

AGENDA
JOINT COMMITTEE OF ARCHITECTS & ENGINEERS
August 5, 2008
Public Session

I CALL TO ORDER

II OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT ANNOUNCEMENT

III APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 1, 2008 minutes

IV PUBLIC COMMENTS

V OLD BUSINESS

On May 6, 2008 the Committee reviewed a March 17, 2008 letter from Jason Lusardi, Architect, requesting a clarification of the delineation of responsibility of the licensed architect or whether his interpretation of the regulation is correct as noted in his letter. The Committee also reviewed a copy of an April 28th memo from Arthur Russo, Executive Director, Board of Professional Engineers & Land Surveyors with their opinion that the Building Design Services Act is the only relevant law not the UCC Bulletin noted in Mr. Lusardi's correspondence. After some discussion, the Committee unanimously voted forward this matter to the Board of Architects for discussion. and bring this matter back to the Joint Committee. On July 1st, the Committee reviewed Mr. Lusardi's response to the Board's letter; the Board of Architect's position and the position of the Board Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. Patricia Schiripio, Regulatory Analyst, Division of Consumer Affairs was present to hear the Committee's discussions on this matter for possible creation of regulations. Discussion ensued as to how this matter was dealt with by both Boards. DAG Albertson informed the Committee that matters pending before the Joint Committee are investigated at the Joint Committee. Subsequent to discussion, Mr. Valenti motioned to respond to Mr. Lusardi advising that the projects in his letter can only be designed by an architect; the architect can subcontract to the professional engineer in accordance with N.J.S.A. 45:4B-8 provided the architect has an independent, separate contract; provides independent professional services; and exercises professional judgment. Also advise Mr. Lusardi that the Uniform Construction Code (UCC) is not relevant to the projects, he should follow the Building Design Services Act in accordance with N.J.S.A. 45:4B. Mr. Schwartz seconded the motion. The motion passed.

8/5/08 Copy of draft letter and board members e-mails discussing same is attached for Committee's review.

VI NEW BUSINESS

VII EXECUTIVE SESSION

VIII NEXT MEETINGS

September 2, 2008 Regular Meeting
Union Room - 3rd Floor

October 7, 2008 Regular Meeting
Union Room - 3rd Floor

IX ADJOURNMENT