THE CORONAVIRUS

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Recently a gentlemen from another state contacted the board office about getting his Kentucky architectural license through reciprocity. He explained that he would be working in the near future to design and adapt a building to combat COVID-19 and needed his license for the project as soon as possible. Understanding the need, the board moved expeditiously to accommodate him.

Worldwide, people are working from home due to COVID-19 lockdown measures. Architects and Designers are now being called upon to do what they do best, use their creativity and ingenuity to design spaces that are structural sound, attractive and safe for employees to work from. (continued on page 2)
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With the advent of COVID-19, a question often asked, “Will people return to work or will they continue to work from home?” Some companies will no doubt allow some nonessential employees to remain at home; however, it is believed most will require them to return. Although working from home can offer benefits for the employer and employee, working from home presents its challenges too. Concerns from the employees’ inability to create a workspace conducive to working from home to home distractions, loneliness, time management issues, and digital miscommunication are just some of the concerns employers have about their employees working from home. Not to mention, the buildings they are no longer working in. The buildings are an investment, whether leased or owned, and companies want to use their investments.

One of the biggest concerns is how to bring employees back. Employees need to feel safe and mentally prepared to work. This is where architects and designers come in. Architects and designers have the ability and skillsets to create great spaces to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public and the employees.

BOA PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

NEW BOA PRESIDENT – STEPHANIE MCCRARY

It is my honor to serve as Board President for the 2020-21 fiscal year, and I hope you will feel free to reach out to me or any member of our Kentucky Board of Architects and Certified Interior Designers with any thoughts or questions. We are all adapting to the deep and current changes in our world, yet the Board’s pursuit to protect the health safety and welfare of the public within our commonwealth is steadfast. Due to the ongoing effects of COVID-19, the Board office remains closed to in-person services, however, our dedicated staff continues to offer services via mail, fax, email, online and by telephone.

While this pandemic may make us feel powerless at times, Architects and CIDs must draw upon our strengths as creative problem solvers. Many of us have assisted clients and local leaders in 3D printing of PPE, adapting spaces into flexible healthcare facilities, designing safer environments for those returning to the office or planning expanded restaurant services into parking lots. The design of our built environment can directly influence how we experience the world and each other. Thank you and stay safe.
DIVERSITY

NCARB’S CEO, MICHAEL ARMSTRONG, ON DIVERSITY

Our forward movement in governance signals increasing diversity at the senior levels of regional leadership, forecasting dramatic change in the composition of the NCARB Board in the coming years. As referenced in President Bob Calvani’s remarks, it is expected that the Council’s Diversity Collaborative Task Force will have more to say about this in the coming months. In my CEO report, I was able to share that the “diversity wave” (or perhaps the new normal) we are seeing in school enrollment is now bringing greater diversity to participation in our experience and examination programs.

And yet … Our NCARB by the Numbers data continues to show that persons of color are 31 percent more likely than white candidates to drop out of the licensure path. Our first joint NCARB/National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMA) “attrition assessment” underscores the concern that some Black and Latino candidates may be experiencing less support and mentorship on the licensure path than their white peers—not to mention the ongoing challenge the profession faces regarding diversity within the firm owner and firm principal community.

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If you or someone you know is a recent graduate looking for a way to earn AXP hours, look into becoming an AIA Associate – New Graduate member. The membership is free!

“Graduates of accredited schools of architecture may receive complimentary membership with the AIA at the Associate level for up to 18 months after graduation. Non-NAAB degree holders or individuals enrolled in an AXP Program Working under an Architect’s Supervision may also be eligible for up to 18 months of complimentary membership.”

As an AIA Associate member you are allowed to earn AXP hours online via Emerge by AIAU for free! Emerge by AIAU offers HSW courses on a number of topics including economics, ethics, and sustainability.

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GOT KNOWLEDGE? SHARE AND GET PAID

NCARB is currently accepting proposals for new CE Courses (formerly called Monographs). This is open to licensing advisors as well.

If you have expertise on a subject and would like to create a CE course—or if you have a colleague you wish would write a course—NCARB wants to hear from you. For the CE program, each course is intended as 1 – 2 learning units each, or a series of multiple related courses. Each course MUST cover topics eligible for Health, Safety, and Welfare credit. Authors are paid to create this content. The author’s responsibility involves writing the content, and identifying images and illustrations to support the content. NCARB has a consultant which works with each author and publishes the final document. NCARB encourage innovative, highly graphic content, and are working toward ways to make the courses even more interactive.

To see our current self-study CE Course offerings, available to licensure candidates and Certificate holders with an active record, visit https://CE.ncarb.org

If you are interested, please contact Jeremy Fretts jfretts@ncarb.org
KENTUCKY BY THE NUMBERS

See below the 2019 snapshot of the Kentucky’s experience program completion rate, examination success rate, number of licenses, and completion time for the experience program and examination.

FY2020 YEAREND COMPARATIVE NUMBERS

ARCHITECTS

LICENSES GRANTED BY RECIPROCITY:
FY 2020 YTD 152; FY 2019 Total 155;

LICENSES GRANTED BY COMPLETION OF ARE:
FY 2020 YTD 25; FY 2019 Total 16;

LICENSES REVOKED:
FY 2020 58; FY 2019 Total 115;

LICENSES VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERED:
FY 2020 YTD 83; FY 2019 Total 50;

LICENSES REINSTATED/RESTORED:
FY 2020 YTD 21; FY 2019 Total 37;

CERTIFIED INTERIOR DESIGNERS

CERTIFICATIONS GRANTED:
FY 2020 YTD 7; FY 2019 Total 6;

ACTIVE CERTIFICATES REVOKED:
FY 2020 YTD 10; FY 2019 Total 5;

INACTIVE CERTIFICATES REVOKED
FY 2020 Total 2; FY 2019 Total 3;

CERTIFICATION REINSTATED/REACTIVATED:
FY 2020 YTD 5; FY 2019 Total 3;