

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
CALIFORNIA ARCHITECTS BOARD

February 26, 2014

Pomona, CA

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

Board President Sheran Voigt called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and Board Secretary, Chris Christophersen, called roll.

Board Members Present

Sheran Voigt, President
Pasqual Gutierrez, Vice President
Chris Christophersen, Secretary
Jon Alan Baker
Tian Feng
Sylvia Kwan
Matthew McGuinness
Nilza Serrano
Fermin Villegas (arrived at 9:35 a.m.)
Hraztan Zeitlian (arrived at 9:45 a.m.)

Guests Present

Hernan Alonso, Graduate Programs Chair, Southern California Institute of Architecture (SCI-Arc)
Steve Altman, Representing the Sacramento College of Architecture (SCA)
Alan Austin, Chapter President (San Diego), California Society of the American Institute of Building Design (CSAIBD)
David Binsacca, Center for Public Interest Law, University of San Diego
Andrew Bowden, Chair, Landscape Architects Technical Committee (LATC)
Tom Buresh, Professor and Chair of Architecture, University of California (UC), Berkeley
Renee Chow, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs, UC Berkeley
Kurt Cooknick, Director of Regulation and Practice, The American Institute of Architects, California Council (AIACC)
Julianna Delgado, Ph.D, Interim Associate Dean, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona (Cal Poly Pomona)
Neil Denari, Professor and Vice Chair, Department of Architecture and Urban Design, UC Los Angeles (UCLA)
Kip Dickson, RA, Professor, Graduate Studies Coordinator, Cal Poly Pomona
John Enright, Undergraduate Program Chair, SCI-Arc
Karen Gersten, Special Assistant to the President for Institutional Effectiveness & Planning, NewSchool of Architecture and Design (Newschool)
Kurt Hunker, Graduate Architecture Program Chair, NewSchool
Gregory K. Izor, Vice President of Regulatory Affairs, AIACC

Mitra Kanaani, Professor of Architecture, NewSchool
Sarah Lorenzen, Chair of Architecture, Cal Poly Pomona
Gregory Marick, President, NewSchool
Margot McDonald, Professor of Architecture, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo (Cal Poly San Luis Obispo)
Gary McGavin, Professor of Architecture, Coordinator of the Department of Architecture Extended University Program, Cal Poly Pomona
Norman Millar, Dean, School of Architecture, Woodbury University
Patricia Motzkin, Senior Lecturer, California College of the Arts (CCA)
Catherine Roussel, Career and Outreach Coordinator, School of Architecture, Woodbury University
John Sabatini, Jr., Divisional Vice President, Laureate Global Products and Services
Mimi Sullivan, Executive Director, Academy of Art University
Nasim Tahami, Student of Architecture, Cal Poly Pomona
Christine Theodoropoulos, Dean, College of Architecture and Environmental Design, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
Ingalill Wahlroos-Ritter, Associate Dean, School of Architecture, Woodbury University
Michael Woo, Dean, College of Environmental Design, Cal Poly Pomona
Len Zegarski, Professor of Architecture, NewSchool

Staff Present

Doug McCauley, Executive Officer
Vickie Mayer, Assistant Executive Officer
Trish Rodriguez, Program Manager, LATC
Mel Knox, Administration Analyst
Justin Sotelo, Examination/Licensing Analyst
Leosha Eves, Enforcement Officer
Robert Carter, Architect Consultant
Don Chang, Assistant Chief Counsel, Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA)
Rebecca Bon, Staff Counsel, DCA

Six members of the Board present constitute a quorum. There being eight present at the time of roll, a quorum was established.

B. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Ms. Voigt thanked Cal Poly Pomona for hosting the Board. She also:

- announced that Jeffrey Heller is no longer a Board member;
- introduced new Board member, Tian Feng, who was sworn in by Executive Officer (EO), Doug McCauley; and
- announced that this will be Don Chang's last Board meeting, as he will be retiring from State service in June.

Michael Woo welcomed the Board to Cal Poly Pomona on the university's seventy-fifth anniversary.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

There were no comments from the public.

D. APPROVE THE DECEMBER 5-6, 2013, BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Voigt asked for comments concerning the December 5-6, 2013, Board Meeting Minutes.

- **Matthew McGuinness moved to approve the December 5-6, 2013, Board Meeting Minutes.**

Jon Baker seconded the motion.

The motion passed 10-0.

E. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. McCauley:

- informed the Board that its next meeting will be held in San Francisco on June 12, 2014;
- updated the Board on Assembly Bill (AB) 186 (Maienschein), and restated the Board's core concern with the measure [a requirement to waive the California Supplemental Examination (CSE)]. He also informed the Board that, in an effort to seek an exemption for the Board and the LATC from the bill's provisions, he contacted Assemblyman Maienschein's staff when the Legislature reconvened in January 2014, and did so again on February 18, 2014. Mr. McCauley reported receiving no follow-up response;
- advised that members may deliver their liaison reports during Strategic Plan Agenda Item J;
- reported that the Board is in the early phases of its Occupational Analysis (OA) process, and that, for the first time since 1998, focus groups (comprised of building officials, contractors, and related design professionals) are being conducted; and
- reported that the Enforcement Program is maintaining a strong track record of low case load but noted a recent increase in volume, which is attributed to a referral of 30 cases as a result of our mandated continuing education audits.

Mr. McCauley summarized Senate Bill (SB) 850 (Block), which would authorize community colleges to establish baccalaureate degree pilot programs. He said the approach deviates from the California Master Plan for Higher Education, but that there is precedent to allow for exceptions to the plan. Mr. McCauley suggested to the Board that it consider a motion of support for SB 850.

Mr. Baker stated that he believes SB 850 is an excellent concept, particularly because, if universities do not have sufficient capacity to accommodate the interest in architecture, it seems appropriate to allow community colleges to help meet the need.

A member of the public shared her view that enrollment numbers in architecture programs at California universities are down, and asked the Board about the issue of cost and enrollment in architectural education. Mr. Baker stated that he believes there are other factors contributing to the reduction of applicants in architecture, citing discouraging trends related to architect compensation.

Pasqual Gutierrez stated he appreciates SB 850 in theory, but sees practical problems with the proposed legislation. Particularly, Mr. Gutierrez perceives a threat to the economic advantage

that currently exists for community college students. He said he would prefer to see a more integrated relationship between community colleges and four-year universities.

Sylvia Kwan shared two examples of the kind of “sister program” collaboration between California community colleges and universities referenced by Mr. Gutierrez. She first described how students at Cañada College (San Mateo) may take upper-division courses, but, for one to receive a degree, he/she must also be an applicant at San Francisco State University. Ms. Kwan also illustrated the relationship between San Francisco State University and the College of Marin, whereby community college students take San Francisco State courses at the community college campus and receive a San Francisco State degree. Ms. Kwan stated that she sees “lots of holes” in SB 850, and the kind of collaboration between community colleges and four-year universities mentioned herein seems worthy of further consideration.

- **Jon Baker moved to support SB 850 (Block).**

Hraztan Zeitlian seconded the motion.

The motion passed 10-0.

Mr. McCauley asked the Board to consider a motion regarding AB 186 (Maienschein).

- **Nilza Serrano moved to oppose AB 186 (Maienschein).**

Jon Baker seconded the motion.

The motion passed 9-1 (Matthew McGuinness opposed).

Mr. McCauley updated the Board on the CSAIBD “sunrise review” process. He stated State Senator William Monning’s staff has indicated that they will not be advancing a proposal, but that Board staff will continue to monitor the situation closely and report any further activity to the Board.

Mr. McCauley updated the Board on the proposed AIACC-sponsored legislation, AB 2192 (Melendez), that would allow architects to utilize peer review of plans (for projects exempt from the Architects Practice Act) in lieu of government plan review. Bob Carter outlined the concept of the proposed legislation and enumerated key questions to be considered by the Board before taking a formal position on AB 2192.

Mr. Baker expressed concern about the details of AIACC’s proposal, specifically regarding the issue of recourse. He stated that, in his view, AB 2192 is not acceptable as currently written.

Kurt Cooknick advised the Board that there is time to amend AB 2192 and to make improvements, and that it would be unfair for the Board to make a decision on the proposed legislation without a complete, more thorough understanding of its provisions.

Ms. Voigt announced that the Board will take more time to consider AB 2192 and identify an appropriate position, and that no decision on the proposed legislation will be made at this meeting.

F. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ALTERNATE PATH TO LICENSURE MODEL

Mr. McCauley gave a presentation on an alternative path to licensure model. He discussed the eight-year National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) timeline to become licensed, noting that candidates often experience an extended version which could require up to eleven years to complete. Mr. McCauley also spoke on the current Intern Development Program (IDP) challenge of candidates taking twice as long to complete the program as originally designed, and explained why there is interest in a licensure upon graduation model in California, citing benefits of a stronger pipeline into the profession. Mr. Gutierrez updated the Board on the activities of the NCARB Licensure Task Force (LTF) and reiterated the Board's objective to support additional paths to licensure.

Representatives from nine schools of architecture participated in discussions with the Board concerning national efforts to integrate licensing into degree programs. Each school provided a short update on its current efforts to promote licensure:

Woodbury

Norman Millar told the Board that Woodbury recently received a \$2.8 million grant from the Department of Education. Subsequently, Woodbury's school of architecture was able to hire Catherine Roussel, a career counselor who also serves as IDP coordinator. Mr. Millar informed the Board that his school also initiated a career plan counseling initiative known as "professional plan," hosts IDP workshops, and organizes architecture firm tours for its students to network with established professionals in architecture.

UCLA

Neil Denari discussed the IDP-focused, job-placement services at UCLA to counter difficult employment prospects for students of architecture. Mr. Denari stated the university graduates approximately 40 students annually from its accredited program.

UC Berkeley

Tom Buresh reported that UC Berkeley has approximately 500 undergraduates pursuing 4-year Bachelor of Arts degrees in architecture, 120 Master of Architecture (M.Arch) degree students, and a combined 80 post-professional Master of Arts and Ph.D. students of architecture; of those, approximately 100 undergraduates and 40 M.Arch candidates graduate annually. Because of the large percentage of graduates choosing to pursue architect-related careers that do not require licensure, Mr. Buresh explained that UC Berkeley embraces a disciplinarian approach to teaching architecture rather than one that emphasizes licensure. He also reported that less than 10 percent of new graduates are able to secure employment and, therefore, the school of architecture engages in considerable employment outreach effort.

NewSchool

Gregory Marick conveyed NewSchool's strong interest in the concept of integrating licensure into education. Kurt Hunker also addressed the Board, updating members on NewSchool's current efforts to promote licensure. Mr. Hunker noted there to be an IDP coordinator on

campus, and NewSchool's internship programs, which are designed to place students in architecture firms, primarily in the greater San Diego area. At the graduate level, he said, students are required to earn credit in activities that are reflective of issues in practice, but that guaranteeing student internship placements will take more time to institutionalize.

Cal Poly Pomona

Gary McGavin stated that the Department of Architecture's IDP coordinator, Kip Dickson, is the best point of contact for the Board's liaison. Mr. McGavin spoke on Cal Poly Pomona's architecture program highlights, which included undergraduate and post-graduate enrollment statistics, Architect Registration Examination (ARE) statistics (60 percent pass-rate), and internship requirements. He stated that, in 2017, Cal Poly Pomona's schedule of classes are expected to transition to a semester timetable from the current quarter timetable, which would help alleviate challenges unique to the architecture program. Mr. McGavin expressed excitement about NCARB's upcoming ARE 5.0, and reported that close to 100 percent of architecture graduates are employed.

Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

Christine Theodoropoulos stated that Cal Poly San Luis Obispo has not diversified its accredited degree pathways and is completely committed to undergraduate students of architecture receiving an accredited degree upon graduation. Margo McDonald also addressed the Board, and updated members on the architecture program at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

CCA

Patricia Motzkin spoke on CCA's architecture program highlights, which included career counseling and its 225-hour internship requirement. She noted there to be contrarian opinion amongst faculty members at CCA about the concept of integrating licensure with education. Ms. Motzkin shared her opinion that the current experience of obtaining licensure is fundamental to becoming an architect, but that the internship program is the weakest link in architect training.

Academy of Art

Mimi Sullivan informed the Board that the architecture program at the Academy of Art University in San Francisco was established 13 years ago. She spoke on 1) the university's architecture program which has Bachelor of Architecture and M.Arch programs, 2) undergraduate and postgraduate enrollment statistics, 3) faculty statistics, and 4) graduation statistics.

SCI-Arc

John Enright informed the Board of SCI-Arc's undergraduate and postgraduate enrollment statistics, graduate employment statistics, and announced that SCI-Arc too has an IDP coordinator on staff and that IDP is heavily emphasized to the student body.

Mr. Gutierrez asked each of the school representatives whether, in their view, there should be a program in place to allow for licensure upon graduation (yes/no/maybe); and, if yes, what cooperation is needed between the academy, NCARB, and the Board to achieve it? The schools responded as follows:

	Yes	No	Maybe	Comments
Academy of Art	X			Yes, <u>but</u> ...would like to see a shorter, yet full, path to licensure (IDP shortened).
Cal Poly Pomona			X	There could be a problem with students taking a “gap year” to gain IDP credit, as it would be disruptive. Also, the number of hours of IDP may be too high.
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo			X	Perhaps, if 1) ARE is administered differently and 2) education can be “double-dipped” with IDP (e.g., student projects taught by practitioners counting toward IDP as an integrated learning experience). Concerned about compressing licensure into a five-year program, as there are skills that take time to develop.
CCA	X			
NewSchool	X			Would require commitment and coordinated support between regulatory bodies.
SCI-Arc	X			Not applicable to all schools. Supports the concept of licensure upon graduation.
UC Berkeley			X	The definition of <i>design</i> must be consistent for testing purposes.
UCLA	X			Not for all schools. Depends on the culture of the program.
Woodbury	X			Not applicable to all schools. The European model of 3 years + 1 year practicum + 2 years at another school should be considered with caution.

In support of alternate paths to licensure:

- NewSchool professor, Mitra Kanaani, delivered a presentation on a new vision for architectural education, which focused on practice and renewal at all levels; and
- Steve Altman gave a presentation outlining a proposal to establish the SCA as a National Architectural Accrediting Board accredited school with a core mission to provide licensure upon graduation.

Ms. Voigt thanked the schools for sharing their thoughts with the Board. She expressed her hope that this assembly will be a catalyst for all California schools of architecture to share ideas with each other, an objective she hopes the Board achieved today. Mr. Gutierrez reiterated the Board’s strategic objective to support additional paths to licensure, and stated that the schools’ comments will be considered by the NCARB LTF. He said that schools must feel comfortable sharing information with each other, particularly if we wish to make an alternate path to licensure model of the kind discussed today successful in California. Mr. Gutierrez stated that the next step will be to see what develops from the LTF regarding framework for an alternate path to licensure model, but that respect for the sovereignty of academies that already exist must remain intact.

H.* RATIFY INTRA-AGENCY CONTRACT AGREEMENT FOR CALIFORNIA SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINATION OCCUPATIONAL ANALYSIS, REVIEW OF NATIONAL EXAMINATION, AND LINKAGE STUDY

Justin Sotelo asked the Board to consider a motion to ratify its intra-agency contract agreement with the Office of Professional Examination Services (OPES) to conduct CSE OA, review of national examination, and linkage study.

- **Hraztan Zeitlian moved to approve the intra-agency contract agreement with OPES to conduct CSE OA, review of national examination, and linkage study.**

Sylvia Kwan seconded the motion.

The motion passed 10-0.

G. WESTERN CONFERENCE OF ARCHITECTURAL REGISTRATION BOARDS

Mr. McCauley reviewed the resolutions which are expected to be acted upon at the 2014 NCARB Annual Meeting on June 18-21. He stated that all the resolutions have potential to significantly impact national standards for licensure, and that Messrs. Baker and Gutierrez were approved to attend the meeting. Mr. McCauley also recommended that the Board take pause on Resolution 2014-C.

- **Hraztan Zeitlian moved to support Resolutions 2014-A, 2014-B, 2014-D and 2014-E (all Resolutions except 2014-C).**

Sylvia Kwan seconded the motion.

The motion passed 10-0.

Mr. McCauley explained why he believes Resolution 2014-C should be opposed, citing reasons pertaining to the proposed requirement for NCARB Board candidates to possess an active NCARB Certificate. He explained that NCARB has a challenge of finding a sufficient number of candidates for seats on the Board, and shared his concern that the resolution would create an additional requirement which would further diminish the candidate pool.

- **Jon Baker moved to take a “watch” position on Resolution 2014-C and discuss the Board’s apprehensions at the NCARB Regional Summit on March 7-8, 2014 in San Antonio, Texas.**

Hraztan Zeitlian seconded the motion.

The motion passed 10-0.

The Board next discussed the candidates for 2014 Western Conference of Architectural Registration Boards (WCARB) and NCARB elections. Mr. McCauley stated that the Office of Secretary at NCARB is contested. Mr. Baker informed the Board that the NCARB elections will be held in June via secret ballot. Regarding the contested Secretary position, he suggested the Board learn more about each of the candidates to develop a stronger sense of who best to

endorse. Mr. Baker also informed the Board that there are three open positions on the WCARB Executive Committee, of which he is a candidate.

- **Hraztan Zeitlian moved to endorse Jon Baker’s candidacy for the WCARB Executive Committee.**

Fermin Villegas seconded the motion.

The motion passed 10-0.

I. REVIEW AND APPROVE PROPOSED REGULATIONS TO AMEND CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 16, SECTION 109 (FILING OF APPLICATIONS)

Mr. Sotelo informed the Board that it must amend its regulations, specifically California Code of Regulations (CCR) section 109, to properly reference the latest edition of NCARB’s *IDP Guidelines*. He asked the Board to approve the proposed changes to the regulations.

- **Jon Baker moved to approve the proposed regulations to amend CCR section 109, provided no adverse comments are received during the public comment period, and delegate authority to the EO to adopt the regulations and make minor technical changes to the language, if needed.**

Matthew McGuinness seconded the motion.

The motion passed 10-0.

J. REVIEW AND APPROVE 2014 STRATEGIC PLAN

Mr. Gutierrez enquired about the term *mediation* as reflected in Strategic Plan Enforcement objective one (page 20), which a Regulatory and Enforcement Committee working group previously recommended not be added to the reporting requirements in Business and Professions Code section 5588. The Board discussed the appropriateness of *mediation* in the objective, and concluded that its focus should remain on the threshold reporting requirement. The Board suggested other minor edits as well.

Within the context of the new Professional Qualifications (PQ) objective number three (page 18), the Board discussed the appropriateness of the terms *additional*, *alternative*, *multiple*, and *accelerated* relative to paths to licensure. Mr. McCauley shared his view that *alternative* is most suitable. The Board ultimately determined that the EO shall have authority to amend the objective, if needed.

Mr. McCauley asked the Board to reconsider new PQ objective number four (page 18), relating to initiatives for schools of architecture that promote curriculum in health, safety, and welfare, and alternative paths to licensure. The Board agreed that the objective was indeed appropriate as written.

- **Hraztan Zeitlian moved to approve the 2014 Strategic Plan with the edits as agreed.**

Jon Baker seconded the motion.

The motion passed 10-0.

K. CLOSED SESSION – DISCIPLINARY DECISIONS [CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 11126(C)(3)]

The Board went into closed session to consider possible action on the:

- Closed Session Minutes of the December 5, 2013 Board meeting; and
- Proposed enforcement decisions and stipulations.

L. REVIEW OF SCHEDULE

Mr. McCauley announced that the next Board meetings will be held on June 12, 2014 in the Bay Area, September 10, 2014 in San Diego, and December 10-11, 2014 in Sacramento.

M. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

** Agenda items for this meeting were taken out of order. The order of business conducted herein follows the transaction of business.*