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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL

Gregg Stollo, AIA

We'll stop short of saying "The future's so bright, ya gotta wear shades!", BUT, we have a boatload of positive initiatives and activities taking place at AIA Ohio.

Please note David Field's Legislative alert, dated 4/14/16, identifying all of the good work that your board and staff have either achieved, or are working to effect. Perhaps most significant right now are the hearings taking place regarding the Historic Preservation Tax Credits. Kudos to two of our State's leading Preservation Architects, Beth Murphy FAIA, and Bob Loversidge, FAIA, who have agreed to help represent the interests of the Architectural Community and present testimony.

Among the other current issues are: The Capital Bill, The Good Samaritan Law, Revisions to Continuing Education, Keeping the Ohio Architects Board and Landscape Architects Board separate and distinct, and a final version of the School Door Barricades Rule. For the complete report, please refer to the e-mail from AIA Ohio, or the information posted at www.aiaohio.org.

We continue to advance our communication initiative with Tracy Young, who is available to all members through their chapters. We are using a multi-faceted approach to get out the good word of the Value that Professional Architecture brings to individual projects, and the communities in which we serve. Social media, conventional print, and any other available transfer vehicles are on the table, and they are being coordinated with National AIA Media resources.

Our Strategic Planning Session is scheduled for July 7th and 8th...it's been five years...we have secured a skilled facilitator in Lisa Fears. (She has apparently seen photos of the officers.) Just kidding, we're not that scary!

Our focus will be on advocacy for the profession in governmental circles, increased membership and participation...especially with our emerging professionals, and an active awards program for both practitioners and students. To underscore our commitment to the emerging professionals, we are significantly increasing participation from associates, both geographically and numerically.

We have our National Convention coming up in Philadelphia in May. Please

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consider attending, as the venue, company and programs are fabulous. AND PLEASE NOTE...one of our own, Bruce Sekanick, AIA, is running for National Office as Secretary. If you have contacts in other parts of the Architectural Universe, please mention him in your discussions...I know of no one more ethical, conscientious and committed to the good of the profession. At the National level, we already have great representation from Drew White, FAIA, and Tim Hawk, FAIA. Adding Bruce to National discussions would serve our region well.

Be well, do great work, and help each other when you can...a rising tide raises all ships.

Government Affairs Report

David W. Field, CAE, Hon. AIA,
Executive Vice President



The Ohio General Assembly recessed for the month of March in advance of the Primary election and spring break. Legislators will remain in Session from now until the end of June. Following is the status of bills of interest to AIA Ohio members:

Historic Preservation Tax Credit Hearing:

The 2020 Tax Policy Study Commission will consider the Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credit during its next hearing April 28. The Commission is investigating ways to convert the Historic Preservation Tax Credit (HTC) into a grant program. The study was initiated by an amendment to the state Budget Bill, (HB64) and is expected to be completed by the end of this year.

AIA Ohio supports the continuation of the HTC and has asked AIA Ohio Past President, Beth Murphy, FAIA, Akron and Bob Loversidge, FAIA, Columbus to present testimony during the next Commission hearing.

\$2.6 billion Capital Budget Bill (SB310) Passes Senate:

<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-310>

The Ohio Senate passed Ohio's \$2.6 billion Capital Budget Bill April 20. It's expected to clear the legislative process in roughly two weeks. Testifying before the Senate Committee was Office of Budget and Management (OBM) Director Tim Keen.

Among the major categories of funding in the capital proposal are the following:

- \$650 million for local school construction, including repairs, renovations and maintenance for primary and secondary facilities.

According to Keen, besides dollars for the Ohio School Facilities Commission to continue funding 49 districts with projects underway and 40 new school districts over the capital biennium, the bill also includes language that will allow projects to be segmented on a building-by-building basis and "to proceed with as few as one building per year or one segment at a time."

According to Keen, this portion of the proposal is composed of \$500 million in GRF-backed debt appropriations, \$100 million in GRF cash transfers and \$50 million in available lottery profit dollars.

- \$536.9 million for Ohio's higher education system. According to Keen, a total of \$428 million will go to Ohio's 37 public colleges and universities, including \$193.6 million for maintenance and renovation, \$95.9 million for "world-class" program facility improvement projects, \$59.9 million for workforce development and career opportunities, and \$78.8 million to modernize and improve the overall academic experience of students. Other higher education appropriations benefit Ohio's statewide university system, such as \$13.4 million to support the Ohio Library and Information Network (OhioLINK),

\$8 million to support the acquisition of workforce based training and equipment and \$6 million to support the Ohio Supercomputer Center. Also included in this total are community projects that are going to higher education.

- \$500 million to local infrastructure projects through the Public Works Commission. These projects encompass roads, bridges, water-supply systems, storm sewers and wastewater systems. It includes \$75 million of the \$100 million in the bill to support the Clean Ohio program, which funds preservation of green space, farmland, open spaces and expanded recreational opportunities. Other Clean Ohio funds are in the departments of agriculture and natural resources.

- \$323.1 million for the maintenance and preservation of Ohio's dams, parks, trails, waterways and wildlife. According to Keen, the bill "fully funds dam rehabilitation activities at Buckeye Lake and Lake White, the Portage Lakes East Reservoir and smaller dam rehabilitation projects and continued dam assessments." Another \$44.9 million is targeted to improvements at state parks and "day-use facilities," while \$44.2 million is for marina and wildlife renovations, improvements and equipment purchases.

- Approximately \$150 million for the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction "to support major facility renovations as well as general improvements at the 27 state-owned adult correctional institutions."

- A total of \$100 million for the Department of Transportation to address maintenance facilities.

In addition, spread throughout the departments is \$160 million for community projects. On this latter category, Faber commented that legislators had received upwards of \$1.5 billion in funding requests, saying that in large measure, they are "allocating disappointment." However, he explained that they did try to "rebalance" the geographic spread of the funds with "more going to rural Ohio" in this proposal.

Keen pointed out that most of the community projects "also include commitments of local resources."

During his afternoon testimony, Keen told the committee that of the \$2.62 billion, \$2.18 billion is supported by General Revenue Fund (GRF)-backed debt obligations, \$77 million higher than the amount of GRF-backed capital appropriations approved for the current capital biennium. "Thus, SB310 is fiscally prudent and affordable and will support the credit rating agencies' ranking of Ohio's debt burden as 'moderate' and will support our 'AA+' credit rating and 'stable' credit outlook."

The remaining \$438 million is supported by non-GRF-backed bonds and cash funds.

Architects Good Samaritan Law: HB 17: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-17>

AIA Ohio's "Good Samaritan" Bill (HB 17) was signed by the Governor on Valentines Day. The bill grants an architect, engineer, surveyor or contractor qualified immunity from civil liability for any acts, errors, or omissions conducted in the performance of professional services that are requested by government officials, for a building, structure, piping, or other engineered system during a declared emergency and 90 days thereafter. No immunity is granted from wanton, willful or intentional misconduct.

Architect Board's CE Bill: HB 243: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-243>

The bill that would grant the Ohio Architects Board the power to revise the types of activities that qualify for continuing education credits passed the Senate April 20 and awaits Governor Kasich's signature.

Although the Board has no plans for immediate changes to these activities, it believes that HB 243 is needed to clarify the issue in light of the Legislative Service Commission's contention that the Landscape Architects Board, which operates under identical statutory authority, didn't have the ability to *change the types of activities* that qualify for CE.

Sunset Review of Architects & Landscape Architects Boards:

Ohio Architects Board Executive Director, Amy Kobe, testified February 9 before the Sunset Review Committee investigating whether or not to combine the Ohio Landscape Board the the Ohio Architects Board. She told the panel that combining the Boards wouldn't save much money because they already share the same office and staff. She indicated that members of one profession aren't skilled enough in the idiosyncracies of the other profession to be able to make good regulatory decisions.

AIA Ohio submitted testimony to the Commission that strongly supports maintaining a single discipline board to license architects. AIA Ohio doesn't believe that members of either group possess the requisite knowledge to render informed decisions regarding the subtleties of the other profession and that currently both boards are being administered efficiently and cost effectively.

School Door Barricade Rule is Final

House Bill 64 adopted by the Ohio General Assembly on June 30, 2015 included a provision which required the Ohio Board of Building Standards (BBS) to adopt rules for the use of a device by a staff member in a school that prevents both ingress and egress through school doors in an emergency situation and during active shooter drills. During its April 8 meeting the Board adopted amendments to Ohio Building Code Chapters 2 &

10 for the use of Temporary Door Locking Devices (TDLD) in schools under the conditions set forth in these [rules](#).

These amendments are effective April 18, 2016.

Adult Changing Station Requirement: [SB 112](#):

<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-112>

No hearings are scheduled for SB 112 (Sen. Peggy Lehner) which would require public buildings to have at least one rest room facility with an adult changing station. It is in the Senate State and Local Government Committee where only a sponsor's hearing has been held and no additional hearings are expected. OBOA has opposed SB 112 using the arguments offered on HB 306 and SB 205.

Court Antitrust Ruling Re: Licensing Boards

Ohio officials continue to assess potential action with regard to the U.S. Supreme Court ruling last year that boards controlled by members of the profession it regulates are *not entitled to individual immunity from lawsuits alleging violations of antitrust laws* that forbid restraint of trade and competition.

Three potential fixes have been advanced:

1. Reconfigure all boards so they are not controlled by members of the professions they regulate. Seitz and the boards don't like this option, saying the expertise of practitioners should be preserved.
2. Create "mega-boards" to consolidate regulation of related fields. For example, all health-related occupations could be overseen by one board consisting of equal numbers of members from those fields.
3. Empower a single "state actor," such as the attorney general or lieutenant governor, to review and issue decisions on recommendations by a board.

Downtown Redevelopment Bill Headed to Governor ([Sub. HB 233](#)):

<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-233>

Sub. HB 233, which was introduced by Rep., Kurt Schuring and is designed to assist in redeveloping strategic areas within Ohio's downtowns passed the Senate April 20 and awaits Governor Kasich's signature. The bill uses as its core a historic preservation project that qualifies under the Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credit. By way of background, the Historic Preservation Tax Credit went into effect in 2007 and has been widely successful throughout Ohio in restoring historic buildings. Many of those restoration projects have been in downtowns. Sub. H.B. 233 is intended to compliment those projects by offering new economic development tools that will have a synergistic effect on a designated area within a downtown and will provide a critical mass of activity that can support a place where people can live, work, and play.

The legislation allows a municipality to establish a Downtown Redevelopment District in ten-acre increments. The district must have a historic preservation project in it in order for the district to be formed. Up to 70% of the additional property taxes from the appreciated value of the historic preservation project can be diverted to pay for the following:

- for promotion of activity within the Downtown Redevelopment District
- revolving loans to other businesses in the district, infrastructure improvements, and debt service on construction loans These dollars will be used to support other economic activity in the district and will serve as a building block to the revitalization of the downtown as a whole.

The legislation also allows for the establishment of an Innovation District to be established within the Downtown Redevelopment District. The Innovation District will use a 100 gigabyte broadband connection to facilitate IT research and development in the form of business incubators and accelerators. These types of districts have been on the rise in recent years, attracting leading-edge businesses and the talented workers that go with it. The districts will foster a paradoxical alliance of combining old buildings with new high-tech job opportunities that create a sense of place that is very attractive to young people.

Proposed Tax Exemption for Developable Properties: [SB 235](#):

<https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-235>

The Senate Ways and Means Committee is studying SB 235, introduced by Senators Bill Beagle and William P. Coley, II, which would exempt newly developable properties and redevelopment properties from incurring additional property taxes due to land improvements before building construction. According to the sponsors, this will allow property owners to make improvements to land such as adding sewers, electricity and roads so that it can be sold for commercial purposes without incurring additional property tax increases before the sale of the land to a new entity.

Democrats Promote Infrastructure Plan: [HB 492](#):

Democratic lawmakers recently introduced legislation (HB 492) aimed at bolstering local infrastructure. The measure, called "Restore Ohio," was introduced by [Rep. Denise Driehaus](#) (D-Cincinnati) and [Rep. John Rogers](#) (D-Mentor-on-the-Lake) and would leverage \$1 billion from the rainy day fund over five years to "provide low-interest loans and grants to local governments to help restore the state's crumbling infrastructure." Fifty percent of investment earnings, the pair said, would be made available to communities as infrastructure grants. The program would be overseen by the Public Works Program.

OFCC Advisory Committee:

This group has met quarterly with OFCC staff to deal with issues emanating from the adoption of alternative construction methods. The last several meetings have dealt with the confusion resulting from a lack of clarity on what kinds of projects are suitable for each of the various methods as well as problems and opportunities for improvement within each category. The group is working with OFCC staff to assemble an even wider advisory group of owners, architects, engineers and builders who would flesh out problems and opportunities to improve everyone's knowledge of procedures.

November Election:

Between now and the November election legislative candidates want to make friends with architects and it will help AIA's legislative program for architects to make friends with them! What better way than to contribute \$50 (\$100 if you file a joint tax return) to the candidate of your choice... a contribution that will *cost you nothing*, since it will become a *tax credit* on your 2016 Ohio tax return. All an architect has to do is send a copy of his/her check to AIA Ohio and AIA Ohio's PAC will send the candidate a matching contribution telling him/her that it's because the architect made the initial contribution... and that *we hope they'll use the architect as a sounding board for design/construction legislation during the next Ohio General Assembly!*

AIA Ohio Honor Awards Program - 2016

It's time to begin planning for the 2016 AIA Ohio Honor Awards! These four awards recognize Ohio's best and brightest architects and firms. Nominations can come from individuals or from local components. The four awards are:

AIA Ohio Gold Medal - the highest honor that AIA Ohio can bestow on an individual. It is conferred by the AIA Ohio Board of Directors in recognition of exemplary efforts and significant accomplishments.

AIA Ohio Gold Medal Firm - the highest honor that AIA Ohio can bestow on an architectural firm.

AIA Ohio Mentor Award - the AIA Ohio Mentor Award will be given to an individual who has demonstrated the ability to assist and mentor in their community.

AIA Ohio Public Service Award - the AIA Ohio Public Service Award will be granted to an individual who has made a significant impact in their community through public service.

The deadline for each of these is June 17, 2016 - so there's plenty of time to put together a nomination packet. Consider an Ohio architect that you know - and plan to nominate them for an AIA Ohio Honor Award! For more information: <http://www.aiaohio.org/aia-design-matters>

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### AIA Ohio Design Awards is Open - Submit Your Project Today

The AIA Ohio Design Awards Program promotes those projects that have distinguished themselves, through attention to high quality design, performance, and commitment to AIA's 10 principles of livable communities. These awards recognize the best projects from Ohio's Architects. [Submit YOUR project today!](#) Deadline to submit is July 15. We've made it really easy this year, with an online submission process. [Submission criteria can be found here.](#) It's fast and simple - and you deserve the recognition!

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AIA Ohio Past President Robert Gramann, FAIA, Retires

Robert E. Gramann, FAIA recently announced his retirement after 50 years at GBBN Architects. He will stay involved with the firm as Chairman Emeritus of GBBN's Board of Directors by providing leadership mentorship and strategic advisement. Bob's career at GBBN started in 1965 when he was hired as a University of Cincinnati Co-op student. He led GBBN as CEO and President from 1995 through 2010. Under his leadership, the firm had significant growth and became a multinational firm. Bob became Chairman of GBBN's Board in 2010 and served as Director of Healthcare from 2010 to 2013.

Bob is known for his inspirational leadership and passionate mentorship. When asked to encapsulate his keys to a successful and enjoyable career, he stated, "do great work, make a profit, and have fun."

Bob's commitment to the architectural profession has been clearly demonstrated through his involvement in the AIA. Bob is an AIA Ohio Past President, as well as a past recipient of the AIA Ohio Gold Medal Award. He was the first person recognized with the AIA Ohio Mentor Award, and received several AIA Ohio Presidential Citations for service.

AIA Ohio is grateful to Bob Gramann, FAIA, for his service to the profession, and we all wish him well in his retirement!

Sekanick Announces Candidacy for AIA National Secretary

Following a long standing tradition of service by members of AIA Ohio and the Ohio Valley, Bruce Sekanick, AIA, declared his candidacy for the 2017-2018 AIA National Secretary. Sekanick is one of three candidates running for the secretary position. As part of the board reorganization that took place a little over a year ago, the Secretary position is one of only three positions to be voted on at this year's convention. The others include Vice-President/President-elect and a Director-at-large.

Sekanick represents the only candidate from the Midwest, with the others representing New York and California. The two-year term mirrors the format used at AIA Ohio. His decision to run for Secretary was in part based on both his experience as a former member of the Board of Directors and the National Strategic Council as well as the opportunity last year to Chair the National Strategic Plan Work Group.

Bruce is the only candidate for Secretary who is actively engaged in the management of a firm. He continues to be involved in the efforts of AIA Eastern Ohio, AIA Ohio and the AIA Ohio Foundation, and continues his service nationally as the Chair of the National ArchiPAC Committee. We ask that you support one of Ohio's long-time members as he seeks to elevate his service to the AIA. You can learn more by visiting his campaign website at www.electsekanickaia.com.

The Unique Perspective and Voice of the Ohio Valley Architect

Tim Hawk, FAIA, OVR Representative to the Strategic Council

Recently, it was announced that the American Institute of Architects has nearly exceeded 83,000 members strong. This is the highest member count in history according to national leaders who have been around for some time. What great news! I feel proud to be contributing to an organization that is growing in its relevance to architects around the globe. The energy across the profession is very high, and I have great hope for our future.

Interestingly, for those of us in the Ohio Valley, there is a dark cloud that lingers on the horizon as we witness this unprecedented membership growth. Although we are growing in membership in the Ohio Valley, the rate of growth is slow and not comparable to growth rates in other regions. There is significant growth of members in markets which have experienced population growth, and although we have experienced significant growth in several of our cities, across the region, our population has remained rather flat. It all makes sense...in metropolitan areas and states attracting population (picture Washington, California, Texas, and Florida), there are a growing number of architects and membership is increasing more quickly than in our region. So, what does all of this mean? Bottom line, representation at the national level is allocated based upon the region's share of the overall membership, and given the proportional shifts, the Ohio Valley Region may fall below the threshold for two representatives to the AIA Strategic Council. We need to increase our membership significantly in order to maintain our full presence at the national level.

Why is this important? To me, it is less about our region losing representation. More importantly, I believe that the Ohio Valley architect offers a very valuable perspective which contributes significantly to the national discussion. Ohio Valley architects are diverse in practice methodology. I believe that we are innovators who often deal with aggressive project budgets and expand our services beyond those in the traditional realm to provide added value. The Ohio Valley architect easily builds consensus and understanding around issues at the national level; I have seen this in action. Our views are needed at the national level and we need to maintain two seats on the Strategic Council.

So what to do? We need you to spread the word about the value of membership in the AIA, especially to emerging professionals. As an AIA member, I know that you understand the value of your AIA membership. You are enriched through the continuing education programs. You benefit from the world class research. You have access to industry standard contracts and documents. You appreciate the amazing work being done at the national level to heighten awareness of the architect's role in society, and above all, I know that you know this: *We are all Stronger Together.*

AIA Ohio Student Design Awards

AIA Ohio has long supported the efforts of students in Ohio's collegiate architectural programs. Together with local component scholarships and scholarships offered by the AIA Ohio Foundation, the focus of the AIA in Ohio has been on both recognizing exceptional design while financially assisting students attending Ohio's collegiate architectural programs. Over the past three years, AIA Ohio developed a student charrette and competition to both support students and to develop a better connection between the AIA and our emerging professionals.

Based in part on feedback from AIA members and the architectural programs, AIA Ohio has developed a new program for 2016. In lieu of a weekend charrette, the new AIA Ohio Student Design Awards focuses on utilizing student projects and independent work to recognize those efforts that demonstrate creative solutions and innovative design. The new program was developed through a joint effort of AIA Ohio and representatives from Ohio's architectural schools. While focusing on elevating design, the program also seeks to enhance the jury process by inviting known and respected designers from throughout the state as jury participants. AIA Ohio continues to support this program financially as well, with \$5,000 being made available for student project awards.

AIA Ohio looks forward to the opportunity to continue to support students in Ohio's architectural programs. Projects recognized by the jury for their design innovation will be displayed at the 2016 AIA Ohio Convention that will take place October 6-8, 2016, at the John S. Knight Center in Akron, OH.

AIA Ohio CARES and the AIAS PASS ARE Scholarships are Available

While some members may be aware of the AIA Ohio CARES program, most are not. Started three years ago, the program was designed to provide funding for architectural graduates who need financial help to take the ARE. CARES, which is an acronym for Catalyst for Architectural Registration Exam Scholarship, is intended to encourage candidate to pursue registration. Associate members are eligible for grants of up to \$200 and all others are eligible for a grant of \$100. For more information, visit the grants webpage at www.aiaohio.org/grant-opportunities

Speak Up Conference

Bruce Sekanick, AIA, OAA, Chair, National ArchiPAC Committee

Many leaders from throughout Ohio attended AIA's Grassroots leadership conference in Detroit earlier this year. As part of the Institute's effort to focus on both leadership and advocacy, the inaugural Speak Up Conference will be held in Washington D.C., July 13-15, 2016. The Speak Up Conference is AIA's new annual advocacy leadership event that has been developed to feature advocacy training and interactive discussions on how architects can become better engaged in public advocacy at all levels. The program has been designed to assist members to understand strategies to effectively advocate on behalf of the profession and to help them find new ways to better engage members to advocate in their communities.

The Speak Up Conference has been developed to expand upon the efforts of the National Government Advocacy Committee and the National ArchiPAC Steering Committee. This program seeks to involve members who have a desire to make a difference in our built environment through engagement with the legislative process. The program will provide members the opportunity to be actively engaged in hands-on workshops with experts in advocacy as well as the opportunity to develop personal action plans to help focus their efforts as advocacy leaders.

More information on the program can be found on the AIA advocacy page a <http://www.aia.org/advocacy/AIAB107960>. Registration will begin soon. Scholarship and stipend applications are under review by staff and select members and recipients of the awards will be notified in the near future.

Update from Ohio Architects Board

by Amy Kobe, CAE

The Ohio Architects Board is currently dealing with multiple legislative issues. First, House Bill 243 had its second hearing in the Ohio Senate. The bill will update the statutes governing Continuing Education for both Architects and Landscape Architects.

The need for this change arose last year when the Landscape Architects Board was advised, during the Five Year Rule Review process, that the Joint Commission on Agency Rule Review (JCARR) was interpreting the statute in a more restrictive fashion than in the past. This is significant because the Board has continually modified and updated the CE rules in an order to keep them current and relevant.

For example, the Boards have found that the majority of compliant submissions contain structured activities, but non-compliant audits do not. Structured activities are defined as those programs offered by approved providers, whether in person or via distance learning, and in which the content of the subject matter is at least 75% Health, Safety and Welfare related. The subject matter must also be directly related to the profession.

HB 243 will allow the both Boards greater leeway in defining appropriate continuing education activities. The bill is supported by AIA Ohio and the Ohio Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects. House Bill 243 has already passed the House.

The Sunset Review hearing took place in February. The review arose from language placed in last year's budget bill (House Bill 64) mandating that the Architects Board and the Landscape Architects Board be evaluated for efficiency and effectiveness, leading to the possible combining of the two boards. While this may sound logical on the surface, the two boards already share one office, one staff and one budget. It is the Board's position that a combined board would dilute the policy making authority of the professions: should landscape architects be allowed to make policy for architects, and vice versa? In addition, both boards have permanent operating authority in the Revised Code; most of the Sunset Review Committee's work consists of reviewing temporary committees created by the General Assembly. Testimony from both professional associations supported maintaining the status quo. The Sunset Review Committee must issue its recommendations no later than June 1.

The Architects Board has also proposed a modification of the exam admission rules regarding the NCARB Integrated Path to Licensure (IPL). The IPL will allow students at 14 accredited schools of architecture the opportunity to begin taking the Architect Registration Examination (ARE) prior to graduation. Successful exam candidates will still be required to complete the Intern Development Program (IDP) and graduate with an accredited professional degree prior to licensure. The proposal does not alter any of the current licensing requirements; the only changes is to the order in which the requirements may be completed. The Common Sense Initiative has reviewed the proposed changes and comments and did not have any objections.

Major changes are coming to the NCARB Intern Development Program (IDP). Effective June 29, 2016, the program will be renamed the Architectural Experience Program (AXP). In addition, the categories will be re-aligned to complement the fall 2016 release of ARE 5.0. There will be 6 new practice-based experience categories instead of 17. The new categories will be the same at the new ARE 5.0 divisions: Practice Management, Project Management, Programming & Analysis, Project Planning & Design, Project Development & Documentation, and Construction & Evaluation.

IDP becomes AXP

Bruce Sekanick, AIA, OAA

AIA Ohio Architect Licensing Advisor

While most of us are aware of IDP and the entire IDP process, there are probably only a few who have an idea of what AXP is and how it may affect you. For those who don't know, on June 29th, 2016, the IDP program will be updated to new experience areas and renamed AXP, the Architectural Experience Program. The AXP is organized to reflect six broad areas of architectural practice from the current 17 experience areas. The new areas include Practice Management, Project Management, Programming & Analysis, Project Planning & Design, Project Development & Documentation and Construction and Evaluation. The AXP is part of an overhaul of the entire IDP program and has been developed to reflect NCARB's decision last year to sunset the term "intern".

As part of this effort the State of Ohio IDP Facebook page has been updated to the Ohio Architects Licensing Advisors Facebook page. The page will continue to transition with additional postings added as we get closer to the AXP launch date. For those participating in the AXP, the Facebook page can be another resource where exam candidates can ask questions, share experiences and review postings provided through NCARB, the Ohio Architects Board and the Ohio Architects Licensing Advisor.

The NCARB has made every effort to assist candidates in the transition. Through the publication of a monthly blog, the series breaks down the tasks associated with each experience area and provides real-world examples of opportunities that meet the AXP criteria. The NCARB has also made available an IDP Experience Calculator to help candidates understand how current hours will merge into the six new experience areas. Five of the six areas have been reviewed to date and are available for review at the NCARB website www.ncarb.org.

Architect Licensing Advisors are state, local or university volunteers committed to assisting those seeking registration to navigate the path to licensure and advising architects on reciprocity. Ohio currently has five appointed advisors, including the AIA Ohio advisor and an advisor from each of the five architectural programs. Additional advisor positions, including student and firm advisors also participate in the program.

E&M Consulting Advertising

AIA Ohio's publishing partner, E&M Consulting, is wrapping up the publication of the AIA Ohio Membership Directory. In the next few weeks, they will be contacting all of the members with advertising opportunities. If you have any interest in advertising this year, please contact Mike Lindsay at 614-453-5709 or mike@emconsultinginc.com. Don't hesitate to call if you have any questions. As always, your support of AIA Ohio is greatly appreciated!"



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