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POSITIONING FOR THE FUTURE
Ongoing activities on the Board of Directors, member, volunteer, and staff levels are setting the stage for NCARB’s second century. These activities are inspiring new conversations regarding potential services, thought leadership and advocacy, global engagement, and the ongoing value our work provides to the public.

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EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENT
NCARB leadership participated in sessions with external partners including the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB), members of the Inter-organizational Council on Regulation (ICOR), and more.

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INCLUSION, DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND AGILITY
An internal staff effort to improve inclusion, diversity, equity, and agility launched this winter, embodying the “Let’s Go Further” spirit of our organization.

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MESSAGE
FROM THE CEO

Dear Colleagues,

The start of a new year brought us to near-conclusion on a series of senior staff visioning sessions toward a future version of their programmatic and service portfolio, a first look from the NCARB Board at a performance measurement dashboard to complement our newly refreshed Strategic Plan, and the first time in many months that we are at full staff capacity to support our Customer Relations activities. Internally we formally launched our Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Agility (IDEA) initiative; and externally we sent a staff team to engage with the international community regarding current and future practices in the regulation of architecture. Examination deliveries continue to exceed projections and we are at a record number of Certificate holders.

Our momentum is inspiring new conversations regarding the potential of our services to Member Boards and future/current architects, the impact of our data and research upon opinion leaders in elected office and in the media, the possibilities that exist with a fresh perspective toward regulating design and global engagement, and the ongoing value our work provides to the public.

We anticipate that our planning for the coming fiscal year, starting July 1, will position us to fully and further utilize the trust we have been given. Hundreds of volunteers are indicating an interest to be part of our journey. The leadership pool that feeds our national Board of Directors is diversifying. Emerging professionals are now regularly dialoguing with senior volunteers and staff through our Think Tank and Re-Think Tank and by serving on our committees, engaging on our social media platforms, and attending our field and online outreach events.

We look forward to hearing from many of you, and soliciting your feedback, as we test drive our vision for NCARB's second century.

With best wishes for a safe, healthy and happy 2020,

Michael Armstrong
Chief Executive Officer
RECENT EVENTS
SENIOR LEADERSHIP & EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENT

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
January 22 | Palm Springs, CA

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 23-25 | Palm Springs, CA
• The NCARB Board of Directors held their January meeting in Palm Springs, California. NCARB Member Board Members and Executives can read a full recap of the meeting on the Member Board Community.

NAAB LEADERSHIP
January 23 | Palm Springs, CA
• Leadership from the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) joined the NCARB Board of Directors for an engagement session during the January Board of Directors Meeting, providing the opportunity to discuss the coming changes to the NAAB’s Conditions and Procedures for Accreditation.

ICOR MEETING
January 26-28 | Palm Springs, CA
• President Terry L. Allers, FAIA, NCARB, Hon. FCARM, hosted the Inter-organizational Council on Regulation (ICOR) in Palm Springs, CA. Attendees include board and staff leadership from the Council for Interior Design Qualification (CIDQ), Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB), National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES), and NCARB. Jointly, these organizations support over 30 multi-profession Member Boards. Other NCARB participants included First Vice President/President-elect Robert M. Calvani, FAIA, NCARB; CEO Armstrong; and Vice President of Council Relations Josh Batkin.

NCARB Region 4 Director Kenneth R. Van Tine, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP; Secretary Jan Alan Baker, FAIA, NCARB, LEED AP; and Member Board Executive Director Katherine E. Hillegas participate in an activity at the January Board of Directors Meeting.
JANUARY OUTREACH

SCHOOLS
• January 22 | Auburn University
• January 23 | Parsons the New School of Design
• January 24 | Tuskegee University
• January 24 | Columbia University
• January 28 | Fairmont University

AIA COMPONENTS
• January 15 | AIA Northern Virginia
• January 22 | AIA Montgomery

UPCOMING OUTREACH

SCHOOLS
• February 7 | University of Maryland
• February 11-12 | Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD)
• February 19 | University of the District of Columbia
• February 24 | Morgan State University
• February 24 | University of Cincinnati
• February 26 | Miami University
• February 26 | Florida A&M University
• February 28 | Woodbury University Burbank

CONFERENCES
• February 29 | AIA California Education Summit

FIRMS
• February 27 | Gensler LA

AIA COMPONENTS
• February 25 | AIA Cincinnati
• February 26 | AIA LA
@HordCoplanMach
Principal Cynthia Shonaiya recently attended the annual @NCARB Committee Summit in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Volunteers gather each year to see how the efforts of their individual action groups align with the overall goals and mission of NCARB. http://bit.ly/38UDwZ8

@AlAlowa
Is getting licensed on your list of goals for 2020? Check out @NCARB’s recent webinar on Licensure 101. Need some additional motivation? Complete your licensure before Sept & earn free registration to our 2020 AIA Iowa Central States Region Convention! https://t.co/10w4fZBL0a?amp=1

@McKinleyAdvisor
“The most impactful and lasting organizational change happens when you expand your perspective.” Explore four ways to stay inspired as you navigate the complexities of your strategic planning process with advice from our friends at @NCARB and @bldgscience https://t.co/9vcaPF6NK5?amp=1

@laura_vanessa
You guys, I FINALLY finished these today #ncarb #architect #PPD #4.5years

@kylepalzer
I’ve been waiting for this little piece of paper for a while now, it only took 10.7 years; including 184 credits, a master’s degree, 6,230 experience hours, 3 years of studying, 6 exams, $2,700+ spent on the licensure process alone, a lot of hard work, many sleepless nights, a bunch of model making and drawing, lots of encouragement, and a ton of perseverance ... just to get the privilege to finally call myself an ARCHITECT!!!!!!!!!!
NCARB IN ACTION
KEEP UP WITH WHAT’S NEW

NCARB IN THE PRESS

- Architect Magazine: How to Find Work During a Recession
- Latin Post: The Growing Demand for Diversity in Architectural Design
- Prism Sustainability in the Built Environment: ASLA announces membership in the Alliance for Responsible Professional Licensing
- McKinley Advisors: Creating an Open Minded Strategic Plan

TOP BLOG POSTS

- Top 5 Tools for Architects
- Architect Spotlight: Sara Yehia
- Who develops the ARE?
- NCARB Community Advice Roundup
• The above-referenced IDEA initiative formally kicked off at the quarterly all-staff meeting, standing for inclusion, diversity, equity, and agility. This staff-led effort will feature special presentations and ongoing employee surveys.

• A final report on the annual coat/winter clothing drive for DC families was presented, referencing staff delivery and engagement with the recipients of our employee generosity.

• Three departments achieved full staffing status, filling vacancies and new positions: Council Relations, Customer Relations, and Marketing & Communications.

• A new focus on career coaching is underway, led jointly by HR and Agile Team staff.

SPOTLIGHT
2020 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Mark your calendars for the upcoming 2020 NCARB Annual Business Meeting, which will be held June 18-20 in Austin, Texas. This important three-day event invites Member Boards from across the country to shape the direction of the Council in the coming years. Members will have the opportunity to elect national officers, vote on resolutions, and offer your jurisdiction’s unique perspective on issues of national significance.

Known for its live music scene, beautiful landmarks, and delicious food, you’ll find plenty of exciting things to do while in Austin. Start planning your trip to Austin.