

# The Washington State ARCHITECTS NEWS BULLETIN

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## What's new

### Discussion topics from the April board meeting

The Board for Architects met at Washington State University in Pullman on April 24, 2014. The meeting included an information session with students and faculty of the WSU architecture program as well as continued discussion about the recent changes to the Intern Development Program (IDP) administered by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) and the proposed changes to the Broadly Experienced Architect (BEA). The board adopted the following interpretive statement regarding changes to the IDP:

*The architect licensing law in Washington requires applicants have at least three year's practical work experience in a structured intern development program approved by the Washington Board for Architects. RCW 18.08.350(3)(a). The Board requires interns to be enrolled in NCARB's Intern Development Program for a minimum of 5,600 hours. Interns who complete their IDP core hours in less than three (3) years must continue to work under the supervision of an IDP Supervisor until they have completed a total of 5,600 supervised IDP hours.*

To view all of the board's policies and interpretive statements, visit the board's [website](#).



Executive Director Rick Storvick and Chair Rick Benner pose with Blaine Weber's plaque.

The April meeting was to be Blaine Weber's final board meeting. Mr. Weber's term will expire on June 17, 2015. Although Mr. Weber was unable to attend the meeting, the board took time out of the meeting to recognize him for his 12 years of service as an officer and member of the board. A recognition plaque was presented to Mr. Weber after the meeting.

Visit the board's [website](#) for more information about meeting dates and locations as well as past meeting minutes and audio recordings.

### Your board members:

Roch Manley, Chair – Vancouver  
 Scott Harm, Vice Chair – Tacoma  
 Linda Szymarek, Public Member & Secretary – Shelton  
 Neitha Wilkey, Member – Lakewood  
 Blaine Weber, Member – Seattle  
 Colin Jones, Member – Seattle  
 Rick Benner, Member – Sumas

### 2015 Board Meeting Schedule

Meeting agendas and minutes are published on our [website](#) as they become available.

All meetings are scheduled to start at 9 AM

July 17	LOTT Clean Water Alliance, Olympia
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October 15	Department of Licensing, Olympia
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2016 meeting dates will be set at the October meeting	
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## Licensee news

Congratulations! The Washington State Board for Architects and staff welcomed 99 new licensees to the profession between February 1, 2015 and May 15, 2015.

### First License (43)

Sarah Etingen Ayers	Katherine Cecile Haese	Kevin M. Reeves
Han Nan Beh	Christopher Hurd Hawley	Tiina Ingrid Ritval
Max Conrad Bemberg	Margaret Ann Heim	Ingrid A. Sanders
John Michael Beres	Cha Hong-Seok	Shirley Ann Shen
Eliot Timothy Black	Angela Marie Love	David John Squires
Claude Leopold Breith	Stefania Minotii	Shane Allen Staley
Timothy Joseph Casey	Christopher E. Mosier	Jessie Scott Templeton
Haluk Ceyhun	Frances Maiko Nelson	David James Vincent
John Lewis Court	Adam Grant Newman	Kristina Walsh-Daarud
Andrew James Fawcett	Claire Higgins Noll	Henry R. Walters
Sarah L. Fayer	John Christopher Outterson	Adrienne K. Watkins
Scott Francis	Jennie Anne Perlmutter	Kellen Quincy White
Nicolaas Frans Wilkens	Kaitlin Pond	Wei Yan
Nathan E. Gregory	Luke S. Pulliam	
Pryanki L. Gupta	Atif Zohair Qadire	

### Reciprocal License (56)

Philip B. Anderson	Dana Allen Kauffman	Sake Harm Reindersma
Steven R. Austin Jr.	Marcus O.N. Koch	Alice DeWever Reis
David J. Barney	Steven Andrew Kolber	Joseph Arnold Remling
Raymond Ross Beckwith	Yang Chyi Lee	Miguel Angel Rosales
David G. Boyce	Christopher Edward Linn	Donald E. Rosemann
William Paul Casler	Lancer James Livermont	Glen A. Selligman
Sanjiv Chadha	Alan H. Locke	Hyunsuk Harold Shin
Andrew Ciarniello	David Lee Machermer	Robert Aaron Smith
David Jonathan Cutler	Christopher Q. Marrs	Christopher Spurgin
Martin L. Franks	George Russell Metzger	Philip L. Steward
Elizabeth M. Golden	Jason Todd Miller	Kristoffer Kenton Strain
Stuart M. Grant	Jeremy Howard Miller	Jeremy Josef Theodore
Frank M. Grieco	Matthew Lewis Miller	Bradley A. Torok
Ned Niko Halling	Marla R. Morgan	Gregory J. Uhen
Alina W. Hanson	Dellos D. Morrison	Dan Johan VanZeben
James Robert Hoch	Patrick W. Nook	Chrisopher Lee Walling
Gudmundur Bergmann Jonsson	Thomas H. Oppelt	Stephen Michael Weeks
Steven Joseph Katiner	Gene Paul Pena	Barry Neal Winick
	Edward Mark Pepin	James F. Young

## Complaints and disciplinary activity

The Washington State Board for Architects regulates the industry by investigating complaints of unprofessional conduct and incompetence against licensees, and issues of unlicensed practice. When a complaint is received by the board, an initial investigation is started to gather information about the situation, and usually involves contact with the subject of the complaint (the respondent).

### Current Cases:

Unlicensed practice	12
Unprofessional conduct (UP)	1
UP: Failure to comply with professional development audit	2
<b>Total open cases:</b>	<b>15</b>

A board member is assigned as a case manager and serves as the technical expert. The investigation process can be lengthy and the case has several possible outcomes. The case may be closed by the board with no further action if not enough evidence is found to support the complaint or the respondent quickly remedies the situation. For more serious issues, the board may issue a statement of charges against the respondent, with sanctions for each offense. The respondent has an opportunity for a settlement conference to negotiate the sanctions or can ask for a hearing. To see details of past and current disciplinary orders, visit our [website](#).

Use of the words “architect,” “architecture” and “architectural” is a common basis for unlicensed practice complaints. The board regularly reviews unlicensed practice cases where the respondent advertised as an architect. In each of these cases, the board clarifies the protected status of this language according to RCW 18.08.310 and asks for compliance.

- If the respondent complies with the law, if no evidence supports the allegation, or if the respondent was appropriately using licensed architects to provide the architectural services, the board closes the case with no further action.
- If the respondent fails to comply with the law, the case manager recommends charges, with a corresponding sanction.

At the April 24 meeting, the board closed 1 case:

Case	Allegation	Board Action
2014-03-0420-00ARC	Unprofessional Conduct: Failure to comply with Professional Development requirements	The respondent initially failed to comply with the professional development requirements upon audit. The respondent complied with the professional development requirement and the board accepted the case manager’s recommendation to close with no further action because of compliance.

### Professional Development Requirements

The board accepts a relatively broad spectrum of activities for professional development, but is firm about your responsibility to meet the requirement.

<b>How many hours of professional development activities do I need?</b>	You need to accumulate 24 professional development hours (PDH) over your 2-year renewal period. At least 16 PDH must address public health, safety, and welfare.
<b>Where can I find a list of activities or classes?</b>	Contact your professional associations (e.g. <a href="#">American Institute of Architects Washington Council</a> , <a href="#">American Institute for Architects</a> ) and related professions (e.g. <a href="#">National Society of Professional Engineers</a> ). Look at the list of qualifying activities on our <a href="#">webpage</a> . It’s possible that many of your existing activities qualify and you just need to record them.

<b>How do I record my hours?</b>	Keep track of the classes you attend or the activities you participate in – you can use your own method, the <a href="#">worksheet</a> provided by the board or the <a href="#">American Institute of Architect Continuing Education System</a> . Keep receipts or certificates of completion. If you don't have these records, keep the agendas, handouts, copies of book covers, etc. to show you were involved in the activity. You should keep these records for 5 years.
<b>What if I get audited?</b>	You'll be asked to submit your records and supporting materials. If the board determines you are missing hours or some of your activities don't qualify, we may require you to make up the shortage. If you fail to comply, the board may take disciplinary action against you.
<b>What if I have more questions?</b>	1) Visit the board's <a href="#">website</a> : we have examples of qualifying activities, sample record keeping forms, and more. 2) Review the <a href="#">rules</a> , especially sections 308-12-250 through 308-12-290.

Keep your license active – remember these tips:

1. Renewal fees are due every other birthday and are your responsibility.
2. Renewal notices are a courtesy—you are accountable for renewing even if you don't receive a notice.
3. You should notify our office when you change your address: [architects@dol.wa.gov](mailto:architects@dol.wa.gov) or 360-664-1388.
4. Keep your professional development records current. Information and forms to assist you are available on our [website](#).

**Do your fellow architects get these announcements?**

They should. Please tell them to sign up to the Architects' ListServ electronic mailing list. They can join the Listserv by visiting our [website](#) and following these steps:

- Click "What's New", and select "Join Mailing list"
- Select the ListServ® link
- Select the "Join or leave the list (or change settings)" link
- Enter your email address and name, then select the join list button
- You will be sent a confirmation email, and then you will be added to the list

Skip a trip – go online: [www.dol.wa.gov](http://www.dol.wa.gov)

*We are committed to providing equal access to our services.  
If you need accommodation, please call 360-664-6597 or TTY 360-664-0116.*

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