion as to the changes from Chapter 34 of the 2012 IBC for prescriptive requirements. It also provides an overview of the scoping for the work-area method and performance methods also permitted by the IEBC.

Navigating Contract and Legal Issues Facing Nevada Design Professionals in 2020

Presented by John Wendland, Esq. and Jeremy R. Kilber, Esq., Nevada partners of Weil & Drage, APC

The attorneys will present lessons learned from recent litigation involving Nevada design professionals, and review recent changes to Nevada law that will impact current and future projects. The attorneys will also address key contract provisions that should be included in all design contracts for Nevada projects.

Thank you to seminar sponsors Brayn Consulting, LLC and Nevada Sales Agency.



Frequently Asked Questions

How often is my firm required to update the board of its ownership and/or management?

NAC 623.740 requires every firm using a corporate or fictitious name have its name approved by the board. We refer to this as "firm name approval." These firms are required to notify the board in writing within 30 days after there are any changes in the ownership or management of the firm. Additionally, if the firm decides to change its name, it must have the new firm name approved by the board. [See NAC 623.740.5](#)

NRS 623.349 allows registrants to form business organizations or associations with persons who are not licensed, as long as two-thirds of the ownership is held by design professionals licensed under NRS 623, 623A or 625. We refer to this as "firm registration." If these firms are corporations, they must give the board a complete list of all stockholders with their initial application, and update the board annually thereafter within 30 days of the corporation's annual meeting. [See NRS 623.349.2](#)

For information about firm name approval and firm name registration, please see our [website](#) or contact the board office.

NSBAIDRD on Social Media

Follow the board on Facebook and Twitter for the latest happenings, upcoming deadlines, CEU opportunities and more.

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New Registrants By Examination



Secretary James Mickey with new architects Daniel McGinnis (Las Vegas) #8316 and Ryan Warren (Reno) #8317.

Working with Unlicensed Individuals

Are you recommending unlicensed individuals to a client? If so, please be aware that you must do so properly to comply with state law. In order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public, design professional services must be provided by a properly licensed individual, or someone practicing under their responsible control.

As a professional courtesy, it would be best to recommend someone who is duly licensed by the board to provide professional design services. If you believe an unlicensed person is the best candidate for the job, be sure to follow these four requirements:

1. The registrant must have a written agreement with the client/owner, which outlines the registrant's responsibilities and scope of service.
2. The registrant must have a written agreement with the unlicensed

individual, which shows that the registrant is in responsible control of the unlicensed individual's work.

3. The registrant must be in responsible control of the unlicensed individual's work from the beginning of the project.

4. The unlicensed individual may only act as a consultant to the registrant.

If you work with an unlicensed individual on a project and you do not have a written agreement with that person, you may be viewed as not having responsible control. If you are not in responsible control, you may be aiding and abetting unlicensed practice, which is grounds for disciplinary action (NRS 623.270). Further, if you are the Architect of Record for a project and are working with an unlicensed individual, you must be the person receiving all the proposals.

If you have any questions about recommending or working with an unlicensed individual, please contact the board office at (702) 486-7300.

Building Safety Month Free CEU Opportunities

To celebrate this year's Building Safety Month, the International Code Council (ICC) has developed a set of free, virtual events to be held throughout the month of May. To check out the events, including the free CEUs, go to [ICC website](#).

Upcoming CEUs include:

A New Standard for Rating Whole-House Water Efficiency

Speaker: Ryan Meres

Code Council Host: Dave Walls

Length: 60 minutes; CEUs: 0.1

Date: May 14, 1:00–2:00 pm ET

Panel Discussion about the Effects of COVID-19 on the Building Safety Industry

Speakers: TBA

Code Council Host: Sara Yerkes

Length: 60 minutes; CEUs: 0.1

Date: May 20, 1:00–2:00 pm ET

Deck Safety and the Codes

Speaker: Glenn Mathewson

Code Council Host: Learning Center

Length: 90 minutes; CEUs: 0.15

Date: May 29, 1:00–2:30 pm ET

Disciplinary Actions

(January 16 through March 4, 2020)

Inquiries are routinely sent to both registrants and non-registrants for alleged violations of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and Nevada Administrative Codes (NAC).

There were three cases this period that were submitted for board consideration and approved. Additionally, five cases were closed because there was no basis for the allegations or the complaint did not fall within the board's jurisdiction.

The following cases were closed by means of settlement agreement; as part of the agreement respondents agreed to assure compliance with Chapter 623. Should the respondents be involved in a subsequent case and found to have again violated NRS, NAC or Rules of Conduct, the case may be used as an aggravating factor. Every effort is made to ensure that the following information is correct. Before making any decision based on this information you should contact the NSBAIDRD.

Holding Oneself Out, Advertising, and Unlicensed Practice of Architecture, Registered Interior Design or Residential Design: NRS 623.360.1(a)(b)(c)

Case 20-011N

The allegations against *Medhi Bolour and Denley Investments and Management Company* were that they held themselves out as being qualified to provide services that fall under the practice of architecture and engaged in the practice of architecture, without having a certificate of registration with the board. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$5,000 plus investigative costs of \$1,400.

Case 20-045N

The allegations against *John E. Mueller and JEMA, LLC* were that they held themselves out as being qualified to provide services that fall under the practice of architecture and engaged in the practice of architecture, without having a certificate of registration with the board. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$6,500 plus investigative costs of \$1,500.

Holding Themselves Out and Putting out a Device Indicating Qualifications to Practice Architecture, Registered Interior Design or Residential Design: NRS 623.360.1(a)(b)

Case 20-017N

The allegations against *Steven Ehrlich, Takashi Yanai, Patricia Rhee, Mathew Chaney, and EYRC Architects* were that they held themselves out and advertised that they were qualified to provide services that fall under the practice of architecture and engaged in the practice of architecture, without having a certificate of registration with the board. The matter was resolved through a settlement agreement incorporating an administrative penalty of \$3,500 plus investigative costs of \$1,500.

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