

**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**

**June 19, 2008**

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Board of Architects met in Regular Session on June 19, 2008, 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 Daniel Redstone at 9:00 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present:	Steven Flum	Member
	Elisabeth Knibbe	Member
	John Kraus	Member
	Daniel Redstone	Chairperson
	Robert Stempien	Member
Absent:	Lynn Arnott-Bryks	Member
	Catherine DeDecker	Member
	Christopher Siemion	Member
	Paula Van Valkenburgh	Member
Staff:	Gloria Keene	Licensing Administrator
	Michael Pillow	Assistant Licensing Administrator
	Jackie Jernigan	Secretary to the Licensing Administrator
	Jim Farhat	Policy Specialist
	Stephen Gobbo	Director, Legal Affairs Division
	Tom Martin	Director, Policy & Legislative Affairs
Jeannine Benedict	Administrative Rules Specialist	
Visitors:	James Keefer	Petitioner
	Loretta Stubleski	Petitioner
	Ben Glowiak	Architect
	Thom Lowther	AIA, Washington, DC
	Melissa Yutzey	Kelley Cawthorne
	Ben Tiseo	AIA, Michigan
	David Knapp	AIA, Michigan

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

Mr. Redstone requested the addition of ARE Timing under Old Business, 5a and Continuing Education under 5b.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM ARCHITECT BOARD MEETING HELD MARCH 20, 2008**

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Stempien and supported by Mr. Flum that the minutes from the Architect's Board Meeting of March 20, 2008 be approved as written. The motion carried unanimously.

### **INTRODUCTION OF LICENSING DIRECTOR**

Ms. Joyce Karr, introduced herself to the Board members as the new Licensing Director and the Board members introduced themselves.

### **PETITIONS**

#### **Reciprocity**

**David Thomas** meets experience and examination requirements. Mr. Thomas holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Architecture from Iowa State University (1982). Mr. Thomas was licensed as an Architect in the State of Nebraska on September 17, 1991 and is current and active until December 31, 2008.

Mr. Thomas believes that he is qualified to be licensed by reciprocity in Michigan because Michigan did not require a first professional degree in 1991 when he was first licensed in Nebraska. However, Michigan has required a NAAB five year professional degree since July 1984.

Mr. Thomas did not appear before the Board. After review of the applicant's written appeal, the following motion was offered.

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Knibbe and supported by Mr. Flum to uphold the Department's denial for licensure by reciprocity, due to Mr. Thomas' failure to demonstrate equivalency for the education requirement of a NAAB accredited first professional degree in Architecture. The motion carried unanimously.

The Department concurred.

## **Licensure by Examination**

**James Keefer** meets experience and education requirements. He holds a Bachelor of Architecture Degree (1993) from the University of Detroit-Mercy.

Mr. Keefer's original application date was April 17, 1998 and therefore, his 10-year limit expired on April 17, 2008.

Mr. Keefer has petitioned the board for an extension of time (6-12 months) to complete the ARE.

Mr. Keefer appeared before the Board. After review of the applicant's written appeal and consideration of his comments, the following motion was offered.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Stempien and supported by Mr. Flum to overturn the Department's denial and grant Mr. Keefer a period of twelve months from June 19, 2008 until June 19, 2009 to complete the remaining four divisions of the ARE; Site Planning, Building Technology, Lateral Forces and General Structures. Should Mr. Keefer fail to complete the ARE by June 19, 2009, he will be required to repeat all divisions of the current ARE examination. The motion carried unanimously.

The Department concurred.

## **Relicensure**

**Loretta Stubleski** was licensed as an Architect in Michigan in 1994 by reciprocity. She was licensed in her Base State of Texas by examination in 1990. Ms. Stubleski holds a Bachelor of Environmental Design degree (1980) from Texas A & M University and allowed her license to lapse in 2003.

Ms. Stubleski maintains that her (25) years of architectural experience (last 10 years with her current firm) should qualify her to become re-licensed as an Architect in the State of Michigan. Ms. Stubleski believed that her current employer had been paying her renewal fees for her Michigan license.

Ms. Stubleski appeared before the Board. After review of the applicant's written appeal and consideration of her comments, the following motion was offered due to the applicant's current employment in an architectural firm and working under the supervision of a licensed architect.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Flum and supported by Ms. Knibbe to overturn the Department's denial and grant Ms. Stubleski relicensure based upon completing and passing two NCARB Monograph Series Continuing Education classes of her choice. Ms. Stubleski has until December 19, 2008 to pass the two classes. Ms. Stubleski must provide to the Department documentation in the form of a letter from herself and also her firm, stating that she has not sealed documents pursuant to the lapse of her license on October 31, 2003. Upon proof of passing the classes, the Department will issue Ms. Stubleski her license. The Department's denial will be upheld if Ms. Stubleski fails to successfully complete the courses within the required period of time or fails to provide the required letters to the Department. The motion carried unanimously.

The Department concurred.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **ARE Timing**

Mr. Redstone advised that at the 2007 National Council of Architectural Registration Boards' (NCARB) Annual Meeting, a resolution passed that allows candidates to begin taking the ARE when he/she has fulfilled their state's education requirements and enrolled in IDP by establishing a Council Record. Additionally, Mr. Redstone presented a draft of proposed changes to the Michigan Occupational Code, PA 299 of 1980, Article 20 that incorporates the change to the NCARB Model Law.

Ben Tiseo, AIA Michigan and Melissa Yutzey, Kelley Cawthorne commented on their support to address the ARE timing issue in the Architect's rules. Further, Tom Martin, Director, Policy and Legislative Affairs for the department presented information concerning the legislative process and offered to assist the Board with their legislative changes.

The Board reviewed Mr. Redstone's proposed changes. Upon a lengthy discussion and changes to the draft, the Board passed the following motion.

Motion: It was moved by Ms. Knibbe and supported by Mr. Flum to make the proposed changes as amended to PA 299 of 1980, Article 20. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Continuing Professional Competency**

Mr. Redstone reported that in December 2007, the department sent out a request to representatives of several regulated professions for a proposal for implementing continuing professional competency. Additionally, Mr. Thom Lowther of AIA, Washington D.C. addressed the Board concerning AIA's process of monitoring continuing professional competency.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **NCARB 2008 Resolutions**

Mr. Redstone asked Board Members to look over the NCARB 2008 Resolutions and e-mail him with any questions.

## **STAFF REPORT**

None.

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

None.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

David Knapp, AIA Michigan expressed AIA's concerns regarding NCARB's proposed Six-Month Rule that will be voted on at the Annual Meeting. The "Six-Month Rule," will require all training unit reports to be submitted electronically and within two months of completion of each reporting period. AIA is concerned about the stability of the electronic reporting system. Mr. Redstone and Ms. Van Valkenburgh indicated they will voice AIA's concerns at the Annual Meeting

Ben Glowiak addressed the Board regarding his written request for a definition of the term "building design services".

## **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Architects will be held on October 23, 2008.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to be brought before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

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Daniel Redstone, Chairperson

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Date

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Jackie Jernigan, Recording Secretary

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Date