

Wyoming Board of Architects and Landscape Architects

WBALA Newsletter

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WBALA Updates

News in a Nutshell

Strategic Planning. At the Board meeting May 11-12, 2017 in Sheridan, the Board revisited and revised the 2014 Strategic Plan with planner John Heymann. After approving the created objectives at the September 20-21 meeting, the strategic plan can be found on the Board's website at <http://architects.wyo.gov/>.

Continuing Education Hour (CEH) Audit. The Board randomly selected 5% of renewed licensees to audit. Of the six hundred and four (604) licensees that renewed, thirty (30) were picked for audit. Of the thirty (30) selected, thirteen (13) did not have the required 24 continuing education hours in health, safety, and welfare courses. As a result, the Board wishes to remind licensees that when you renew and attest that you have completed the CEH hours, you MUST have actually completed the required CEH hours!

WBALA felt a firm reminder on this subject was appropriate. Going forward, the Board will be enforcing disciplinary action for those that attest to hours they did NOT complete. It should be noted that these disciplinary actions become a part of your record and are publicly reportable. Please ensure that your CEH meets the requirements established in Rule. If you need help understanding the Rule, please contact the Board Office.

Licensing Software. Board Staff are currently searching for a new software system as the old systems are no longer relevant or supported. It doesn't look as though a new system can be in place for December 2017 renewals, but staff hopes one would be in place for those expiring December 2018.

Website. The Board endeavors to maintain a user friendly website (<http://architects.wyo.gov>). If you feel content is missing or is difficult to find, we welcome your constructive feedback.

Next Meeting

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WBALA will be meeting September 20, 2017 from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. and will resume September 21, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. This meeting will be held at the Game and Fish Department at 420 N Cache St in Jackson, Wyoming. This meeting is immediately prior to AIA Wyoming's Fall Conference. Come early and join us!

Did you know the Board will grant HSW CEH to licensees that attend WBALA Meetings? Check out Chapter 8, Section 3(a)(vi) of the Board's Rules. Awarded CEH may vary due to length and content of meeting discussions.

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Questions & Answers

You learn something new every day...

Q – How does the Board address unlicensed practice?

A – The Board does not have jurisdiction over those NOT licensed. So our options are as follows:

1) Send an inquiry letter to the individual that WBALA was informed they may be practicing and should be aware of the Board's Practice Act which regulates certain services. We suggest they consider applying for a license or clarify to the Board what services they are actually providing, in case we have incorrect information.

2) If the Board is notified that unlicensed practice may be occurring after our inquiry letter, the

Board can file an injunction against the individual and turn the information over to the county prosecutor. Whether or not the county prosecutor pursues the concern is at their discretion.

You may be aware that 33-4-114 of the Board's Practice Act states that unlicensed practice is a misdemeanor and even punishable "by a fine of not more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) or by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both." However, only the courts can enforce this.

It may seem like the board is ineffective in this regard. However, the Board only has jurisdiction over those that are licensed.

News from our collateral organizations

NCARB, CLARB, FARB, AIA WY, ASLA CO

WBALA believes their regular involvement in the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB) and the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) keeps the Board proactive in regulation and offers a strong voice on behalf of more rural settings, such as our beautiful state. This involvement includes meeting attendance, participation in conference calls, volunteering on committees, and serving on these national boards.

NCARB is working hard to change programs and services to help facilitate licensure for those that may not meet more traditional paths.

CLARB is revising their model law and looking at potential new governance structure.

WBALA representatives recently attended the Federation of Association of Regulatory Boards (FARB) winter conference. Groups such as NCARB and CLARB are members of FARB and collaborate nationally on licensure concerns affecting all regulated professions.

AIA (American Institute of Architects) Wyoming Chapter is celebrating their 70th anniversary this September. WBALA congratulates AIA WY on this milestone.

ASLA (American Society of Landscape Architects) Colorado Chapter recently and successfully defended their need for regulation during the Colorado legislative sunset review. WBALA congratulates ASLA CO on their success.

WBALA Board Member Spotlight

Arne O. Jorgensen AIA NCARB LEED-AP



A native of Jackson, Wyoming, Arne joined Bruce Hawtin, Architect in 1989, forming Hawtin Jorgensen Architects ten years later. Arne manages a variety of project types and has a long-standing interest and involvement in community planning, sustainable building and housing issues.

Arne has been a dedicated member of the Wyoming State Board of Architects and Landscape Architects since

2008, including terms as the board's president and vice president. He has also devoted much of his time to the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB), serving on the Broadly Experienced Architect Committee since 2010, including four years as the committee's chair. He has also served on the Education Committee and several review teams reviewing licensure reciprocity with Canada, Mexico, New Zealand, and Australia. In recognition of these efforts, Arne is a recipient of NCARB's 2017 Presidential Medal.

Arne is an emeritus and founding board member of the Jackson Hole Community Housing Trust. He also serves as an emeritus and past board member of the Wyoming

Community Foundation. Arne was a member of the Yellowstone Sustainable Framework Design Team and Certification Task Force; and serves on the advisory board of the Jackson branch of First Interstate Bank; and holds both bachelor's and master's degrees in architecture from Montana State University.

You can find Arne cruising the Lamar Valley in Yellowstone or camping at Leigh Lake in Grand Teton National Park during summer getaways with his wife and daughter; or hiking in the mountains above the Elk Refuge with the family dog.

WBALA congratulates Arne on being awarded the NCARB President's Medal. He is truly deserving of this honor for his tireless efforts on behalf of the citizens of Wyoming.

