

MINUTES
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE AND INTERIOR DESIGN

TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL

September 28, 2010
2:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Toll Free 888.808.6959 conference code 4879597

Call to Order

Roll Call – identify excused absences

Mr. Ehrig, Chair called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

Board Members Present:

John Ehrig, Chair
E. Wendell Hall, Vice-Chair
Warren Emo
Eric Kuritzky
Johnstone Reid, Jr.
Garrick Gustafson,
Wanda Gozdz
Joyce Shore
J. Emory Johnson

Board Members Absent:

Aida Bao-Garciga, excused

Others Present:

Mary Ellen Clark, Board Counsel
David Minacci, Prosecuting Attorney
Anthony Spivey, Executive Director
Terri Estes, Government Analyst
Vicki Long, AIA Florida
Janice Young, IDAF
Marvin Heymann
John Umbanhowar

Mr. Spivey requested that all members say their name prior to speaking for an accurate recording. Mr. Ehrig welcomed Mr. Emo and Mr. Reid to the board. He commented that Mr. Emo would not be able to vote during the meeting.

Application Review

Marvin Heymann – NCARB Endorsement

Mr. Heyman was present. The application was before the board based on an NCARB endorsement application per Chapter 481.213(3)(c) and 481.219, Florida Statutes. Mr. Heymann passed the required examination and completed the internship requirements as set for the in the statutes and rules. Mr. Heymann graduated from the University of Kansas with a Bachelor of Science in Architectural Engineering and Bachelor of Environmental Design in 1983. Both degrees are administered by the Department of School of Architecture, Design and Planning. The University of Kansas has a NAAB accredited five year Bachelor of Architecture degree.

Mr. Heymann applied to ECE-NCARB for an education evaluation and was advised that he was deficient educational credits for meeting the NCARB education standard. Mr. Heymann attended the University of Kentucky to complete the required deficient hours needed to meet the NCARB education standard. However, he was not granted a degree in architecture.

NCARB issued Mr. Heymann a certificate based on his completion of the additional educational credits even though he was not granted the architectural degree. Enclosed in the NCARB packet is a letter from NCARB stating that his education is equivalent to a Bachelor of Architecture degree that is accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) in the United States.

Based on Chapter 481.209(1)(b)2, Florida Statutes, Mr. Heymann requests that the board determine his education is equivalent to the statutory requirement.

After discussion the board made the following motion.

Motion: Mr. Gustafson moved that the board approve the application as presented based on the NAAB equivalency letter provided by NCARB and the evidence in the agenda that he has satisfied the requirements for licensure and.

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

John Umbanhowar – State Endorsement

Mr. Umbanhowar was present. The application was before the board based on a state endorsement application per Chapter 481.213(3)(b), Florida statutes. Mr. Umbanhowar meets the education and examination requirements. His application was before the board for internship equivalency evaluation per Rule 61G1-13.0021, Florida Administrative.

Per Chapter 481.211, Florida Statutes, an individual with a Masters of Architecture is required to complete two years internship/experience. Based on the documents provided, Mr. Umbanhowar completed three and a half years of internship/experience in addition to his Masters degree.

Mr. Umbanhowar provided the California Code and Regulations as well as a Newsletter Article for the board to review and determine if his internship/experience is considered a substantially equivalent program. He requests that the board determine that he has met Florida's internship/experience requirements and grant him a license.

Mr. Umbanhower commented that he is currently licensed, a partner in a firm, and mentors interns. Mr. Umbanhower amended his reference application to reflect Scott Hughes. After board discussion the following motion was made.

Motion: Mr. Hall moved that the board accept Mr. Umbanhower's California internship is considered substantially equivalent to Florida's requirement for licensure.

Second: Mr. Gustafson seconded the motion, it passed with Mr. Kuritzky, Mr. Reid, and Mr. Johnson opposed.

Ms. Shore was not on the line to vote. Mr. Ehrig commented that he would contact NCARB regarding California's intern development program.

Mr. Spivey informed Mr. Ehrig that Mr. Emo's papers were received and he could vote on the remaining agenda items.

Future Board Meetings

Naples, Florida

November 1, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. – Probable Cause Panel Meeting

November 2-3, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. – General Business Meeting

The following meeting dates were set.

Location to be determined

February 16, 2011 – Probable Cause Panel

February 17-18, 2011 – General Business Meeting

Location to be determined

May 2, 2011 – Probable Cause Panel

May 3-4, 2011 – General Business Meeting

New Business

Mr. Ehrig, Mr. Hall, and Mr. Kuritzky would attend the NCARB Broadly Experienced Architect (BEA) program November 19, 2010 in Orlando. Mr. Ehrig will attend NCARB's Strategic Planning Program and Chair's Meeting November 4-6, 2010 in New Orleans.

Ms. Long reported that AIA Florida was taking legislative suggestions and preparing for the upcoming session.

Mr. Ehrig reported that the statute may need updating based on the changes to the NCARB IDP from years to hours.

Ms. Clark commented that if the board wanted to take a position on how the statutes or rules should be changed then they should agenda the discussion and vote on the language.

Old Business

No old business.

Adjourn

Motion: Mr. Kuritzky moved to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.