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Nevada Registrations Expire Dec. 31

All certificates of registration expire on December 31, 2020. Courtesy renewal notices were emailed to the email address on file for all registrants in October and November. Renewal notices are no longer being sent via US Mail.

You can renew online or download a renewal form and mail it to the board office from the [Renew Online page](#) of the board's website. All renewals must be received by December 31 or a late fee of \$220 will be charged, in addition to the \$180 annual renewal fee.

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.

Will continuing education requirements be extended or postponed?

Nevada law does not allow for an extension to CEU requirements.

Looking for CEUs?

Check out our [CEU Opportunities page](#) for links to free and low-cost online classes. Also follow the board's social media for timely information on new classes.

Board Holds Public Workshop

On October 15, the board held a public workshop to solicit comments from interested persons on the proposed regulation change contained in Legislative Counsel Bureau (LCB) File Number T001-20. The proposed regulation will add an option for candidates who are enrolled in an Integrated Pathway to Architectural Licensing (IPAL) option from a NAAB-accredited program and allow them to take the Architect Registration Examination before obtaining their degree under NAC 623.

Approximately 19 people connected virtually to the workshop and five submitted written or verbal comments. Additionally, Harry Falconer,



Calendar

December 31, 2020
2020 Registrations Expire

January 20, 2021
Board Meeting
Virtual

February 2021
Residential Design Exam
Las Vegas

March 24, 2021
Board Meeting
Location TBD

Board Members

James Mickey
Chair

William E. Snyder
Secretary/Treasurer

Kimberly Ciesynski

Gregory L. Erny

Ann Fleming

George F. Garlock

John Morelli

Nathaniel Waugh

NCARB's Vice President, Experience + Education joined to explain the IPAL program and answer questions specific to the IPAL option.

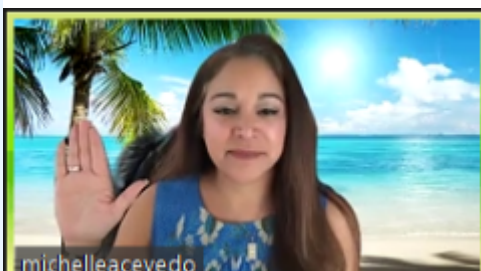
The board will now consider all submitted comments and feedback during a January 20, 2021 public hearing. The public hearing will be held during the board's regularly scheduled board meeting. The specific time of the public hearing will be posted on the board's website on December 21.

New Registrants By Examination



Architects are sworn-in during the board's October 20 virtual meeting. The new architects are:

Anthony Diaz, 8460, Henderson
Jeffrey Sarmiento, 8461, Henderson
Zhe Sun, 8462, Henderson
Stephan L. Winfield, 8463, Las Vegas
Anthony Bennett, 8464, Murrieta, CA



Registered Interior Designer
Michelle Acevedo, 264-ID,
Alexandria, VA is sworn-in during
the board's October 20 virtual
meeting.

8th Annual CEU Seminar a Success

The 2020 NSBAIDRD / AIA Annual CEU Seminar was held via Zoom on November 19. Over 430 attendees heard from a variety of speakers throughout the event. Attendees easily adapted to the virtual format and were able to engage with the presenters in real time using the Q&A function.

The seminar was recorded and will be available for viewing on the [AIA Las Vegas YouTube channel](#) later this month.

An announcement will be made early next year regarding the format of

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Bookkeeper

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)

next year's seminar. Watch for the news in FOCUS newsletter, or through the board's social media channels.

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



Board Leadership Elected, Board Members Reappointed

Board members elected architect member James Mickey as Chair and architect member William Snyder as Secretary/Treasurer at the board's October meeting. Also in October, Governor Sisolak re-appointed architect board members Greg Erny, George Garlock and Tina Wichmann to new three-year terms.

New ARE Demo Exam Available

December 14 Launch Expected for Updated Exam

NCARB anticipates offering online proctoring of the ARE starting December 14, 2020. In order to make online proctoring a reality while still keeping the ARE secure, NCARB had to make changes to the exam. Some of the changes include reducing the number of items in each exam, altering how breaks are taken, elimination of scratch paper, and the introduction of a digital white board. The newly formatted exam will be administered to all exam candidates, not only those taking the exam through remote proctoring.

In order to help prepare candidates for the changes, NCARB has released a free 75-item demo exam where candidates can experience the new format and practice using the digital whiteboard. The demo exam is available through the My NCARB account.

To read more about the exam changes and link to YouTube videos of webinars on the topic, please visit the [NCARB website](#).

Disciplinary Actions

(August 20 through October 20, 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 two case this period that were submitted for board consideration and approved. Additionally, 11 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)

21-009N

The allegations against *Fredric Divine* and *Fredric C. Divine Architects* 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 \$1,500.

Unlicensed Practice of Architecture, Registered Interior Design or Residential Design: NRS 623.360.1(c)

21-013N

The allegations against *Primitivo Conde* and *SD Collaborative* were that they 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 \$7,500 plus investigative costs of \$1,500.

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