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COVID-19 Update

In accordance with Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak's order, the NSBAIDRD office 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 nvhealthresponse.nv.gov.

Board Meeting

The October 20, 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 October 15 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.

NCARB and ARE

NCARB recently announced that it will begin offering remote proctoring of the ARE in mid-November. This change will allow candidates to take the ARE in a traditional test center or a remote location. Candidates taking the exam with remote proctoring will be required to meet specific environment and technical requirements.

To accommodate the change to remote proctoring, the exam "experience" will be updated, including navigation, breaks, the number of questions per division, and the overall testing time. These changes will NOT affect content or division structure and candidates can continue to use existing study materials and resources. Candidates may have to adjust their test-taking strategies. NCARB will be releasing more information about the updates in late September.

NCARB has also issued an additional six-month rolling clock extension to all ARE candidates with valid divisions passed as of March 1, 2020. Combined with the previous nine-month extensions, all valid exam scores will have received a total of a 15-month rolling clock extension. This ensures that no exam scores are impacted by the rolling clock until June 2021 at the earliest.



Calendar

September 28, 2020
Residential Design Written Exam
Las Vegas

October 20, 2020
Board Meeting
Virtual

November 19, 2020
NSBAIDRD / AIA CEU Seminar
Virtual

January 20, 2021
Board Meeting
Location TBD

Board Members

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For more information about NCARB and the ARE, visit the [NCARB website](#).

Frequently Asked Questions

Nevada law, [NRS 623.035.1\(d\)](#), allows licensed contractors to provide drawings for their own construction activities. What happens if a licensed contractor designs a project but does not complete construction (i.e. contractor goes out of business, falling out with client, etc.)?

If a contractor designs a project but does not complete construction, a design professional must be brought in before construction can continue. The original drawings are owned by the contractor who provided the design because those plans must only be used by that contractor to construct the project. If the contractor is no longer constructing the project the drawings are no longer valid.

For construction to continue, a new set of plans must be provided. The new plans must be drawn by a design professional. The design professional can redesign the entire project or only the unbuilt portion, however they are taking responsibility for the design of the entire project. The building owner can use the new drawings from the design professional to hire a new contractor to complete construction.

The building owner cannot hire a second contractor to provide new plans. NRS 623.035.1(d) does not allow for drawings to be transferred from one contractor to another. Further, the new contractor cannot provide new drawings for the built portion of the project because that contractor did not build that portion of the project. The new contractor can only build from plans prepared by a design professional and not another contractor.

New Registrants By Examination



Architects are sworn-in during the board's August 19 virtual meeting. The new architects are:
Matthew F. Burns, 8420, Las Vegas
Michael S. Weber, 8421, Las Vegas

NSBAIDRD / AIA Annual CEU Seminar Registration Open

The 2020 NSBAIDRD / AIA Annual CEU Seminar will be a virtual event. It

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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)

is scheduled for Thursday, November 19, 2020, 8:00am – 5:00pm. Registration for all four classes is \$95. Full-day attendees will receive all 8 CEUs required for registration renewal in Nevada.

To see course descriptions, a detailed schedule, or to register, visit [AIA Las Vegas](#). Topics presented will include:

Scoping for Accessibility in New and Existing Buildings

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

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

Introduction to the IEBC

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

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

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



Applications for CEU Exemption Due Sept 30

[Nevada law](#) requires that registrants must complete eight CEUs for registration renewal each year. A minimum of four units must be earned in a structured setting, and a maximum of four units may be earned in a self-directed setting. Additionally, two of the eight units must be obtained from code-related research or learning. Nevada law does not require in-person CEUs.

Registrants who are unable to meet the continuing education requirements due to illness, physical disability or undue hardship may apply to the board for an exemption from the requirement. **Applications for the exemption must be submitted by September 30, 2020** and can be found on the [board website](#).

The following are exempt from the CEU requirement and are not required to fill out an application for exemption:

1. A registrant holding an initial certificate of registration issued by the board, not including a temporary certificate of registration, is exempt from the requirements for continuing education for the year in which the certificate of registration was issued and the next following year.
2. A registrant who serves on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States for a period of more than 120 consecutive days during a

calendar year is exempt from the requirements for continuing education for that calendar year.

If you have any questions about the exemption, please contact the board office.

Renewal Notices Coming in October

Watch Your Email Inbox

Renewal notices will be emailed to the email address on file for all registrants in October. Renewal notices are no longer being sent via US Mail. If you received this newsletter email directly from the board, we have your current email address. If this newsletter was forwarded to you by a colleague or downloaded from our website, we likely do not have your current email address. Please contact our office at 702-486-7300 or nsbaidrd@nsbaidrd.nv.gov to update your contact information.

CEU Opportunities

2018 IRC Wall Bracing Webinar Series

APA is offering a three-part webinar series covering the 2018 IRC wall bracing provisions. The series begins with a one-hour introductory session covering load path, lateral forces and limitations to wall bracing. Additional sessions address related topics, including the simplified wall bracing method and bracing for higher seismic and wind zones.

Series presenters include Matthew Brown, Ron Nuttall and Warren Hamrick, APA Engineered Wood Specialists experienced in providing engineered wood product building and design support and recommendations. APA has collaborated with code bodies since the 1950s to improve wall performance and reduce the risk of catastrophic home failure through the development of prescriptive wall bracing techniques that specify plywood and OSB wood structural panel sheathing.

Sessions start September 15, 2020. For more information or to register go to the [APA website](#).

Disciplinary Actions

(June 11 through August 19, 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 was one case this period that was submitted for board consideration and approved. Additionally, 8 cases were closed because there was no basis for the allegations or the complaint did not fall within the board's jurisdiction.

The following case was 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 21-004N

The allegations against *Paris Hagman* and *Hagman & Associates* 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 \$3,500 plus investigative costs of \$1,400.

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