

Alabama Council AIA

Fall Seminar Offered September 11

For those of you needing a few extra hours of education to renew your license or keep your AIA membership up to date, the Alabama Council AIA will be hosting a Fall Seminar on September 11 at Wynlakes Country Club in Montgomery. Registration material has been sent out via email, but in order to cut costs, we are not sending brochures by regular mail this year. Registration forms are available on the Council's website (www.aiaalabama.org) under the 'events' section, or you can contact the Council office for registration forms by email (aia@gmsal) or by calling (334) 264-3037.

Seminars will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 4:00 p.m., with light refreshments and a lunch included in the fee of \$119.

Material discussed at the Fall Seminar is as follows:

Designing for Construction Safety

1 HSW Credit

This presentation will be taught by Robert Milton of Golden & Associates.

Did you know there are 5,000 construction fatalities a year? This session will review DOL statistics and OSHA research and look at other techniques in designing a building safely, including electrical

safety, trench safety and whether or not a project schedule is "safety feasible." Learn how you can make a difference. "Design a building, save a life."

Professional Liability Risk Management

1 HSW Credit

This session will be taught by Andy Prewitt of J.R. Prewitt & Associates.

You will identify and review the factors that create loss and impact profit as well as how to manage them. The session will show you how managing risk affects the profitability of your firm, and why profit is so important to your firm's success. It will also give you basic goals & components of your firm's professional liability risk management program.

Getting Beneath the Surface: AAMA 2605-05 Specification

1 HSW Credit

Laura Smith of Marvin Windows & Doors will lead this session.

This seminar describes requirements that must be satisfied for a product to meet the superior level of coating performance for AAMA 2605-05 Specification. You will compare AAMA 2605 specifications and learn why finishes fail.

Designing for Disasters: Implications on Design

and Construction Strategies

1 HSW Credit

David Gillespie, AIA, of CRS Engineering will present this topic.

The focus of this presentation is on the design considerations that need to be incorporated in the architectural designs that relate to mitigating, surviving and recovering from natural and man-made disasters. The seminar will discuss building types that are affected, such as healthcare, educational, utilities, public safety, military and data centers.

Trees and Construction: Getting to the Root of The Problem

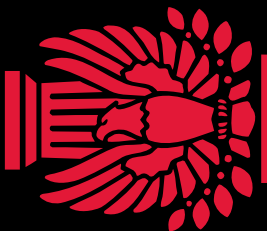
1 HSW Credit

This presentation will be taught by Arnold Brodbeck, with the Alabama Cooperative Extension System.

In this session, you will review the importance of trees in the urban landscape and will understand the basic tree structure and biology as it applies to the health and safety of the urban forest. Also, the session will review the safety concerns related to poor design and construction considerations around large mature trees.

A session will also be taught by the Alabama Concrete Industries Association.

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President's Message

A Message from 2009 President Gary Greenshields, AIA
Infinity Architecture, Montgomery



Gary Greenshields, AIA

Our annual convention last month at the Grove Park Inn was an excellent event. While our attendance numbers were down, the quality of the venue and programs was certainly top notch. Thanks to Rob Walker for putting together an outstanding group of speakers – a welcome change from a lot of the continuing education courses we see during the year. From the history of the Grove Park Inn to inspiring photography from a National Geographic veteran, the sessions were informative and entertaining. And if you've never been to the Grove Park, make it a point to visit there sometime. It's a first class hotel with great amenities, spectacular views and interesting architecture.

We also want to acknowledge the vendors and suppliers who sponsored parts of the convention and made the trip to North Carolina. Thanks to all of you.

Jamie Aycock has been chairing the task force looking at proposed revisions to the registration law. As you may know, the Registration Board's bill introduced in last year's session of the legislature died when time ran out. The task force is working on language for the bill that will have the Council's support prior to meeting with allied professions (engineers, contractors) to, hopefully, reach a consensus that will allow the bill to move through the legislature next year without opposition. Key issues being addressed are regulation of unlicensed practice and provisions regarding ownership of firms.

I want to congratulate Katherine Lynn on her appointment as Director of the Alabama Building Commission. This is a challenging position that impacts the practice of many firms and architects in the state (and out of the state), and we are pleased that Governor Riley has appointed an architect to this important position.

One of our own, Don Brown, AIA, is currently serving on the AIA National Board of Directors and provides great representation for our state at that level. I want to remind everyone that as members of the AIA, there are many resources available to us from AIA National to help in these difficult times. While the recession may be easing (?), as Yogi said, "It ain't over 'til it's over". So, from news to economic studies to job boards to knowledge communities, we should all take advantage of the staff and materials that AIA National provides – it is part of what your dues pay for. Go to www.aia.org and check it out.

Finally, as always, we're looking for a few good men or women to get involved in Council leadership. While it does require a time commitment, it is a great way to make a lot of new friends throughout the state while having the opportunity to make an impact on the practice of architecture. If you're interested, please let me know.

Convention Highlights



President Gary Greenshields, AIA, is pictured with Alan McGuinn, AIA, of AIA Asheville. McGuinn and his daughter presented *Community Design: The Blueprint of Asheville* at the convention.



Joe Bynum, AIA (center) catches up with Clay Birchfield, AIA, and his wife during the product show at the Grove Park Inn.



First Vice President Rob Walker, AIA, awards Alex Alkire, AIA, with a door prize during the Product Show Brunch.



First Vice President Rob Walker, AIA, presents speaker John Shurley, AIA, with an AAF book.



Sommerville Hill, Associate AIA, accepts the President's Award, given by Past President Linda Snapp, AIA.

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NCARB Announces ARE Security and Development Fee

Washington, DC—The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) will increase the fees for the Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®) by \$40 per division effective 1 October 2009. The increase, which was announced today at the NCARB Annual Meeting and Conference in Chicago, is due to recent incidents of exam content disclosure by ARE candidates. The cost to develop and replace the exposed content and handle the administrative and legal costs related to these incidents totals an estimated \$1.1 million.

“The decision to raise the exam fees now—especially in the current economic climate—was not made lightly,” said Gordon E. Mills, FAIA, President. “However, NCARB’s responsibility to uphold the integrity of the ARE is our first and foremost concern.”

The ARE is designed to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public by providing a psychometrically justifiable and legally defensible process that measures the level of competence necessary to practice architecture independently. In recent months, NCARB has had to turn off substantial

amounts of content after several candidates posted detailed exam content on the internet. These candidates have had their exam scores canceled and testing privileges suspended for up to five years. To ensure the integrity of the exam, NCARB has been forced to add two full-time staff members to monitor and investigate exam disclosures and copyright violations.

Replacing exam content is expensive and time consuming because each vignette or multiple-choice item must be written, reviewed, edited, and thoroughly pre-tested before it is added to the exam. The process of developing replacement content will take two years and the involvement of many volunteer professionals. The current six-month waiting period between failed divisions is in effect to ensure that a candidate does not see the same question twice. If ARE candidates continue to breach the Confidentiality Agreement they accept to prior to taking each division and additional exam content is exposed, NCARB may be forced to extend the mandatory waiting period in order to prevent overexposure of content.

Since NCARB produced the first national exam for architects in 1965, the cost of delivering the test has been heavily subsidized by other NCARB programs. Since the ARE was computerized in 1997, NCARB has subsidized more than \$15 million in exam-related expenses. While the new fee structure will help offset the costs incurred as a result of exam disclosure, it still falls short of the actual cost of developing and administering the exam and monitoring its security.

The current version of the ARE is comprised of seven divisions that test a candidate’s knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform many of the tasks an architect encounters in practice. To become licensed, candidates must fulfill education and experience requirements, as well as pass all divisions of the ARE.

The new rate of \$210 per division will take effect on 1 October 2009. All exams scheduled on or after 1 October 2009 will be at the new rate. Prior to 1 October 2009, candidates can schedule future exam appointments through 31 December 2009 at the current rate of \$170 per division.

NCARB Begins Transition of Leadership

The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards Executive Vice President Lenore M. Lucey, FAIA, announced a planned transition of leadership effective July 1, 2011. Lucey, who has served the Council since 1997, stepped down from that position after 14 years of service. She has been instrumental in transforming the programs and services that NCARB provides and has effectively laid the foundation for what NCARB will become—to the profession, its members, and its 77,000 architects, emerging professionals, and student customer base.

“In the last 12 years, we have achieved the goals that I set for myself and for the Council: stronger customer service,

greater transparency, robust effective programs, greater collateral ties and a significant presence as a leader in the international mobility movement,” said Lucey. “The next two years will be about setting the stage for a new generation to take NCARB to a whole new level. There is much work to do—I am looking forward to this next phase of my EVP role and I am confident that the transition will be both meaningful and smooth.”

Lucey joined NCARB at the point when the challenging transition from the paper and pencil Architect Registration Examination® to the electronic administration of the ARE® became reality. Her direction as the Executive Vice President has transformed

the Council’s business systems and brought them into the electronic age, most recently evidenced with a three-year Business Process Reengineering and the electronic Experience Verification Reporting (e-EVR) system that serves the Intern Development Program.

A Transition Planning Task Force, chaired by NCARB Treasurer Scott C. Veazey, AIA, will guide a process that will utilize the Council’s current organizational structure, constituent relationships, its volunteer driven environment and business culture along with the Council’s mission, vision, values and strategic plan to prepare for a national search.

Alabama Council 2009 Executive Committee

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Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood promotes Jacquelyn Overbey Hart to Design Operations Director, Hart Achieves LEED Certification



Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, Inc. is proud to announce that Jacqui Overbey Hart, AIA, IIDA, LEED AP, has been promoted to Design Operations Director for the Birmingham architectural department of Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood. Hart recently gained LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Accred-

ited Professional designation, in accordance with the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), distinguishing her as a professional with the knowledge and skills to successfully steward the national LEED certification process for developing high performance, sustainable buildings.

An award winning interior designer and architect with more than 14 years experience, Hart earned three Bachelor degrees from Auburn University in Architecture, Environmental Design, and Interior Design.

Health Care Plan Submission Rules Amended

The Alabama State Board of Health has approved recent amendments to rule Chapter 420-5-22, "Submission of Plans and Specifications for Health Care Facilities."

The amended rules for plan submission were effective on July 31 and are posted on the Alabama Department of Public Health web site. Included in the changes are the adoption of the 2006 Edition of the International Building Code and the 2006 Edition of

the Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospital and Health Care Facilities ("AIA Guidelines").

For newly established facilities that are not yet licensed, a new Pre-licensure Application must now be submitted to Public Health prior to the department's review of preliminary plan submissions.

For more information, go to www.adph.org/facmgmt, then select "Plan Review" on the left menu bar.

Gresham, Smith & Partners Names New Senior Associate & Associate

Gresham, Smith and Partners, a leading national architecture, engineering, interior design and planning firm, announces the following new senior associate and associate:

Eddy Alonso, AIA, project architect and planner in the Healthcare Studio, has been named a senior associate. Eddy holds a Masters of Architecture in Healthcare Design from Clemson University and a Bachelor of Design from the University of Florida. He specializes in the planning and

design of complex healthcare facilities throughout the southeast including the new facilities for Bay Medical Center in Panama City, Florida.

Tim Anson, AIA, LEED AP, was named an Associate with Gresham, Smith and Partners. He is an architect in the firm's Healthcare Studio. His recent projects include the new Simon-Williamson Clinic in Birmingham.

Patrick Davis, AIA, Joins CMH Architects

CMH Architects is pleased to announce Patrick B. Davis, Jr., AIA has joined the firm as Vice President focusing on expanding the firm's Healthcare Practice Group.

Patrick has over 35 years of experience planning and designing Healthcare Facilities in the Birmingham area and throughout the southeast. Local clients include UAB, Baptist Health System, St. Vincent's, Cooper Green Hospital and the City of Hoover.

A combat decorated veteran and graduate of The University of Texas at Austin, Davis is licensed as an Architect in 9 states, has been published extensively and written publications for American Hospital Association and is recognized as an expert in his field.

Davis is very involved in community and professional activities including

- Vice Chair of the Mt. Brook Planning Commission
- Past Chair – Cooper Green Hospital Advisory Board
- Past Chair – American Diabetes Association Leadership Council
- National Board – Associated Builders and Contractors
- President – Alabama Architectural Foundation
- Past President – Alabama Council AIA
- Past President – Birmingham AIA

Davis lives in Mountain Brook, Alabama, and has been married 34 years to Judy Davis. Patrick and Judy have two grown children, Abby, 25 and Jamie, 21.

Snapp Passes LEED Exam

Linda Snapp, AIA, Vice President of Architecture for Clark, Geer, Latham & Associates of Mobile, is now a LEED Accredited Professional. Snapp has worked at Clark, Geer, Latham & Associates since 1994.

Snapp has served in each officer position in the Mobile Chapter and in 2003 she received the AIA Mobile Service Award. She has also served in numer-

ous roles with the Alabama Council AIA, to include President in 2008. In 2006, she received the Alabama Council President's Award and in 2008 received the Accolade Award.

In addition to her work with the AIA, Linda was appointed to the City of Mobile Code Advisory Committee for two terms and has served as a director and education chairman for the Code Officials of Lower Alabama.

2009 Professional Affiliates

When making decisions on products and services, please keep these companies in mind. They are strong supporters of the Alabama Council and your profession. The affiliates that are listed are the ones who have paid their membership dues as of August 14, 2009.

Information on this program may be obtained from our website at www.aiaalabama.org or by calling the state office at (334) 264.3037.

Professional Affiliate Partners (\$1000)

Alabama Concrete Industries Association
Alabama Power Company
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Henry Brick Company
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Professional Affiliate Members (\$500)

Alabama Graphics
CRS Engineering
Gallet & Associates
Golden & Associates Construction
J. S. Cotney, Inc.
Marvin Windows by Dale
Walter Hopkins

Dunaway, Hart and Whitt LEED Accredited Professionals at Williams Blackstock Architects

Monica Dunaway, Associate AIA, is now certified as a LEED Accredited Professional by the U.S. Green Building Council. LEED Accredited Professionals have demonstrated a thorough understanding of green building practices and principles and the LEED Rating System. Ms. Dunaway is a graduate of Auburn University and has seven years experience in the architecture profession.

Jarrod Hart is now certified as a LEED Accredited Professional by the U.S. Green Building Council. Mr. Hart, an Associate Architect with Williams Blackstock, is a graduate of Auburn University and has eleven years of experience in the architecture profession.

Sean Whitt is now certified as a LEED Accredited Professional by the U.S.

Green Building Council. Mr. Whitt, an Associate Architect with Williams Blackstock, is a graduate of Auburn University and has fourteen years of experience in the architecture profession.

NCARB Announces Major Improvements to the Intern Development Program

The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) is updating the Intern Development Program (IDP) requirements to more closely align with the current practice of architecture. The new program requirements, which will be rolled out as "IDP 2.0," will help ensure that interns acquire the comprehensive training that is essential for competent practice and will make reporting experience fundamentally easier.

The changes to the IDP have been developed in response to the 2007 Practice Analysis of Architecture. In April 2007, NCARB invited more than 50,000 architects from across the United States and Canada to participate in this study. A record 9,835 practicing architects responded by completing an extensive electronic survey to identify the tasks, knowledge and skills that recently licensed architects, practicing independently, need to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public. The results of this study were used as a basis for IDP 2.0, the most significant update to the IDP since its inception over 30 years ago. The proposed changes to the IDP offer many benefits to interns by allowing them to complete some of the training requirements during periods of unemployment, expanding the definition of "direct supervision," and simplifying the reporting process. These changes will be rolled out in three phases over the next two years.

IDP 2.0 Phase One

The first phase of IDP 2.0 was implemented on July 1, 2009, and will allow interns—whether employed or not—to earn training units by completing LEED accreditation and by completing specified architecture-related certificate programs offered by the Construction Specifications Institute. They will also be able to earn training units by reading the NCARB Professional Conduct monograph and passing the related quiz.

IDP 2.0 Phase Two

Phase two of IDP 2.0, scheduled for implementation on January 1, 2010, is

contingent on the passage of Resolution 2009-04 at the Annual Meeting. If a majority of NCARB's Member Boards does not pass the resolution, the implementation of phase two will be delayed.

In the second phase of IDP 2.0, the definitions of "direct supervision" and "registered architect" will be updated to reflect current architectural practice. The new definition of "direct supervision" will allow IDP supervisors to supervise their interns through a mix of personal contact and remote communication (e.g. e-mail, online markups, webinars and internet). The new definition of a "registered architect" will allow a person registered to practice architecture in a U.S. or Canadian jurisdiction to serve as an IDP supervisor. That means that registered architects will be able to supervise interns within their office even if they are not registered in the jurisdiction where the office is located. In addition, both interns and supervisors who are "independent contractors" will be able to participate in the IDP in accordance with the revised definition of direct supervision.

Phase two will also change the IDP Training Requirement from "700 Training Units" to "5,600 Training Hours." The actual number of hours required to satisfy the IDP Training Requirement remains the same, however, interns will no longer have to convert the hours they spend in each training area into training units. This should make reporting work experience easier and more accurate.

IDP 2.0 Phase Three

The third phase of IDP 2.0, scheduled for implementation on 1 January 2011, will align the current IDP training areas with the new experience areas required for the competent practice of architecture as identified in the 2007 Practice Analysis of Architecture.

The IDP was created in 1976 by NCARB and the American Institute of Architects (AIA) to provide emerging architects with a structured transition

between education and registration. The program established specific training requirements and provided a uniform system for documentation and assessment of internship activity.

Over the past four years, NCARB has committed more than 17,000 volunteer hours, 1,200 Board of Director hours, and 12,000 staff hours, and AIA has committed more than 1,100 director hours and 4,000 staff hours toward strengthening the IDP and making it more user-friendly.

If you have any questions about the proposed changes to the IDP, please contact Harry Falconer at (202) 454-2235.

New LEED Accredited Professionals at TAG/The Architects Group, Inc

TAG/The Architects Group, Inc., of Mobile, announces that *Cynthia L. Klotz*, AIA, Interior Designer *Alice H. Cutright*, ASID, and Construction Manager *Tom Kelly* recently became LEED Accredited Professionals and have demonstrated a thorough understanding of green building practices and principles and the LEED Rating System.

As a leader in responsible design practices, TAG became a member of the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) in 2007. TAG is registering several current projects for the LEED certification process including the Spring Hill College Student Center currently under construction which is pursuing a LEED Silver Certification.

TAG/THE ARCHITECTS GROUP, INC. was established in 1971 as a full service design firm and offers Planning, Architecture, Interior Design, LEED Consulting, and Construction Management Services.

Calendar of Events

September 11, 2009
Fall Seminar
Wynlakes Country Club
Montgomery, AL

November 2009
Design Award Entries Due

January 2010
Design Awards Gala
Birmingham, AL

February 3 - 6, 2010
AIA Grassroots
Washington, DC

July 30 - August 1, 2010
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AAF Corner

By Pat Conrad, Executive Director

Silent Auction

The Alabama Architectural Foundation (AAF) wishes to thank all of the affiliate partners and architects who contributed to the success of the silent auction held at the AIA convention.

AIA members and affiliate partners had a great time bidding against each other during the silent and live auction at the AIA Convention. Wonderful treasures and great bargains -- everything from spa packages, a signed Jeff Gordon jacket, vacation packages, collector bottle of whiskey to football tickets -- added to the festivities of the evening which resulted in \$15,200.00 raised for the programs of the AAF.

New Board Members

AAF announces the addition of new board members Susan Swagler, Mike Rogers and Joel Blackstock. Pat Conrad now serves as Executive Director.

Book Special: During the month of September, you can purchase the book *Community in Alabama: Architecture for Living Together* for \$30 for 1 book, \$25 for 2-10 books. Buy 11 or more books, \$20 per book, plus postage. Contact Pat Conrad at conradpat@bellsouth.net.



Bruce Herrington, AIA, chats with keynote speaker Dick Durrance.



Alan Williamson, AIA, catches up with Alan Rogers of JF Day & Company during the product show.