

MINUTES
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE AND INTERIOR DESIGN

TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL

January 16, 2007
2:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Toll Free 888.808.6959 conference code 9218690

Call to Order

Ms. Grigsby called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Rick Gonzalez
Neil Hall
Rossana Dolan
Lourdes Solera
Eric Kuritzky
Mary Jane Grigsby, Chair
Joyce Shore
Garrick Gustafson

Board Members Absent:

Kenneth Horstmyer, excused
Roymi Membiela, excused
Sharon Del Bianco, excused

Others Present:

Mary Ellen Clark, Board Counsel
David Minacci, Prosecuting Attorney
Juanita Chastain, Executive Director
Terri Estes, Government Analyst

Ms. Chastain advised that Mr. Horstmyer was not able to attend due to illness; Ms. Del Bianco and Ms. Membiela advised that they were not able to attend the meeting. Ms. Grigsby excused the absences.

Review and Approval of Meeting minutes

March 27, 2006 general business telephone conference call
June 5, 2006 general business telephone conference call
July 25-26, 2006 Boca Raton general business meeting
August 18, 2006 general business telephone conference call
September 13, 2006 general business telephone conference call

Motion: Mr. Gonzalez moved to approve the March 27, 2006 general business telephone conference call, June 5, 2006 general business telephone conference call, July 25-26, 2006 Boca Raton general business meeting, August 18, 2006 general business telephone conference call, and September 13, 2006 general business telephone conference call minutes as presented.

Second: Ms. Shore seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Continuing Education Handbooks final approval

Architecture Continuing Education Handbook
Interior Design Continuing Education Handbook

Ms. Chastain commented that the continuing education handbooks were on the agenda for final approval; however, she suggested minor changes. She commented that on page 6 of 18, change "failure to report required hours" to "failure to fulfill required hours". The board agreed.

Motion: Mr. Hall moved to approve the changes as presented.

Second: Mr. Kuritzky seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Ms. Clark commented that she had not had an opportunity to complete a comprehensive review of the handbooks.

Ratification List

Continuing Education Courses for ratification

Motion: Mr. Gonzalez moved to approve the ratification list as presented for architecture and interior design.

Second: Mr. Gustafson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Discussion/For information

NCARB Mail: Treasurer's Report
NCARB Mail: Midterm Report to the Membership
The board did not discuss the items.

Use of the term "intern architect", Rule 61G1-11.013(2), Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.)
Mr. Minacci commented that he advised individuals that they could not use the term "intern architect". He commented that there is a rule that defined "intern architect" and referenced another rule that does not mention "intern architect". He requested that the board direct him as to whether he should continue to advise individuals that they could not use the term "intern architect" and if that was the direction then they should repeal the rule.

Mr. Minacci read the rule 61G1-11.013, F.A.C. that referenced rule 61G1-13.0021, F.A.C., and the later rule does not mention or reference "intern architect". Mr. Gonzalez commented that he did not support the use of the term "intern architect" because it could be confusing to the public. Mr. Hall commented that they should define "intern architect" because individuals have completed the education and are working to gain the experience through the "intern architect" program. He

commented that the use of “intern architect” indicates that an individual achieved the education requirements.

Mr. Gonzalez commented that managing and monitoring the term was more work for Mr. Minacci. Mr. Hall commented that managing the use of the term was not more work for Mr. Minacci but an educational tool for the public and licensees. Mr. Gonzalez commented that an individual could not use the term “architect” unless they are licensed. Mr. Kuritzky commented that the board was discussing a term not regulated by the board, which was an “intern”. He commented that using the description of “architect” or “architecture” with the term “intern” was confusing to the public.

Ms. Chastain commented that board staff needed clarification for consistency. She commented that the board office has advised that individuals could use the term “intern architect” but only when they are enrolled the intern program with the National Council of Architecture Registration Boards (NCARB) and have made application with the department for examination. The rule states that an “intern architect” means an individual who has completed all requirements of the first 3 academic years in a professional program in architect which is approved by the board, and has an approved application for licensure as an architect (by examination) on file with the board office. NCARB’s allows an individual to enroll in the intern development program after completion of 3 academic years in an approved program and board staff will not allow an individual to begin testing until they complete their education and completion of a minimum internship of 1 year after graduation.

Ms. Chastain commented that staff advised individuals that the only time they could use the term “intern architect” was when they were approved by the board for examination, which means an individual has graduated from a NAAB accredited degree and enrolled in the intern development program with NCARB.

Ms. Grigsby commented that “intern architect” was misleading. Mr. Hall commented that to the public the use of the term “intern,” meant that an individual is not licensed and under direction of a licensed individual.

Mr. Gustafson asked how long an individual could be an intern under the definition. Mr. Gonzalez replied forever. Ms. Dolan commented that the term intern in conjunction with the word architect was confusing but offered the word architectural. She commented that they should consider “architectural intern” Mr. Hall commented that there appeared to be consensus to remove the term “intern architect” from the rules.

Ms. Clark commented that the consistent interpretation by Mr. Minacci was that the word architectural with any other word unless the individual was licensed; therefore, “architectural intern” was not valid.

The board discussed deleting the work “architect” and leaving “intern” only or repealing the rule.

Ms. Clark commented that the rule had been in effect for a long time because the rule it references changed some time ago. She recommended that if the board determined that they did

not want an individual to refer to himself or herself as an “intern architect”, they should repeal the rule.

Motion: Mr. Kuritzky moved to repeal rule 61G1-11.013(2), F.A.C.

Second: Mr. Hall seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

New Business

Ms. Chastain advised the board that Ms. Holly Benson was appointed Secretary of the Department.

Ms. Chastain advised that Mr. Gonzalez was not able to attend the upcoming Southern NCARB Regional Meeting in Orlando and requested that Ms. Grigsby appoint someone in his place. Ms. Dolan offered to attend the meeting. Mr. Kuritzky offered to attend the meeting since he lived in Orlando. Ms. Grigsby appointed Mr. Kuritzky to attend the meeting.

Old Business

No old business.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.