

# MINUTES

## NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS

**January 9, 2014**

Public Session

### I CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board was called to order at 9:11 am in the Union Conference Room on the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) floor at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

PARTICIPANTS		PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
President	Arthur F Margiotta, RA	(X)	( )	( )
Vice President	Nicholas J. Netta, RA	(X)	( )	( )
Board Member	Obiora Agudosi, RA	(X)	( )	( )
Board Member	Diane Goté, CID	(X)	( )	( )
Board Member	Kishor Y Joshi, RA	( )	( )	(X)
Board Member	Louis J Mraw	( )	( )	(X)
	Government Member			
Board Member	Richard Picatagi, LLA	(X)	( )	( )
Board Member	Michael G. Soriano, RA	(X)	( )	( )
Board Member	Albert Zaccone, RA	(X)	( )	( )
Board Member	Architect Member			
Board Member	Landscape Architect Member			
Board Member	Vacant - Public Member			
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**OTHERS PRESENT:** B. Michelle Albertson, Deputy Attorney General; Charles Kirk, Acting Executive Director of the Board of Architects; Margaret Hinkley, Secretary to Executive Director of the Board of Architects; Joseph Abello III of the Board of Architects; and Martha Richardson staff member of the Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.

### 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*.

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**III APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*December 12, 2013*

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

**IV ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Margiotta announced that there is an investigative inquiry with the respondent pertaining to ITEM No. 91641 at 11 am today.

**V OLD BUSINESS**

**A Regulation**

Proposed New Rule to N.J.A.C. 13:27-4.4; 13:27-8.5A and 13:27-9.6, which requires professional boards to provide credits toward requirements for licensure for veterans with substantially equivalent training. On October 10<sup>th</sup>, The Board preliminarily reviewed this regulation and determined to form a committee (Messrs. Joshi, Picatagi, Soriano and Zaccone) to review this regulation in anticipation of full board discussion with the Regulatory Analyst at the November meeting. On November 14<sup>th</sup>, inasmuch as a sub-committee has been established to review the proposed regulation, a conference call will be scheduled to discuss the regulation. The Board unanimously voted to table this item until the next meeting.

**ACTION:** Executive Director Kirk will inquire with NCARB for clarification as to how they are handling the evaluation of experience for military veterans in other states, if applicable. Also clarify how they will handle this with New Jersey military veterans if this matter has not arisen in other states. Once this information is received a conference call with the sub-committee will be scheduled.

**VI NEW BUSINESS**

**A Landscape Architect Continuing Education courses review report**

**APPROVED**

Boxwood Blight Update - 1/22/2014 - 9:30 to 10:30am

Designing Better Rain Gardens - 1/21/2014 - 11:30am to 12:30pm

Exciting new Hydrangeas - 1/21/2014 - 9 to 10 am

Impatiens Downey Mildew - 1/22/2014 - 10 to 11 am

Material Reclamation - 1/21/2014 - 10:30 to 11:30am

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New Plant Introductions - 1/22/2014 - 11am to 12noon  
Rose Rosette Disease Update - 1/22/2014 - 1:30 to 2:30pm  
The Unbiddable Master Plan - 1/21/2014 - 10 to 11 am  
Unearthing the Potential of Green Programs - 1/22/2014 - 9:30 to 10:30am

2014 NJ ASLA Annual Mtg - January 26 to 28, 2014 - revised Tuesday schedule - requested 5 hrs instead of 4 hrs awarded already =

**DENIED**

Proposal that make People want to Buy - Not Landscape Architecture related. This falls under business marketing.

**ACTION:** Mr. Picatagi motioned to approve the above courses as noted. Mr. Zaccone seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

**B Information**

December Member Board E-News from CLARB is attached for Board information.

**ACTION:** Duly noted.

**C Correspondence**

NCARB Mutual Recognition Agreement *Recused: A Zaccone*  
On September 12, 2013, the Board reviewed a copy of an e-mail from Kathy Hillegas of NCARB, as well as a copy of letter from NCARB President Blake Dunn which includes the Letter of Undertaking in respect of the Mutual Recognition Agreement between NCARB and CALA is attached for Board review. Mr. Zaccone recused himself from this issue and left the room. After some discussion, the Board determined to table this matter for further review. On December 12, 2013, Mr. Zaccone recused himself and left the room while the Board discussed this item. The Board reviewed a copy of a letter dated November 26, 2013 from Blakely C Dunn, President of NCARB, announcing that the Mutual Recognition Agreement with Canada will become effective January 1, 2014 now that 28 member boards have signed the agreement is attached for Board review and discussion. Also attached is the Letter of Undertaking and Mutual Recognition Agreement for the Board's information. After some discussion, the Board determined to table this matter.

**ACTION:** Mr. Agudosi motioned to support the initiative of NCARB and the Canadian licensing bodies, However the letter of undertaking that is required by NCARB does not appear to permit the board to evaluate the applicant's education, experience and examination of an applicant. As a result the board is concerned that entering into the letter of undertaking with the limiting language would not permit the board

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to fulfill its statutory responsibilities. The board has had discussions with AIA NJ and was informed that further clarification would be sought. The board will revisit this matter when it receives verification that it can evaluate applicant's education, experience and examination as required by the statute. Mr. Netta seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

**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

Vicki Polland\*

Ravi Waldon\*

Byun Sang\*

Walter Eckenhoff\*

Kelly Farrell\*

David Lay\*

Lynne Wasinger\*

Steven Olson\*

Yu Young Sam\*

Craig Piper\*

Branch, James

**ACTION:** Mr. Netta motioned to approve the above individuals for licensure by credentials. Mr. Agudosi 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:

Daniel T Millman - PE

Eric Buckley\*\*

**ACTION:** Mr. Netta motioned to approve the above individuals to take the Architectural Registration Examination. Mr. Zaccone seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. \*\*The Board requested that staff obtain a clarification from NCARB as to why the employment setting change from O to A for REDCO Engineering & Construction (3/31/2012- 5/26/2012) for Eric Buckley.

**C Licensure by Examination**

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

David T. Bednar

Michael J Ferment

Arthur W Nordfors III

Valarie L. Davis

Wenming Wang - PE

**ACTION:** Mr. Netta motioned to approve the above individuals for licensure inasmuch as they have completed the Architectural Registration Examination. Mr. Zaccone seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

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**D Certificate/s of Authorization**

**J COSTANTIN ARCHITECTURE LLC**  
60 Washington Street - Ste 107G  
Morristown NJ 07960

**Architecture**

Responsible Architect: Michael Costantin - License #AI009172

Summary: This application for a Certificate of Authorization to offer architectural services only is submitted by one New Jersey licensed architect who owns 67% of the shares in business with an unlicensed individual who owns 33% of the shares. This application appears to comply with statutory requirements.

**ACTION:** Mr. Netta motioned to issue a Certificate of Authorization to the above firm. Mr. Picatagi seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

**VIII LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT APPLICATION REVIEW**

*No business was discussed*

**IX PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

**X CLOSED CASES**

The Board closed the following case at today's meeting:

- 1 ITEM NO. 90778 - COANE, Robert P - AI010593
- 2 ITEM NO. 95328 - CHADWICK, James E. - AI013013
- 3 ITEM NO. 91641 - LIOU, Chiming "Jimmy" - AI012133 / Hanover Architectural Services, PA

**XI EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 10:23am, Mr. Zaccone motioned to go into executive session to review the minutes and other items on the executive session agenda. Mr. Netta seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Mr. Zaccone motioned to go back into executive session for the purposes of conducting the investigative inquiry scheduled for today. Mr. Picatagi seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

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**XII NEXT MEETINGS**

February 13, 2014

Regular Meeting

Union Room - 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

March 13, 2014

Regular Meeting

Union Room - 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

**XIII ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2pm