

MINUTES  
NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS  
March 9, 2006  
Public Session

**I CALL TO ORDER**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board was called to order at 9:30 am in the Union Conference Room on the third (3rd) floor at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

PARTICIPANTS	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
President Alex Garcia, RA	(X)	( )	( )
Vice President Albert Zaccone, RA	(X)	( )	( )
Board Member Diane Goté	(X)	( )	( )
Board Member Howard Horii, RA	(X)	( )	( )
Board Member Bernard Kellenyi, RA	( )	( )	(X)
Board Member Frederick Kniesler, CLA	(X)	( )	( )
Board Member Janice M. Mintz	(X)	( )	( )
Public Member			
Board Member Kyu-Jung Whang, RA	(X)	( )	( )
Board Member Paul DeMassi, RA	( )	( )	(X)
Board Member Vacant - Government Member			
Board Member Vacant - Public Member			

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Michelle Albertson, Deputy Attorney General; James S. Hsu, Executive Director; Margaret Hinkley, Secretary to the Executive Director, and staff members Joseph Abello, Jacquiline Folkes and Beverly Rankin of the Board of Architects.

**II OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

The statement required by Chapter 231, public laws of 1975, the "Open Public Meetings Act," was read and it was announced that notice of this meeting was prepared in the office of the Board of Architects and mailed to the Secretary of State, the Newark Star-Ledger, the Trenton Times, the Camden Courier-Post, the Record and the Atlantic City Press.

**III APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

February 23, 2006

**ACTION:** Mr. Zaccone motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Goté seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

**IV ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Executive Director Hsu announced:

– Investigative inquiry with the complainants in the matter of ITEM No. 38709 is scheduled for 10 am. The architect in this matter has requested his inquiry be rescheduled.

– NCARB Annual meeting scheduled for June 21-25, 2006 to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio. Mr. Zaccone will represent the Board at the meeting and Executive Director Hsu will attend the administrators meeting.

– Kyu-Jung Whang was elected Region II Chair.

Mr. Whang reported the Region meeting was held in Charleston SC. The meeting was well attended there were approximately 20 people from the region. Election of Officers was held and Steve Parker from Maryland was elected Regional Director; Brenda Sanchez from Washington DC was elected Vice Chair/Treasurer and Ken Schwartz from Virginia who was elected Secretary. Everyone takes office beginning July 1, 2006. Next year's meeting will be hosted by Region II in Washington DC scheduled for March 2007 and will be a joint meeting with Region 6 VI which is a west coast region consisting of California, Oregon, Washington, Hawaii and Alaska. Some of the issues discussed at the meeting NCARB made presentations including one that will allow ARE candidates to take the test before IDP was finalized, which contradicts our statutes and regulations. This issue is expected to become a resolution for a vote at the annual meeting in June. Approximately 11 resolutions are expected 5 deal with Bylaw changes and the remaining deal with agreements with foreign countries and licensure.

## **V OLD BUSINESS**

### A Joint Committee Issue - Bulkhead Design

Attached are copies of past correspondence between Renard E. Barnes, Esq., Schoor DePalma and the Board of Professional Engineers, who forwarded the matter to the Joint Committee for discussion. The Joint Committee requested additional information from Mr. Barnes, who submitted same to DAG Bradford, in March 2003 for committee review. Subsequent to reviewing the information from Mr. Barnes, DAG Bradford responded to Mr. Barnes in correspondence dated August 1, 2003. At its February 7th meeting, the Joint Committee requested this item be discussed at the March meeting. On February 23th, the Board reviewed copies of above letters are attached for review and discussion. The issue of whether architects can design bulkheads was discussed. The Board determined to contact the Little Egg Harbor Township of Ocean County to evaluate if the ordinance requiring bulkheads to be designed by engineers has been amended in accordance with DAG Bradford's letter in 2003.

3/9/06 Attached are copies of the current Ordinance No. 2003 governing the Township of Little Egg Harbor in Ocean County and a copy of an August 4, 2003 letter from Schoor DePalma to the Township of Little Egg Harbor.

**ACTION:** Mr. Zaccone reported that the Joint Committee met recently and discussed the Bulkhead issue. He reported that the Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors concurred that architect or engineer can design bulkheads. It was suggested that the Department of Community Affairs be contacted to discuss that the Joint Committee had determined that both architects and engineers can design a bulkhead, however, some towns have ordinances that contradict the Joint Committee decision.

On another Joint Committee issue there was a matter pertaining to site plans and the Committee determined to obtain the construction permit file and plans to determine what action to recommend to the Boards. Mr. Zaccone will prepare statement for the joint committee.

## **VI NEW BUSINESS**

### A. Interior Design Evaluation and Examination Committee

February 1, 2006 minutes

Correction: Jeffrey Kennedy should be Jeffrey Kenney

**ACTION:** Mr. Kniesler motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Zaccone seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

## B Correspondence

Memo dated March 1, 2006 from Susan L. Wise, Director, Corporate Affairs, NCARB, pertaining to the NCARB program to promote annual meeting attendance. NCARB Board of Directors is continuing to support the ongoing program to fund one architect member board member from each jurisdiction to attend the 2006 Annual Meeting and Conference. Also included is the Funded Delegate Participation Form which needs to be completed and returned to NCARB by May 5, 2006. Also attached is the preliminary agenda for the 2006 annual meeting.

ACTION: Duly noted.

## VII REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS

### A. Applications for Licensure by Credentials

The following individuals have applied for licensure by credentials, have met board requirements and are recommended for licensure:

- NCARB Council Record Holder

Alford, John E.\* Beha, Ann M.\* Cade, Nicholas K.\*  
Cho, In Hyung\* Feather, Vernon L. Graeber, Sharon D.\*  
Gray, Leland A.\* Lee, Don\* Manners, William A.\*  
Martin, Muscoe B.\* Maxwell, Carl B.\* Means, William C.\*  
Mokhtar, Roslina\* Oyama, Ted S.\* Palladino, Antonio\*  
Spiering, Kurt G.\* Terhune, Richard A.\* Visnick, Burton S.\*  
Chase, John F.\* Jo, Jungje\* Pidutti, Charles R.\*  
Stevens, Robert T. Jr.\* Treadway, Lyman M.\* Foti, John P.\*

ACTION: Mr. Zaccone motioned to approve the above individuals for licensure by credentials. Mr. Horii seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

### B. Applications for Examination

The following applicant/s applied for admission to the Architectural Registration Examination and are recommended by staff:

Akash Anand Smith

ACTION: Mr. Zaccone motioned to approve the above individual to take the ARE. Ms. Mintz seconded the motion. Mr. Garcia recused himself and abstained from voting. Motion carried.

Damian A. Melo Adolfo A. Bustamante

ACTION: Mr. Zaccone motioned to approve the above individuals to take the ARE. Mr. Horii seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

The following applicant/s have completed all Divisions of the Architectural Registration Examination and are submitted to the Board for licensure:

Ehab Azmy  
James B. DeStefano PE  
Vasavi Duvvur  
Bradley S. Walters

ACTION: Mr. Zaccone motioned to approve the above individuals for licensure inasmuch as they have

completed the ARE process. Ms. Mintz seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

### C. Certificate/s of Authorization

#### 1 FOCUS ARCHITECTURE LLC

Architecture  
135 Treymore Court  
Pennington NJ 08539

Responsible Architect: Thomas S. Townes - License #AI011932

Summary: This application for a Certificate of Authorization to offer architectural services only is submitted by two New Jersey professional architects who own 100% of the shares. This application appears to comply with statutory requirements.

ACTION: Mr. Zaccone motioned to issue a certificate of authorization to Focus Architecture LLC. Mr. Whang seconded the motion. Mr. Garcia recused himself and abstained from voting. Motion carried.

#### 2 LIGGERO ARCHITECTURE LLC

Architecture  
469 Ramapo Valley Road  
Oakland NJ 07436

Responsible Architect: John Liggero - License #AI011179

Summary: This application for a Certificate of Authorization to offer architectural services only is submitted by a New Jersey professional architect who own 67% of the shares in business with an unlicensed individual who owns 33.33% of the shares.. This application appears to comply with statutory requirements.

ACTION: Mr. Garcia motioned to issue a certificate of authorization to Liggero Architecture LLC. Mr. Kniesler seconded the motion. Mr. Zaccone recused himself and abstained from voting. Motion carried.

#### 3 WINDIGO ARCHITECTURE LLC

Architecture  
914 Mt. Kemble Avenue  
Morristown NJ 07960

Responsible Architect: David M. Spence - License #AI013362

Summary: This application for a Certificate of Authorization to offer architectural services only is submitted by a New Jersey professional architect who owns 100% of the shares. This application appears to comply with statutory requirements.

ACTION: Mr. Zaccone motioned to issue a certificate of authorization to Windigo Architecture LLC. Ms. Goté seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

#### 4 GJ OLSON ARCHITECTS INC

Architecture  
2115 Spruce Street  
Philadelphia PA 19103

Responsible architect: Gregory J. Olson - License #AI008594

Summary: This application for a Certificate of Authorization to offer architectural services only is

submitted by a New Jersey Professional Architect who owns 100% of the shares. This application appears to comply with statutory requirements.

**ACTION:** Mr. Garcia motioned to approve this application for a certification. Mr. Zaccone seconded the motion. Mr. Whang opposed the motion because this application was not presented in the same manner as the other COA applications.. He also questions the name of the firm with the word "Architects" however no other architects are mentioned on the application.. Mr. Zaccone rescinded the above motion. Mr. Horii seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

After more discussion, Mr. Whang motioned to table this application until the number of architects in the firm can be determined by staff. Mr. Zaccone seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

## **VIII PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Seeing no one from the public present, Mr. Garcia proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

## **IX EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 10am Ms. Mintz motioned to go into executive session for the purposes of discussion the matter scheduled for the inquiry. Mr. Zaccone seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

## **X NEXT MEETINGS**

March 23, 2006 Regular Meeting  
Union Room - 3rd Floor

Investigative inquiry pertaining to ITEM No. 38031- 10:30 am

April 13, 2006 Regular Meeting  
Union Room - 3rd Floor

Investigative inquiries pertaining to ITEM No. 42046 - 10:30 am & 1 pm

## **XI ADJOURNMENT**

At 2pm, Mr. Zaccone motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Mintz seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.