

News

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Yearly Newsletter

BRALA is pleased to offer this first edition of a yearly newsletter to Indiana licensees, and to others interested in the licensed practice of architecture and landscape architecture in our state. The newsletter provides information and updates related to the regulatory processes administered by BRALA. For more detailed information, interested parties and individuals are encouraged to attend one of the six bi-monthly open meetings, access meeting minutes on the IPLA website, and/or contact BRALA's professional staff via email addresses and phone numbers listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

In Memory of Dale E. Stickel - Consumer Board Member for BRALA

It is with regret that we inform you that Dale Stickel, the longtime Consumer Member for the Board of Registration for Architects and Landscape Architects (BRALA) passed away earlier this year. Before retiring, Dale had a successful career as an Industrial Engineer at Miles Laboratories. He was from Elkhart, Indiana and is survived by his wife, daughter, two sons, six grandchildren, and four siblings. While retired and serving as BRALA's Consumer Member since 2006, Dale also served on a number of community-service and ministry outreach boards and committees.

BRALA's professional staff and board members are thankful for Dale's excellent service, and will miss his presence and careful and wise contributions as our Consumer Member.

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New Statute (Law); House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1130 Registration Examination Open to Students in Accredited Programs (Architecture & Landscape Architecture)

As the only state agency regulating the registration and licensed practice of Architects and Landscape Architects, BRALA carries out state “statutes” (laws) through the development and enforcement of administrative “rules” specific to these two professions. The term “statute” refers to a law enacted by a legislative body of a government, whether federal or state.

In Indiana, “statutes” are the overarching laws governing licensed practice of all professions and services governed by the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency (IPLA). Each Board enabled by IPLA must then generate “rules” that spell out more detailed requirements and processes boards and licensees must adhere to and support the fulfillment of the relevant “statutes.” “Statutes” may only be changed or eliminated through official legislative acts. BRALA board members, as per IPLA policies, are disallowed involvement in legislative processes related to the professions of architecture and landscape architecture.

Earlier this year, House Bill 1130 was enacted. Among other statutes (laws) related to many other licensed professions in Indiana, the bill “allows a person enrolled in an architecture degree program to take the architect registration examination.”

This new statute required BRALA to recently update its rules that regulate an applicant’s access to taking the Architect Registration Examination (A.R.E.), currently administered by National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB). Parallel to this, rule language has been revised, clarifying that persons enrolled in a landscape architecture degree program may take

2019 Meeting Dates

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3/13/2019 — W064

5/8/2019 — W064

7/10/2019 — W064

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the landscape Architect Registration Examination (L.A.R.E.), administered by the Council of Landscape Architecture Registration Boards (CLARB).

These new rules supporting access to examination have been crafted and submitted by BRALA. The new rules are currently in the lengthy approval process, including review at various levels of IPLA, the Office of Attorney General, and the Governor’s Office – along with economic impact assessments, and fiscal analysis achieved with input from AIA, ASLA, NCARB, and CLARB.



Comprehensive BRALA Rule Changes, Revisions, and Deletions

Stimulated by rule changes necessary to support HB 1130, BRALA has simplified, cleaned-up, and updated the entire BRALA rule set.

The process of wholesale rule revision included the BRALA executive staff, agency legal counsel, and board members carefully and thoroughly editing the entire BRALA rules document. Along with accommodating the HB 1130 examination access, the rules were revised to:

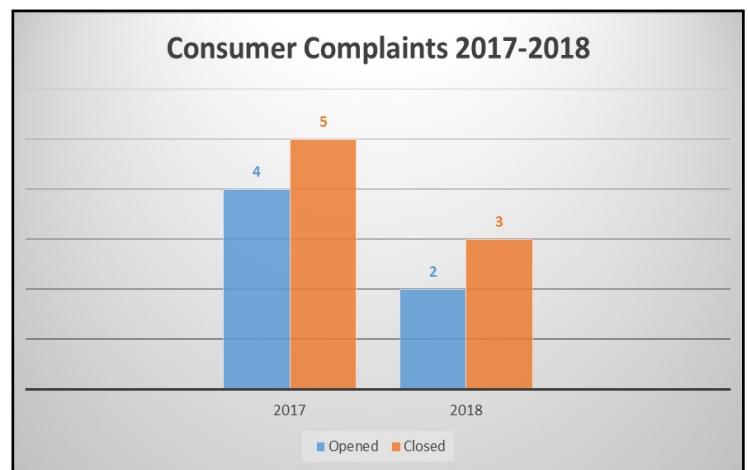
- 1) eliminate outdated, irrelevant, and otherwise invalid rules;
- 2) updating examination procedures to reflect that examinations are now administered by outside entities - NCARB for Architects, and CLARB for Landscaped Architects); and
- 3) provide new language that describes the experience requirements for architecture applicants aligning with NCARB's new AXP guidelines.

New Architects Receive Their Indiana License

Newly licensed architects received their official wall certificates at a ceremony held on April 21, 2018, at the Indiana World War Memorial in Indianapolis. The ceremony is hosted each year by the Indiana Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. Executive Director, Jason Shelley, was the master of ceremonies. AIA Indiana President, Lisa Gomperts, FAIA, delivered the keynote remarks to the new architects, their friends, and family members. Todd Scoggins, Vice Chair of the Indiana State Board of Registration for Architects

and Landscape Architects (BRALA), was also in attendance to administer the Architect's Oath and deliver the wall certificates to the candidates. Scoggins remarked: "It is encouraging to see such a distinguished class of new architects and I am honored to be here to celebrate your hard work and dedication."

The candidates in attendance were among the 25 newly licensed architects in Indiana in 2017. The ceremony has a long-standing tradition in the profession of architecture and celebrates the many years of education, apprenticeship, work experience, and testing that is demanded of a candidate desiring to enter the profession. The license ceremony dates back many decades but was discontinued in Indiana for a period of years before being revived by AIA Indiana. Jason Shelley comments: "The ceremony is important, and positive, and AIA Indiana is proud to host the event that recognizes all new Hoosier architects."



The Professional Licensing Enforcement and Homeowner Protection Unit of the Indiana Office of the Attorney General investigates allegations against licensed non-medical professionals. The unit also prosecutes actions against the licenses of those professionals before their separate governing boards, commissions and committees.

Terminology

The Board encourages Indiana licensed Architects and Landscape Architects to assist in helping graduates with accredited design degrees utilize appropriate terminology when describing themselves in resumes and other documents (calling cards, web-listings, etc.). Individuals seeking employment or already employed in architectural and landscape architectural services, but not yet licensed, should not use the terms “Graduate Architect” or “Graduate Landscape Architect.” These

position descriptions misappropriate the Indiana-protected title of “Architect” and “Landscape Architect.” Of chief concern is that consumers may readily assume an individual using such a description is a licensed professional, when they are not. Also, these descriptions should not be used by firms in labeling job descriptions. The Board recommends the following more accurate terminology be used by such individuals: “Architectural Graduate” and “Landscape Architectural Graduate.”



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