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NCARB

more than ARE and IDP

When most people think of NCARB, they think about the Architect Registration Examination (ARE) or the Intern Development Program (IDP)—but NCARB provides much more than that. Based in Washington, DC, NCARB has more than 90 employees, both architects and non-architects, who work to help emerging professionals reach their career goals.

With the help of hundreds of volunteers—ranging from interns to educators—it develops and recommends the standards for becoming licensed and practicing architecture. “We have always listened to the profession when developing our programs,” says NCARB COO Mary S. de Sousa. “Our committees are staffed with practitioners to bring that real-life experience into the conversation.”

As a result of these conversations, NCARB has developed several new tools to help aspiring architects become licensed, including the IDP **mobile app**, My Examination, and the cloud-based Practice Programs Service. NCARB also provides helpful guides for each ARE division, along with resources for those navigating the IDP. To learn more about the organization’s mission, watch the “Who We Are” video. See more at: <http://blog.ncarb.org/en/2014/January/WhoWeAre.aspx#sthash.1qhdiS60.dpuf>



Firm license renewals due **NOW!**

If you have not renewed your firm’s license, the time to do it is NOW!

Firm license renewal is due by June 30, 2014!

Firm licenses are based on the fiscal year of July – June, and must be postmarked by June 30th in order not to incur late fees of an additional \$50.00. Firm renewal forms may be downloaded from the LSBAE website, www.lastbdarchs.com. Please complete, sign, date and return with annual fee of \$50.00 to the LSBAE office. Complete instructions are included on the form.



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Teeny's Talk

LSBAE on the move

A Message from the Executive Director: Teeny Simmons

"I'm late, I'm late, I'm late for an important date." Well, if you practice as a professional architectural corporation, architectural engineering corporation or a limited liability company registered with the board, YOU ARE NOT TOO LATE.

This is a friendly reminder that the deadline to renew your firm license is June 30, 2014. As mentioned on the front page, you will need to go to the home page of our website www.lastbdarchs.com where you will find a paragraph explaining the firm renewal process.

Congratulations to the members of the Selection Board who will begin a one-year term September 15, 2014. They are:

District 1 - Daniel Taylor, New Orleans

District 2 - Samuel Fauntleroy, Covington

District 3 - Sean Johnson, Baton Rouge

District 4 - Charles Abell, Lafayette

District 5 - James Robert Ellis, Monroe

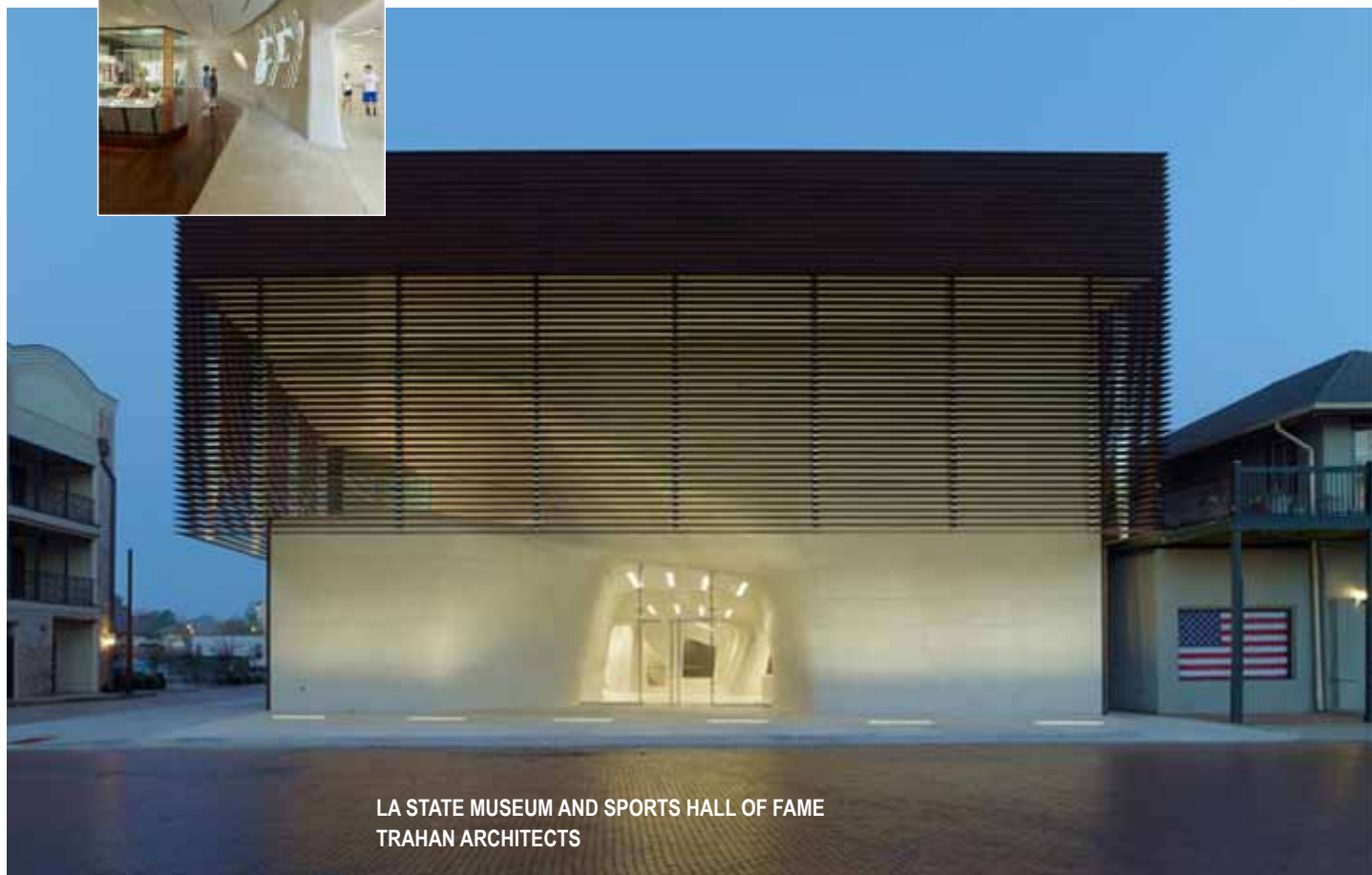
Thanks for being willing to serve on this important board.

Your Licensing Board has been very busy this year and I think you will find interesting information relating to legal matters in Mr. Spaht's article and NCARB updates in Mr. Blitch's article.

We would like to welcome Jenny Pelc as our new IDP State Coordinator and know she will do an outstanding job. Please note her article in the newsletter. Even though Marsha Cuddeback will no longer be serving in this position, we know she will stay busy and active in her practice, teaching, writing, counseling, and serving on committees. Thanks again to Marsha for her outstanding service to the Board and the architects and interns throughout Louisiana.

We are proud of all our new licensees (names found on page 3) and are just as happy when they become eligible for registration. We know the many long hours of studying and working, and so few hours of sleeping required to become licensed. We wish you the best as you start your professional practice as an architect. Of course, many architects would tell you that you will never catch up on your sleep!

Again, remember we are here for you and if there is anything we can do for you, please let us know. Continue treasuring each day with the ones you love ... we never know when it will be our last.



LA STATE MUSEUM AND SPORTS HALL OF FAME
TRAHAN ARCHITECTS

Congratulations to our new licensees by examination

The board is pleased to announce that the following individuals have been licensed from December 1, 2013 through May 31, 2014

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	CITY	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	CITY
Jerry John	Blanchard	New Orleans, LA	Adam	Martin	New Orleans, LA
Amy Dimm	Comeaux	Baton Rouge, LA	John Patrick	Melancon	Baton Rouge, LA
Tara	Cotterman	New Orleans, LA	Shelley R.	Olivier	Houma, LA
Steven John	Darre'	Metairie, LA	Craig Stuart	Parker	New Orleans, LA
Brian	Falcon	Port Allen, LA	Erin E.	Porter	Hammond, LA
Justin Paul	Gautreaux	Lake Charles, LA	John T.	Prather	New Orleans, LA
Michael J.	Glenboski	New Orleans, LA	Edward C.	Price, III	Baton Rouge, LA
Stuart D.	Helo	Baton Rouge, LA	Daren Philip	Sadowsky	New Orleans, LA
Tyler Burton	Hutcherson	New Orleans, LA	Louis Mark	Thomas	Scott, LA
Richard C.	Lucente	Raleigh, NC	Seth	Welty	New Orleans, LA



UPDATE... Intern Development Program

By Jenny Pelc, State IDP Coordinator

As many of you are aware, after eight dedicated years of service, Marsha Cuddeback has stepped down from her position as State IDP Coordinator. It is an honor for me to announce that I have been handed the baton.

Early in my career, I focused on pursuing my own architectural registration. While progressing through the internship and examination processes, I found the opportunity among my peers to promote an interest in professional licensure. While a developing professional at Eskew+Dumez+Ripple, I worked with firm leadership to develop an internal Internship Development Program, leading directly to national and local recognition of the firm as an IDP-supportive firm. As a result, I earned many opportunities to speak about this important pursuit and serve on NCARB committees to mediate between the profession and this regulatory body.

I come to this position with over ten years of experience in the field and am currently an adjunct lecturer at Tulane School of Architecture, my alma mater. My primary position within the school is to develop and deliver the required Professional Practice curriculum. However, I also serve as the IDP Educator Coordinator for the school, which comes with many opportunities to mentor students relative to their professional path. This position with the state allows me to spread my reach and gain perspective on the diverse array of issues, unique from one region of the state to another and across the varying levels

of experience – student, intern, and practitioner.

It is with deep gratitude that we send our well wishes to Marsha in her current and future professional endeavors. I look forward to many active conversations with students, interns, and firms across the state.



ANDREW SANCHEZ (COPELIN-BIRD CENTER)
PEREZ, APC



NCARB News

By Ron Blitch,
FAIA, FACHA, NCARB
LA Board Member/
NCARB Past President

LA architects active at national level

And as usual, Louisiana is more involved than most Member Boards in participating on NCARB committees and task forces.

Your LSBAE Board members currently serving are as follows:

- **Allen Bacque:** ARE Vignette Development and Grading, Examination Committee
- **Ron Blitch:** Past President/Board of Directors, Licensure Task Force (Chair), Executive Committee, CEO Evaluation Committee (Chair), Investment Advisor Review Team, Past Presidents Council
- **John Cardone:** Procedures and Documents Committee
- **Richard LeBlanc:** Test Specification Task Force
- **Robert McKinney:** Examination Committee

Our Member Board Executive, **Teeny Simmons**, has also been a valuable member of the MBE Committee for the past several years.

Louisiana architects and interns have also been involved this year in NCARB work nationally, Jenny Pelc of New Orleans serves on the Licensure Task Force, and Shannon French of New Orleans has served on the Intern Think Tank committee, one of 12 interns selected out of over 200 nominations.

ARE 5.0 has been announced and will be available for testing in late 2016. There will be an overlap period of 18 months or so where both ARE 4.0 and 5.0 will be administered together, to allow interns to complete ARE 4.0 if they choose. There will also be a way to carry over ARE 4.0 passing scores into ARE 5.0 if desired using an equivalency chart that will be unveiled at the NCARB Annual Meeting in Philadelphia in late June.

AIA New Orleans routinely hosts ARE study sessions directed at specific Exam Divisions to assist interns in studying and organizing

their test progress. The ARE is now offered internationally for US interns practicing with US firms in foreign countries. The ARE is now offered in Abu Dhabi, London, and Hong Kong.

I am serving for the second year as Chair of the Licensure Task Force, which has been charged with the evaluation of an additional path to licensure which results in a license to practice architecture granted at the time of graduation. Many of the 130+ NAAB programs in architecture are very interested in participating in pilot programs of the Licensure upon Graduation model, including many of our Louisiana Schools of Architecture. There will be major announcements about this at the Annual Meeting, so watch for news releases about this momentous change in the path to licensure.

I will step down as Past President of the Council on July 1, but will remain Chair of the Licensure Task Force and involved with the LSBAE. I will also begin a three-year term on the NAAB (National Architectural Accrediting Board), which oversees the accreditation process for all NAAB schools across the US.

Thanks for your continued support of the LSBAE and NCARB, and always feel free to contact me if I can help in any way with your dealings with the council.





BOARD ATTORNEY REPORT

By Paul H. Spaht, LSBAE Board Attorney

The legal issues of licensing

Reinstatement of Architectural License – The continuing education rules of the board have long provided that if an architect is being re-registered after having been unregistered then, in addition to all other requirements, the architect must acquire that number of total continuing education hours that would have been required if registration had been regularly renewed. See Board Rule § 1315.D.4. In some cases, this rule has worked a significant financial burden upon the architect seeking reinstatement. For example, if an architect seeking reinstatement has been unregistered for ten years, or if an architect emeritus seeks to return to the active practice of architecture after having taken emeritus status for ten years, each must obtain ten years of continuing education credits to be eligible to becoming re-registered, in addition to satisfying all other requirements necessary for re-registration.

The board is in the process of amending its requirements for reinstatement. The proposed rules will make it less burdensome by fixing a limit upon the maximum number of continuing education hours which must be earned for reinstatement. The proposed rules provide that a former registrant may only apply for reinstatement if he has earned all delinquent continuing education hours in the year preceding the application, or the current year; however, the *maximum number of continuing education hours to be earned shall not exceed twenty-four hours*. The proposed rules will apply to an architect seeking to re-register after having been unregistered and to an architect emeritus seeking to return to the active practice of architecture.

A notice of intent concerning these rule amendments has been published in the Louisiana Register, such notice published elsewhere in this newsletter. (See related article on Page 6) These proposed amendments will likely be adopted at the next board meeting in July.

Unlicensed Person's Use of the Word "Architectural" – The Architectural Licensing Law provides that no person shall practice architecture in this state or use the title "architect," or any term derived therefrom, or display or use any title, sign, advertisement, or other device to indicate that such person practices or offers to practice architecture, or render architectural services, or is an architect, unless such person shall have secured from the board a certificate of registration and license. See

La. R.S. § 37:145. The board regularly receives requests from unlicensed persons to use the word "architectural" in the name of their company. These requests typically come from persons who are not practicing architecture, who have no desire to practice architecture, and who want to use the word "architectural" in their name to convey something other than that person is an architect or renders architectural services.

The board carefully scrutinizes all requests from unlicensed persons to use the word "architect" or "architectural" in their names. Typically, the critical issue is whether the use of such word indicates that the unlicensed person is an architect or renders architectural services. If the use of the word does not suggest that such person practices or offers to practice architecture, or renders architectural services, or is an architect, then such requests are approved. Examples of names which have been approved include: Architectural Wood Products (by a vendor or supplier of such products), New Orleans Architecture Foundation (by a foundation whose mission was to advance public interest and education in architecture and related design), and Network Computing Architects (technology integration company, focusing on the design, installation and maintenance of telecommunication services, network infrastructure, remote access solutions, and information security).

On the other hand, if the name suggests that the unlicensed person practices or offers to practice architecture, or renders architectural services, or is an architect, the request is denied.

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Business Corporations – The board regularly receives requests from business corporations, particularly out-of-state business corporations, to be licensed in Louisiana. Such corporations are rarely eligible for licensing. The professional architectural corporation law provides that a majority of the outstanding shares of a professional architectural corporation shall be held by one or more natural persons duly licensed to practice architecture in this state; business corporations seldom meet this requirement. The professional architectural corporation law provides that a majority of the board of directors, if more than two, shall be natural persons duly licensed to practice architecture in this state. Business corporations seldom satisfy this requirement. The professional architectural corporation law further provides that there shall be only one class of shares of professional architectural corporations; business corporations often fail to meet this requirement.

The board will likely amend its rules concerning architectural firm practice next year. However, the effect of those changes upon business corporations is a topic for another day.

Firm Licensing – Please remember the deadline for firm registration renewal is June 30, 2014. If you practice as a professional architectural corporation, architectural-engineering corporation, or limited liability company, your entity must obtain a certificate of compliance or license from this board. The forms which must be completed are found on the board website, www.lastbdarchs.com.



NOTICE OF INTENT Office of the Governor Board of Architectural Examiners

Reinstatement (LAC 46:I.1315)

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 49:950 et seq., and through the authority granted in R.S. 37:144(C), that the Board of Architectural Examiners proposes to amend its continuing education rules (LAC 46:I.1315) to reduce the number of continuing education hours which must be earned: (i) by a former registrant seeking to reinstate his or her architectural license; or (ii) by an architect emeritus seeking to return to the active practice of architecture. Existing §1315.D.4 provides that if an architect is being re-registered after having been unregistered then, in addition to all other requirements, the architect must have acquired that number of total continuing education hours that would have been required if registration had been regularly renewed. The proposed Rule amends the existing rules and provides that a former registrant may only apply for reinstatement if he has earned all delinquent continuing education hours in the year preceding the application, or the current year; however, the maximum number of continuing education hours to be earned shall not exceed 24 hours. Similarly, the proposed Rule provides that an architect who has been granted emeritus or other honorific status may only return to the active practice of architecture if he has completed the continuing education requirements for each exempted year in the year preceding the application, or the current year; however, the maximum number of continuing education hours to be earned shall not exceed 24 hours.

Title 46

PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS

Part I. Architects

Chapter 13. Administration

§1315. Continuing Education

- A. - C.
- D. Continuing Education Requirements
 - 1. - 3. ...
 - 4. Repealed.
- E. - I.2.
- J. Reinstatement

1. A former registrant may only apply for reinstatement if he has earned all delinquent continuing education hours in the year preceding the application, or the current year. However, if the total number of delinquent continuing education hours exceeds 24, then 24 shall be the maximum number of hours required.

2. An architect who has been granted emeritus or other similar honorific but inactive status by the board may only return to the active practice of architecture if he has earned the continuing education requirements for each exempted year in the year preceding the application, or the current year. However, if the total number of delinquent continuing education hours exceeds 24, then 24 shall be the maximum number of hours required.

Shortening your time to licensure

*From NCARB Blog
By Nick Serfass*

Several daunting issues currently swirl around the profession of architecture—the recovering economy, the possibility of licensure upon graduation, mounting student loan debt, and most critically, the value of an architect.

All of these issues foreshadow an inevitable tipping point for the profession. A cursory look around Twitter, internet forums, and the blogosphere reveal opinions and proposed solutions abound—many of which suggest substantial, profound, and unprecedented change. It's exhilarating to witness. However, meaningful change takes time, and actual change often comes up short to the original proposal. But it turns out, there's a lot that can be done today. Here's how you can spin the aforementioned issues to your advantage, earning IDP experience along the way.

Recovering Economy

Things are looking up for emerging professionals. Architecture and engineering services added jobs nearly every month in 2013. But even if you're in between jobs, there are still several opportunities to tackle IDP requirements outside of the office.

The Emerging Professionals Companion (EPC) is a free online resource that offers the opportunity to earn up to 40 core hours in each individual IDP experience area, with a maximum of 600 core hours. You can also earn up to 1,860 elective hours using the EPC. This can all be completed outside of the office, free of charge, using only a mentor's (any architect's) approval. If

you're having trouble completing a particular experience area or simply want to get started in one, jump on into the EPC and take steps now toward becoming an architect. Download your free copy [here](#).

Licensure Upon Graduation

NCARB committees have only begun to explore the possibility of licensure upon graduation. You can learn about the charges of our Licensure Task Force [here](#). Yet, that shouldn't stop you from trying to streamline the path to licensure on your own.

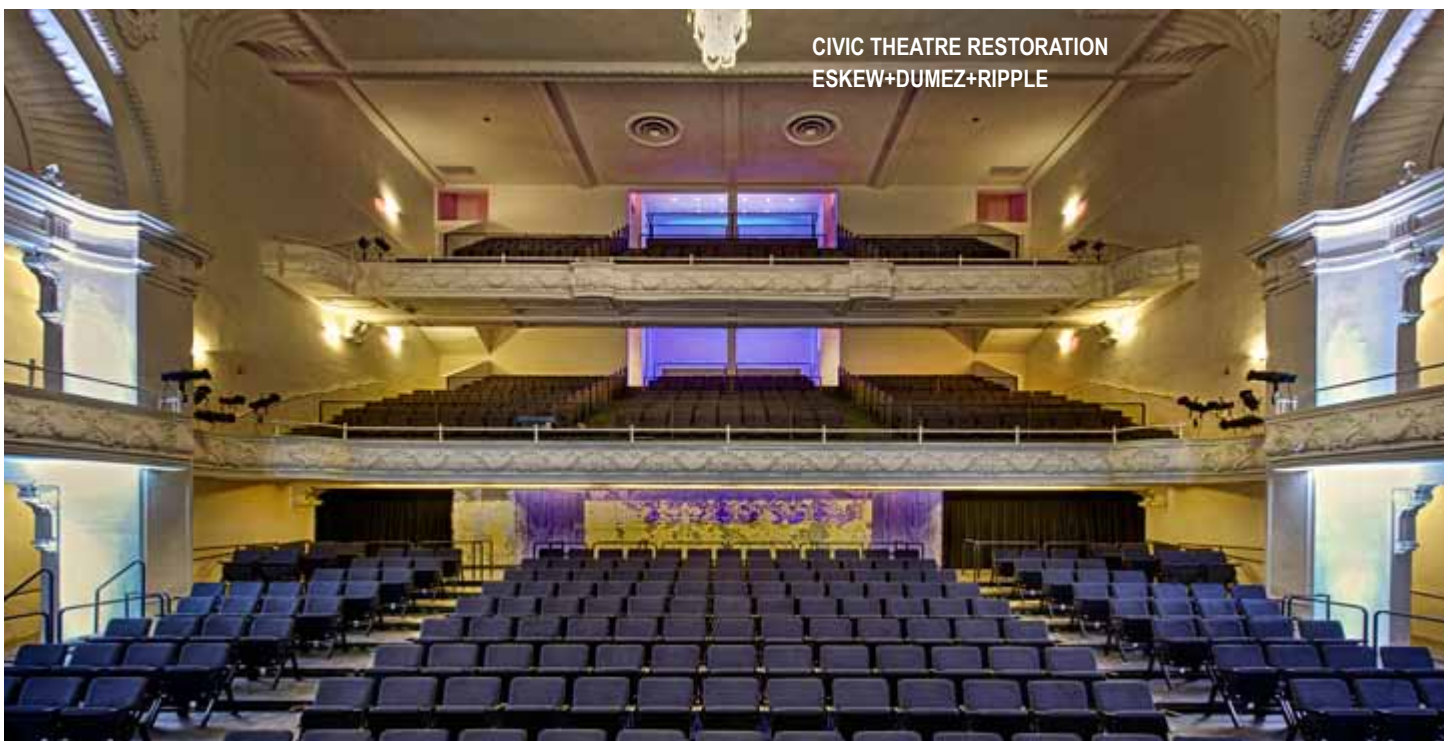
Through supplemental experience, you can complete over 45 percent of the IDP outside of any employment. And many of the available options are perfect for students—design competitions being one great example. Design competitions allow you to build your portfolio, gain experience managing your own projects, and engage other professionals—all while racking up IDP hours.

Additionally, today's students are tremendously and admirably civic-minded. The IDP allows students to earn core hours in any experience area through volunteer work at almost 50 approved community design centers (many of which are located on campuses).

NCARB also offers a free Professional Conduct Monograph, which is located in every student's NCARB Record. Upon reading the material and passing a quiz, you can earn 16 hours in business operations. Chances are, as a student, you're pretty good at acing quizzes. What's one more?

Combine all of these opportunities with a part-time job, and you're on your way to completing the IDP before graduation.

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CIVIC THEATRE RESTORATION
ESKEW+DUMEZ+RIPPLE

Shortening your time to licensure

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Mounting Student Loan Debt

The AIA and AIAS recently introduced a bi-partisan bill, the National Design Services Act (NDSA), which aims to help architecture graduates receive student debt relief in exchange for volunteer work with a community design center. While valiant in its efforts, the actual passage and implementation of the proposed legislation is beholden to the speed of the government. In the meantime, you, I, and many other architecture graduates, still have to make our loan payments. The simple answer, for now, is to make more money. Of course, easier said than done.

Making more money typically requires at least one of three things: a raise, a promotion, or a new job. This is where IDP's supplemental experience option Site Visit with Mentor can be helpful. This option allows you to earn up to 40 core hours in Construction Phase: Observation anytime you're on site with an architect. However, it's not necessarily the IDP hours that are critical here. It's the chance to develop a strong relationship with other architects in town, or perhaps even the architect who serves as your daily supervisor. Time out on site allows you to ask questions, engage in a dialogue, and develop a strong and meaningful rapport. That rapport could lead to a job offer, a recommendation, or a promotion—all of which could result in making more money and paying off your student loan debt sooner.

Value of an Architect

The value of an architect has been under heavy fire in recent years, cited by many as the single most significant issue facing our profession. The eroding authority of the architect on site, the expanded scope and evolving business model exhibited by contractors, and the never-ending fight between good design and the bottom line lend credence to the concern. Theories, ideas, and proposals regarding how to fix, or at least improve, the situation abound. To date the best, and arguably most achievable, suggestion I've heard is from Mark LePage, who advocates in his blog post that we must "build a better business." That sounds like something we can all do right now.

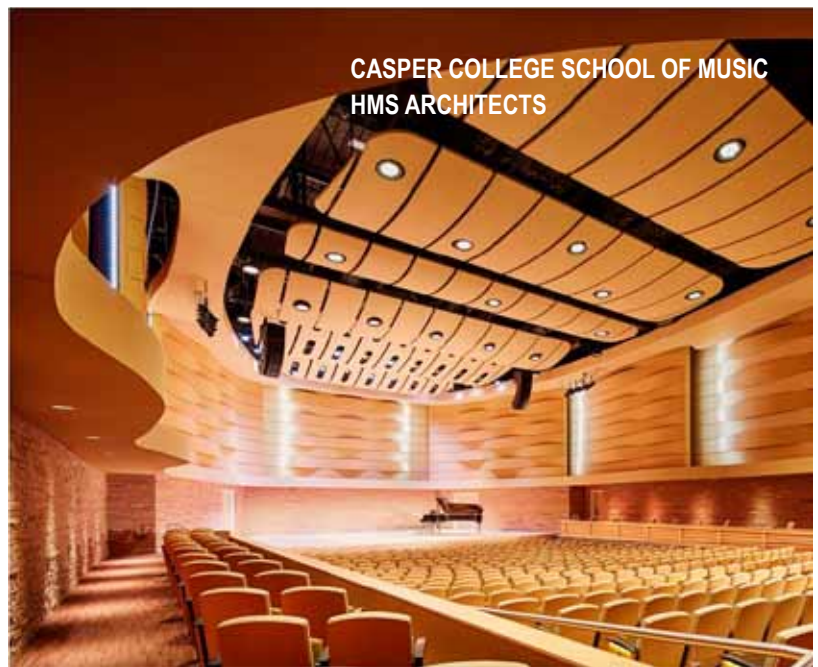
IDP's supplemental experience options afford the opportunity to help your current (or future) firm build a better business through a partnership with the Construction Specifications Institute (CSI). CSI awards two certifications that earn core IDP hours. The Certified Construction Specifier (CCS) certification earns 40 core hours in Material Selection and Specification after passing the requisite exam.

Additionally, the Certified Construction Contract Administrator (CCCA) certification exam earns 40 core hours in Construction Administration. I've personally explored these certifications for myself, as I've found

them to be deeply rooted in a core set of practical knowledge, useful for executing projects more completely, efficiently, and effectively. If that knowledge could then be transferred into actual practice, the professional achieving these certifications would have instantly increased their value, while also progressing further along through the IDP.

Although there are significant and substantial movements for change on the horizon, big change takes time. However, to get to big change we must take incremental steps, one at a time. That, we can do right now.

For more tips on shortening your time to licensure, visit ncarb.org/gettingitdone.



Report on LSBAE investigator activities

June 30, 2014 will mark the end of the fifth year since the LSBAE Board initiated the part time investigators position to investigate alleged violations of the statutes and rules that govern the practice of architecture in Louisiana.

Since the inception of this program, the investigator has investigated a total of 148 cases. Of these cases, the Board has issued and ratified a total of 45 Consent Orders that resulted in fines, administrative costs, and publication of the violation by name in the Board's official newsletter. Eighteen cases were issued a letter of warning, caution or a cease and desist letter, and five cases were closed relative to other matters. Nine cases are open pending disposition by the Board, and the remaining 66 cases were closed after the investigation disclosed that there was not a violation of the statutes and or rules that govern the practice of architectural services in Louisiana.

The Board continues to investigate alleged violations of the statutes and rules which regulate the practice of architecture

in Louisiana. Substantiated violations result in disciplinary or enforcement action being taken either through Consent Orders or by Board Orders following a formal hearing at which the respondent is adjudged guilty of one or more violations.

Below is a summary of the disciplinary action imposed by the Board since the last newsletter on a case that has been concluded.

Formal disciplinary actions taken by the Board

THE UNLICENSED OFFERING AND/OR PRACTICE OF ARCHITECTURE ON AN EXPIRED LICENSE

Richard A. Choate

New Orleans, Louisiana

Licensee offered and/or provided architectural services in Louisiana during a period that his license was in an expired status.

VIOLATION: The offering and/or providing of architectural services in Louisiana during a period that the license was in an expired status. La. R.S.154 (A).

PENALTY: \$500.00 fine and \$75.00 administrative fee imposed by Consent Order dated February 28, 2013.

ARCHITECTURAL FOCUS GROUP Intern Exam Grant Winners

\$420.00 each winner (2 exams worth)

**Chosen at random by 'drawing from a hat' at the
Feb. 1, 2014 Focus Group Seminar**

By Ladd Ehlingher

Brad Paczak	New Orleans, LA
Melody Romero	Scott, LA
Trevor Ducote	Youngsville, LA
Dustin Hartman	New Orleans, LA
Steven Belflower	New Orleans, LA
Ashlie Plunkett	Bossier City, LA
Marian Prado	New Orleans, LA
Paul Jarboe	New Orleans, LA
Adrienne Gaudet	New Orleans, LA
Joseph Carlson	Destrehan, LA



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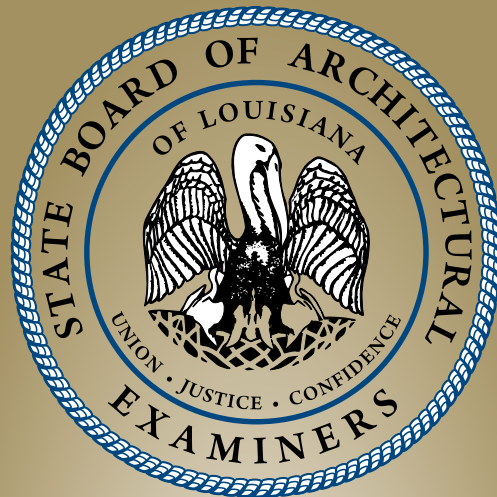
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HOLLY & SMITH ARCHITECTS, APAC



ST. TAMMANY PARISH CORONER'S OFFICE
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