

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
CALIFORNIA ARCHITECTS BOARD

May 6, 2010

Sacramento, CA
&
Various Teleconference Locations

A. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL – ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

President Iris Cochlan called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. Douglas McCauley called the roll.

Board Member Present

Iris Cochlan

Board Members Present (via teleconference)

Jon Alan Baker

Pasqual Gutierrez

Jeffrey Heller

Marilyn Lyon

Michael Merino

Sheran Voigt

Board Members Absent

Larry Guidi

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Guests Present (Sacramento)

Kurt Cooknick, American Institute of Architects, California Council (AIACC)

Tim Duffy, AIACC

Staff Present

Doug McCauley, Executive Officer

Justin Sotelo, Program Manager Examination/Licensing Unit

Anthony Lum, Administration Analyst

Don Chang, Legal Counsel, Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA)

B. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Ms. Cochlan stated that the Board approved the modified text for the fee proposal at the March 18, 2010 meeting. She indicated that the modified text reduced the amount of the fee increase so that the renewal fee would be \$300 instead of \$350. She continued that as part of the prior motion

to approve the modified text, the Board would consider any comments received from the public during the 15-day comment period. She stated that only one comment from the public was received.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

Kurt Cooknick indicated that AIACC was in support of the Board's decision for fee increases and the rejection of the public comment to implement a \$50 fee for the transfer of exam scores to other state boards. He indicated that AIACC believed the proposed fee increases were fair to the profession and acknowledged that the Board on occasion needs to increase its revenue in order to function.

D. REVIEW AND RATIFY PRIOR ACTION TO APPROVE PROPOSED REGULATIONS TO AMEND CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS (CCR), TITLE 16, SECTION 144, FEES, IN LIGHT OF ONE COMMENT RECEIVED DURING PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD SUGGESTING A NEW FEE ON ARCHITECT REGISTRATION EXAMINATION TESTIMONIALS

Mr. McCauley informed the Board that the one comment submitted during the modified text 15-day comment period did not pertain directly to the Board's proposed regulations to amend CCR, Title 16, section 144, Fees. He stated that the individual suggested a charge of \$50 to transfer exam scores to other state boards as a means to increase its revenue and that the remaining comments did not pertain to the proposed regulation amendment. He indicated that such a charge would increase the Board's revenue minimally and would not have a profound affect on the Board's fund.

Jon Baker inquired what the real cost is of transferring exam scores, how frequently they are requested, and whether the Board could collect a fee for transferring scores. Mr. Sotelo responded that there were approximately 60 – 70 requests per month and that some state boards charge a small fee to transfer exam scores. Mr. Chang stated that currently, the Board does not have statutory authority to charge a fee to transfer exam scores and it would take legislation in order to implement a fee.

- **Sheran Voigt made a motion to approve the modified text in light of the public comment – based on our prior actions of approval.**

Jeff Heller seconded the motion.

Michael Merino asked what vote was available to him, since he was not present at the prior three Board meetings. Don Chang indicated that Mr. Merino's choices are to support, oppose, or abstain from the vote.

Motion passed 6-0-1 (Michael Merino abstained).

E. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.