

**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & ECONOMIC GROWTH  
BUREAU OF COMMERCIAL SERVICES – LICENSING DIVISION  
2501 Woodlake Circle, Okemos, Michigan 48864-5955**

**Board of Architects**

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**January 25, 2007**

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Board of Architects met in Regular Session on January 25, 2007, at the Department of Labor & Economic Growth, Bureau of Commercial Services, 2501 Woodlake Circle, Room 1, Okemos, Michigan. The business meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dan Redstone at 9:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present:	Lynn Arnott-Bryks	Member
	Catherine DeDecker	Member
	Steven Flum	Member
	* Ronald Hausmann	Member
	Elisabeth Knibbe	Vice Chairperson
	Daniel Redstone	Chairperson
	Robert Stempien	Member
	Paula Van Valkenburgh	Member
Absent:	Christopher Siemion	Member
Staff:	Gloria Keene	Licensing Administrator
	Michael Pillow	Assistant Licensing Administrator
	Jackie Jernigan	Secretary to the Licensing Administrator
	Al Schefke	Audit Director
Visitors:	James Luckey	Petitioner
	Sarah Haselschwardt	Petitioner
	Dennis King	AIA Michigan – President
	Celeste Novak	AIA Michigan – Regional Director
	David Knapp	AIA Michigan – Associate Director

\* Left at 11:14

### **ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM AGENDA**

Ms. Keene requested that 2007 Joint Regional Meeting be added under New Business as 6.b. and Joint Board Meeting be added under 6.c.

Mr. Redstone requested that Discussion of Appeals be added under New Business as 6.d.

### **Introduction of New Board Member**

Chairperson Redstone welcomed Lynn Arnott-Bryks to the Architect Board and Board Members introduced themselves to Ms. Arnott-Bryks.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM ARCHITECT BOARD MEETING HELD OCTOBER 25, 2006**

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Knibbe and supported by Mr. Flum that the minutes from the Architect's Board Meeting of October 25, 2006 be approved as written. The motion carried unanimously.

### **PETITIONS**

#### **Relicensure**

**Sarah Haselschwardt** was licensed as an Architect in Michigan in 1988 by examination with no IDP. The applicant holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Architecture (1985) and a B-ARCH degree (1986) from Lawrence Institute of Technology and allowed her license to lapse in 2001.

Ms. Haselschwardt maintains that her (19) years of architectural experience establishes equivalency for the IDP requirement and should qualify her to become re-licensed as an Architect in the State of Michigan.

Ms. Haselschwardt appeared before the Board.

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Knibbe and supported by Mr. Stempien to overturn the Department's denial and grant Ms. Haselschwardt relicensure based upon the evidence presented by the applicant. The motion carried unanimously.

The Department concurred.

## **Relicensure**

**James Luckey** was licensed as an Architect in Michigan by examination on September 16, 1983 with no IDP. Mr. Luckey holds Bachelor of Science in Architecture (1979) and a Bachelor of Architecture (1982) degree from Lawrence Institute of Technology. Mr. Luckey allowed his license to lapse on October 31, 1994.

Mr. Luckey maintains that his (27) years of architectural experience establishes equivalency for the IDP requirement and should qualify him to become re-licensed as an Architect in the State of Michigan.

The applicant's petition was tabled from the October 25, 2006 meeting to allow him time to submit:

1. Verification of his work experience at The Smith Group, formally documented on a NCARB IDP form.
2. Sworn Affidavit or Statement that the applicant has not sealed drawings in Michigan since the lapse of his license in 1994.

The Board requested Mr. Luckey's presence at today's meeting.

Mr. Luckey appeared before the Board.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Flum and supported by Ms. DeDecker to overturn the Department's denial and grant Ms. Luckey relicensure based upon the evidence presented by the applicant. The motion carried with Mr. Hausmann abstaining.

The Department concurred.

## **Reciprocity**

**James Pavlecic** meets experience and examination requirements. Mr. Pavlecic holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Architectural Studies from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (1983). Mr. Pavlecic was licensed as an Architect in the State of Illinois on November 18, 1987, the State of Wisconsin on September 18, 2002 and the State of Indiana on November 25, 2002. He is current and active in all three States.

Mr. Pavlecic maintains that his 23 years of experience in architecture and 19 years as a Licensed Architect establishes equivalency for the education requirement to qualify him for licensure by reciprocity in Michigan.

The applicant's petition was tabled from the October 25, 2006 meeting to allow him time to submit:

1. Documentation of how his work experience establishes equivalency for his 4 year BS degree in Architecture and the five year first professional degree required by the State of Michigan.

Mr. Pillow advised that he received a letter from Mr. Pavlecic asking that his petition be postponed until the next scheduled Board Meeting of March 8, 2007 to allow him to provide the requested information.

Motion: It was moved by Ms. DeDecker and supported by Ms. Arnott-Bryks to table the applicant's petition until the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting of March 8, 2007. The motion carried unanimously.

The Department concurred.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Factors for Consideration When Assessing Sanctions Document (Minimum Sanctions)**

Mr. Redstone advised that the last time the Minimum Sanctions Document for the Architect's Board was revised was in 2001. Ms. Keene stated the minimum sanctions are intended to give direction to board members and to staff members involved in assessing penalties based on hearing reports, stipulations or negotiating settlement agreements and asked the Board to review them to determine if they needed to be updated.

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Arnott-Bryks and supported by Mr. Hausmann to add the following complaint action to the document: "Practice With Expired License". The minimum sanctions for practicing with an expired license would be:

- A. \$1,000 Fine
- B. Payment of appropriate licensing fees.
- C. Probation – 2 years, with completion of professional education courses as required by the Board.

The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Knibbe and supported by Ms. DeDecker that the complaint action for substandard practice be revised to increase the period of suspension from 30 days to 6 months. The motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Ms. Knibbe and supported by Ms. DeDecker that the complaint action for signing and/or sealing others Instruments of service, failure to supervise unlicensed subordinates, be revised to increase the period of suspension from 30 days to 6 months. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Complaint Activity Report**

Ms. Keene advised that the report before the Board Members provides the number of complaints filed against Architects for the period of September 22, 2006 to January 5, 2007. She advised that there were 3 complaints filed against Architects during that time.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Sale and Re-Use of Architectural Plans**

The Board discussed information they were provided concerning a business in Ann Arbor, Michigan that is promoting the sale and re-use of architectural plans prepared by others. Mr. Redstone stated that in Michigan and most other states “review and seal” is a violation of the licensing statutes. Upon further discussion, the Board determined this topic will be added to the agenda of the upcoming Joint Board meeting.

#### **NCARB 2007 Joint Regional Meeting**

The Board was informed that the NCARB 2007 Joint Regional Meeting between Region III and IV will be held in Orlando, Florida on March 15 – 17, 2007. The Board members advised they would check their calendars for availability to attend the meeting.

#### **Annual Joint Board Meeting**

Ms. Keene requested agenda topics for the Joint Board Meeting that will be scheduled in May. Suggested topics by the Board included Pro-typical Documents, Continuing Education Requirements and Incidental Practice.

#### **Discussion of Appeals**

Board Members reviewed a copy of a compilation of appeals that Ms. Knibbe prepared. Mr. Redstone commended Ms. Knibbe on her efforts. He further advised the information would be beneficial in providing Board Members a written history of case-by-case decisions for the Board’s consideration in similar appeals.

## **STAFF REPORT**

### **Budget Report Questions**

Mr. Al Schefke, Budget Director provided the Board with an overview of the Bureau's budget.

### **Legislative Update**

Ms. Keene advised that the Interior Design Bills that would allow Interior Designers to become licensed passed the House on February 8, 2006. The bills were later referred to the Committee on Economic Development, Small Business and Regulatory Reform. There is no new information concerning this legislation.

## **ITEMS OF CONSIDERATION FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Mr. Redstone noted that Ken Newman, a very well noted Detroit Architect, passed away recently.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

David Knapp, Associate Director for AIA Michigan, introduced himself to the Board. He advised that AIA recommends that interns be allowed to take divisions of the ARE after graduation from an NAAAB accredited program. Mr. Knapp went on to say that AIA maintains that taking exams before the completion of the IDP does not impact the ability to practice architecture. He advised that taking the exams early affords interns to become licensed in a timelier manner. Ms. Celeste Novak, AIA Regional Director for Michigan and Mr. Dennis King, AIA President for Michigan were in attendance to support AIA's position that interns be allowed to take divisions of the ARE prior to the completion of their IDP credits. Mr. Redstone advised that NCARB is studying this issue. He also encouraged AIA of Michigan to have a representative at each Architect Board Meeting in order to continue to be informed of the Board's actions on this issue.

AIA Michigan President, Mr. Dennis King, advised that AIA is celebrating its establishment of 150 years. Mr. King presented a plaque of recognition to the Architect's Board.

## **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Architects will be held on March 8, 2007.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

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Daniel Redstone, Chairperson

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Jackie Jernigan, Recording Secretary

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