The REGULATOR

Making public policy and developing the programs that carry out this policy are the work of government. By participating in public life, architects, landscape architects, and interior designers have the opportunity to improve the built environment and the lives of those who experience it. In this capacity, we increase their exposure, make new contacts, learn how things get done in the public arena, and gain knowledge that can be helpful in serving our professions.

The policy-making process seeks to synthesize the needs and aspirations of the public while recognizing that the public is a collection of people and organizations with diverse interests and motivations. These people and organizations develop and advocate positions on current issues and form alliances with the intent of influencing policy. For their part, legislators and government officials responsible for shaping policy depend on the information and positions presented to them.

Know that the Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, and Registered Interior Designers is one of those advocate groups. We are working in your interest to maintain the integrity of each of our professions. At any moment, government officials, legislatures, and even the courts are considering rules, initiatives, and cases in which the Board has knowledge or interest.

Much of our profession’s day-to-day practice is regulated by government in the form of zoning and planning ordinances, community design standards, landmark and environmental management standards, building codes and standards, and rules regulating professional practice and conduct. As outgrowths of administrative law, these regulations are often complex and require technical expertise in their administration, interpretation, and enforcement; when given the opportunity the Board responds to those needs.

The Board participates in the policy-making process by contributing technical expertise on important problems and questions in the public arena, as advocates, articulating and communicating our professions’ position on issues and initiatives. We become involved in the process of contributing ideas and even language to executives and legislators, especially to their bill-drafting staffs.

In closing, I want each of you to know that the Board and Staff are working to keep our professions in the forefront, and watching for any impactful changes that might affect our Act in a negative way. Thank you for the opportunity to serve and represent you. I hope everyone has a prosperous 2020... Jim Hasenbeck, Chair
Meet The Board

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Want to join the Board??

If you are a resident of Oklahoma, have been a licensed architect, landscape architect, or a registered interior designer in Oklahoma for more than five years, and are interested in serving as a Board member, go online to governor.ok.gov and click the “Serve” tab at the top of the page to apply. When there is an open position, the Governor will then appoint a new Board member from the applications received.
On January 11, despite snow, ice, and rain throughout the state, twenty-five newly-licensed Architects, Landscape Architects, and newly-registered Registered Interior Designers—licensed or registered for the first time in 2019—attended a Pinning Ceremony, along with their family, friends, and OBA Board Members. Licensees and Registrants were introduced to the Board, its members, and its function, and were reminded of the importance of their professions in protecting the citizens of Oklahoma. The ceremony was held at the Oklahoma History Center and attendees and their families were able to tour the museum before and after the ceremony.

CONGRATULATIONS to all the newly-pinned licensees and registrants!
Fall 2019 Continuing Education Event

More than 200 Architects, Landscape Architects, and Registered Interior Designers joined us for the Fall Continuing Education Event on November 1st at MetroTech in Oklahoma City! They heard presentations on structural soil, continuous insulation, designing inclusive playgrounds, special inspections, concrete masonry walls, and elevators in low-rise buildings. Each person who stayed for the entire day received six HSW Continuing Education credits. Thank you to all who attended!

Join us for the next Continuing Education event on April 17, 2020 at Metro Technology Centers in Oklahoma City! Information on the presentations, as well as registration, will be available at ok.gov/architects during the month of March.

Changes are coming to the Oklahoma Administrative Code 55:10 Rules. Proposed Rule changes will be published at ok.gov/architects on January 15, 2020.

Important Dates:

January 1—New Year’s Day, Office Closed
January 11—Pinning Ceremony
January 20—MLK, Jr. Day, Office Closed
February 17—Presidents’ Day, Office Closed
March 23-April 4—LARE
April 1-30—NCIDQ Exam Administration
April 17—Spring Continuing Education Event
May 25—Memorial Day, Office Closed
PLAN STAMPING: What is it and what are the consequences?

Section 46.25 of the Oklahoma State Architectural and Registered Interior Designers Act states that:

“No licensed Architect may sign or seal technical submissions unless they were prepared by or under the responsible control of the architect; except that: 1. The person may sign or seal those portions of the technical submissions that were prepared by or under the responsible control of persons who are licensed under the State Architectural and Registered Interior Designers Act if the Architect has reviewed and adapted in whole or in part such portions and has either coordinated their preparation or integrated them into the work; and 2. The person may sign or seal those portions of the technical submissions that are not required to be prepared by or under the responsible control of an architect if the architect has reviewed and adapted in whole or in part such submissions and integrated them into the work...”

So, if a contractor or a licensed Architect from another state asks an Oklahoma-licensed Architect to stamp the plans that they have already prepared in exchange for a fee, should the Oklahoma-licensed Architect stamp those plans? The short answer is no. An Oklahoma-licensed Architect cannot stamp plans that they did not personally prepare; however, an Architect can stamp plans in which prototypical work was incorporated into their work. When a licensed Architect stamps plans, they are essentially stating that they are responsible for the work that has been done to prepare the plans, that they are certain that this design does not jeopardize the safety of the public, and that the plans are in full compliance with the codes and standards used in Oklahoma. Therefore, if an Architect did not prepare that set of plans, he or she should not affix their stamp to them. Misuse of a stamp or a seal is a violation and can result in civil penalties, as well as having consequences for renewing or maintaining a license in Oklahoma. Bottom line: Don’t stamp plans if you weren’t involved in their preparation and creation, or if you haven’t included them in your work, if another person began the work. It is illegal to stamp plans that you did not prepare.
**Across**

1. If you are doing this, we need to know!
9. Contained arsenic and lead in the Victorian Age.
10. The current chair of OBA.
12. The state with the most Licensed Architects in the U.S.
13. The credited inventor of Interior Design.
18. The Spring 2020 Continuing Education event will be in this month.
19. Where OBA’s laws come from.
22. Every odd year, this happens in Oklahoma.
23. We hope to see you there in January!
25. The first professional Landscape Architect designed this famous park.

**Down**

2. The first known architect who designed the first Egyptian pyramid complex.
3. The landscape architecture capital of the world.
4. Appoints OBA Board Members.
5. OBA is concerned with their safety and welfare.
6. The person with responsible control in an architecture firm.
7. Violate the OK Act or Rules and this will happen.
8. The W in HSW.
11. Placing seal on documents without responsible control.
14. Always submit complete building plans to him or her.
15. OKC was the headquarters for this from 1958 until 1962.
16. In 1925, it was the first license in Oklahoma.
17. Every licensee needs 24 hours of this type of Continuing Education.
20. Stamp it, sign it, and date it.
21. To find applications, forms, and the most recent disciplinary actions, look at this.
24. Every Landscape Architect must pass this to receive a license.
Congratulations to Our New Oklahoma Licensees:

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The Oklahoma Board of Architects cannot give out confidential information or documents—such as login and PIN credentials, original certificates, etc.—to a third-party, even if you have given them permission. We will only give out that information to the licensee or to the Architect, Landscape Architect, or Registered Interior Designer of Record for a firm.

If you choose to give out your information to another individual or allow a third-party company to do your renewals or license applications, you are responsible for any changes they make to your account information or for any incorrect information they provide.

Changes to the Current Board Members

- The Board would like to express its gratitude to Gary Armbruster, AIA, of Norman, whose term as a Board member ended on January 9, 2020. Gary’s extensive knowledge, willingness to help wherever needed, and professionalism were all great assets to the Board! Thank you, Gary!!

- The Board would like to welcome back Nathan Baker, AIA, NCARB, of Edmond to the Board! Nate is a Principal at Integrated Architecture and he has been licensed in Oklahoma since 1997. He served the Board in the past, and has been asked to do so again by Governor Stitt. We look forward to his first Board meeting back on February 19, 2020!

- Elizabeth Windel, AIA, of Ardmore, whose current term ended on January 9, 2020, has been reappointed by Governor Stitt for another term. We are excited that Beth will continue to serve on the Board for another five years!
Disciplinary Actions

Case #2017-499 PlainJoe Studios Architecture $2,000
Corona, CA
The respondents held themselves out as being able to practice architecture in Oklahoma, without possessing a valid Certificate of Authority to do so.

Case #2014-512 Design-Build Evolutions LLC $2,500
Tulsa, OK
The respondent demonstrated to the general public its ability to practice architecture in Oklahoma without a valid certificate of authority to do so.

Since August 2019:
Investigations Resolved—35
Actions Taken—5
Pending Investigations—15

MOVING?
Please notify the Board Office of your new address via:
Phone—(405) 949-2383
Email—okla@boardofarch.ok.gov
Mail—220 N.E. 28th Street, Ste. 150
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

We will send renewal reminders, notices, and letters to the address on file with OBA, so be sure to keep your current address updated.

FOR ALL RECENT DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS, CIVIL PENALTIES, AND OKLAHOMA ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS, VISIT THE COMPLAINTS PAGE AT OK.GOV/ARCHITECTS

Crossword Puzzle Answer Key