



APELSCIDLA Board Members Appointed to National Committees



Wiley V. Johnson III,
PE

Board member Wiley V. (Bif) Johnson III, PE, was recently appointed by NCEES President-Elect Pattie Mamola, to the NCEES EPE Committee (Examinations for Professional Engineers) . Mr. Johnson will serve on the committee for the 2013-2014 administrative year. The EPE committee, along with the EPS Committee (Examinations for Professional Surveyors), is responsible for the oversight of sub-committees that write the FE, PE, FS and PS exams. This oversight includes item writing and testing, conducting professional activities and knowledge studies to update exam specifications periodically, and training the volunteers who write and test the exam items.

Board member Robert A. Boynton, Architect, was recently appointed by NCARB President Blake Dunn, to the NCARB Professional Conduct Committee . The Professional Conduct Committee studies the responsibilities of Member Boards that relate to the conduct of registered architects. It reviews policies and practices relating to the conduct and professional development of NCARB Certificate holders. It reviews disciplinary actions taken by Member Boards or courts of law against Certificate holders and recommends revocation of certification to the Board of Directors as warranted.



Robert A. Boynton,
Architect

Congratulations Bif and Bob!



DPOR recently launched a Facebook page and may be found at:

www.facebook.com/VirginiaDPOR.

We are using this social media tool to share information such as:

- Answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
- Office holidays, closings, or delays
- Service interruptions
- Website information

- Links to relevant articles, newsletters, and press releases

And much more.

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**Kate Nobsch, Executive Director
Elected to NCARB Board of Directors**



Kate Nobsch

The APELSCIDLA Board's very own Executive Director was recently installed as the Member Board Executive Director of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) Board of Directors at its 94th Annual Meeting in San Diego. Nominated by her peers, Kate represents the executive and administrative heads of the 54 U.S. registration boards on the Board of Directors.

Kate has also served on the NCARB Member Board Executive Committee 2009-2011, as well as NCEES and CLARB committees. She served as the NCEES North East Zone Representative 2011-2012. Ms. Nobsch is a past president of the Council on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation (CLEAR) and serves as an instructor in its Executive Leadership for Regulators program.

Congratulations Kate!



**Welcome Joe Shaver
APELSCIDLA Board Administrator**



Joe Shaver

As the new Board Administrator, Joseph (Joe) Shaver is excited to begin this phase of his career working with the Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers, and Landscape Architects as well as the Board for Professional Soil Scientists, Wetland Professionals, and Geologists.

Joe moved to Richmond in 2004 to pursue his career in Finance with VBS Inc. Material Handling Equipment, and after several years as an accountant and Sales Support Manager, he began his career in public service working for the Administration section of DPOR in February 2010. In his role as Administrative Support Supervisor, Joe was responsible for a variety of duties including procurement where he was certified as Virginia Contracting Associate, as well as shipping and receiving, and mail-room operations. Joe received his B.S in Business from Virginia Commonwealth University with a specialization in Finance and a concentration of Financial Planning.

He is an avid golfer, and also enjoys snow skiing when it gets a little too cold to be riding around in a golf cart. Originally from Ripley, West Virginia, Joe is an ardent WVU fan, and can be found cheering on the Mountaineers during football and basketball season.



NCEES Computer-Based Testing

What Is CBT?

CBT stands for computer-based testing. In 2014, the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) and Fundamentals of Surveying (FS) exams will be offered solely on computer. Traditional pencil-and-paper exams will be retired. To increase access to exams, all examinees will complete their exams at their local Pearson VUE testing center.

Pearson VUE testing centers use a patent-winning design that was created specifically for high-stakes testing. The centers offer a carefully controlled, consistent testing environment. Check the NCEES website to locate the testing facility closest to you.

- The NCEES state licensing boards voted in August 2010 to begin administering the two exams via computer-based testing at the recommendation of NCEES Computer-Based Testing Task Force. Some of the reasons for converting the exams to a computer-based format are to allow greater scheduling flexibility for candidates, more uniformity in testing conditions, and enhanced security for exam content. Examinees will be allowed to bring and use NCEES-approved calculators on CBT exams. Sample exams for the computer-based FE and FS will be available for purchase after the October 2013 exam administration.

The NCEES exam committees, Computer-Based Testing Implementation Task Force, and NCEES staff continue to work to finalize details related to this significant change in the future delivery system of the FE and FS exams. We are also working with Pearson VUE to identify potential sites for new testing centers to ensure there is adequate seating capacity at locations convenient to our candidate population centers.

Which Exams are Transitioning?

As of now, the transition to CBT in 2014 involves only the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) and Fundamentals of Surveying (FS) exams.

The FE exam is designed for college engineering seniors who intend to pursue a P.E. license. More than 50,000 examinees took the FE exam during the 2011–12 academic year, which included October and April administrations. Read about the FE exam specifications for 2014 on the NCEES website.

The FS exam is a similar exam designed for those beginning the process toward professional surveying licensure. Read about the FS exam specifications for 2014 on the NCEES website.

The PE and PS exams, which engineering and surveying candidates are also required to take after completing work experience requirements, will transition to CBT in the future, but that date has not yet been determined. At the 2012 annual meeting, NCEES delegates voted to transition the PE and PS exams to computer-based testing “at the earliest feasible date.” NCEES exam committees are researching when these exams could eventually be converted to CBT.

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CBT Frequently Asked Questions

Can I choose to take pencil-and-paper versions of the FE and FS exams after the transition?

No. The FE and FS exams will be offered only on computers at approved Pearson VUE testing centers.

When will the CBT exams be offered?

Beginning in January 2014, the FE and FS will be administered during four testing windows throughout the year: January–February, April–May, July–August, and October–November. Registration will be open year-round.

How do I register for my CBT exam?

Registration for the computer-based FE and FS exams is scheduled to open on November 4, 2013, and will be open year-round. You will register and schedule your appointment through your My NCEES account on the NCEES Website.

Will I be able to reschedule the date and time or cancel my exam after I've registered?

Yes. Examinees will be able to reschedule or cancel their exam through their My NCEES account. More details will be included in the NCEES Examinee Handbook that will be available on the website when registration opens on November 4, 2013.

Where will I take my CBT exam?

The exams will be administered at approved Pearson VUE testing centers.

Can I register with one state board and take the exam in another state?

Yes. However, if you are approved to register for the exam through an international entity other than Canada, you must take your exam at an approved site in that country.

How much will it cost to register for a CBT exam?

The CBT exam fee is still under consideration, but examinees will likely pay \$225–\$250 to register for the exam with NCEES. Additional fees may be required to register with your state licensing board.

What may I bring into the testing center?

Examinees will be allowed to bring NCEES-approved calculators and any items found on the Pearson VUE Comfort Aid list.

Which calculators will be allowed in the testing center?

The NCEES calculator policy is the same for pencil-and-paper and CBT examinees.

Will I have access to reference materials?

Yes. All computer monitors will be 24 inches to allow plenty of room to display both the exam items and a searchable version of the appropriate supplied reference materials.

How long will the CBT exam last?

The FE and FS exam appointments will be six hours in length, which include a tutorial, a break, the exam, and a brief survey at the conclusion of the exam. Examinees will have 5 hours and 20 minutes to complete the actual exam.

How many questions will be on the exam?

The FE and FS exams will each have 110 questions.

Will there be a penalty for incorrect answers?

No. There is no penalty for guessing. Answers are correct (credit given) or incorrect (no credit given). An omission is scored like any other incorrect answer.

Will the exam questions be personalized according to each examinee's responses?

No. The CBT FE and FS exams are linear, not adaptive.

Will the CBT exam still be comprised of a breadth section and a depth section?

The exam will still consist of two different sections with a break in the middle. But the two sections will cover the same, discipline-specific material.

Will I be able to go back and check my answers?

Yes. The exam will be divided into two sections with a 25-minute break in the middle. Examinees will be given 5 hours and 20 minutes to complete approximately 55 questions prior to the scheduled break and the remaining questions afterward. Examinees can divide their time allotment between the two sections as they see fit. Examinees will be able to review questions within each section before submitting that section; once they submit the section, though, they will not be able to go back to it.

How will I solve questions that require writing?

Pearson VUE will provide examinees with a reusable notepad to use when working out problems.

When will I receive my exam result?

Examinees will be notified via email when their results are available for viewing in My NCEES. The process is still being finalized, but most examinees should receive their results within 7 to 10 business days.

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NCARB Fees Reduced for Broadly Experienced Architect (BEA) Program

Applicants to the Broadly Experienced Architect (BEA) Program will now see a reduction in program fees, thanks to a revamped fee structure from the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB). In April 2013, the NCARB Board of Directors approved the new fee schedule, effective immediately, in order to provide some relief to BEA applicants. The BEA Program provides U.S. licensed architects who do not hold a professional degree from a National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) accredited program an alternate path for satisfying the education requirement for NCARB certification. The NCARB Certificate facilitates reciprocal registration in other jurisdictions.

Under the new structure, the cumulative fee will be capped at the current rate of \$5,000, to avoid increasing the fee for individuals with deficiencies in multiple subject areas; and fees will be assessed only for the area of education deficiency determined through an education evaluation by the NAAB.

The individual fee per subject area is based on the estimated level of effort expended in dossier review for that area.

“While the Council heavily subsidizes the BEA Program, it remains cost-prohibitive to an architect applying for certification through this path,” said NCARB CEO Michael J. Armstrong. “This change will especially benefit applicants who have been unsuccessful in meeting all program requirements upon dossier review.” Previously, applicants were required to pay the entire \$5,000 BEA fee to resubmit any part of the dossier. In this new structure, the applicant will only be assessed the fee associated with the deficient subject area(s).



New BEA Fee Structure	
Subject Area	Fee
Design	\$3,500
Technical Systems	\$1,285
History and Theory	\$750
Practice	\$500
General Education	\$500
Maximum Total:	\$5,000



NCARB ARE Blackout

As announced in September 2011, Alpine Testing Solutions, Inc. will take over content and candidate management for the ARE, and Prometric will continue to be the Council’s site management consultant beginning 1 July 2013. In order to facilitate the migration of data to the new consultant, there will be an estimated eight-week blackout for ARE candidates.

This means:

- No exam appointments may be scheduled for on or after 1 July 2013 until the blackout ends in late-August 2013.
- There will be no exams administered beginning 1 July 2013 until the blackout ends.
- The last batch of exams taken on or before 30 June 2013 will be scored by Prometric prior to the data migration to the new consultant.
- Board staff will not have access to the candidate database during the blackout so it will not be able to enter or create exam eligibilities or update your name or address information during this time.

There will be no changes to exam content post-blackout. However, the process to schedule an exam appointment and receive score reports will be different.

For all candidates, NCARB will grant an automatic 12–week extension to the rolling clock post-blackout. If you are eligible to test through a jurisdiction with its own rolling clock rules, please contact your board to see how the blackout may impact you.

You may continue to submit applications to the Board during this time, they will be processed once the blackout ends. If you have questions about the ARE or the blackout, please visit: <http://www.ncarb.org/en/FAQs.aspx>



New Data from NCARB Reveals Positive Trends About the Path to Licensure

Washington, DC—A new version of NCARB by the Numbers, the data publication of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB), reveals positive trends about the path to licensure. Some key findings from this year's edition include:

- The median time to complete the Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®) since its computerized deployment in 1997 is 1.8 years.
- In 2012, 39.9% of applications for an NCARB Record were by women.
- The mean time to complete the Intern Development Program (IDP) continues to trend downward from 2010. Interns who completed the IDP in 2012 took 5.33 years. The median in 2012 was 4.8 years.

"We're especially excited to share data regarding the ARE," said NCARB CEO Michael J. Armstrong. "Thanks to new vendor arrangements, NCARB now has access to comprehensive exam data and the ability to perform more substantial analysis related to this essential component of licensure."

For more information about the increasing gender parity of NCARB Record applications, the timeline to acquire an architectural license, or ARE completion times for candidates with different architectural degrees, [download NCARB by the Numbers](#).



CBT FAQs Continued

What is the passing score?

The standard of minimum competence is set by a committee of licensed engineers in each discipline. Currently, NCEES does not publish the passing score because it changes from administration to administration based on the difficulty of the exam. In CBT, each examinee will take a unique, but equivalent, exam. Again, because of the slight difference in difficulty, the passing score will vary. Therefore, NCEES does not release the passing score—only the pass or fail results.

If I don't pass my CBT exam, how soon can I retake it?

NCEES policy allows examinees to take the exam once during any two-month testing window and no more than three times in a 12-month period. However, your state licensing board may have a more restrictive policy.

Will my NCEES login information change when the exams transition to CBT?

No. Your NCEES ID will remain the same, and the information provided will remain with your NCEES account.

Why was the exam time shortened from 8 to 6 hours?

The exams underwent a content review as a part of the

transition to CBT. The change in length was a result of that review.

Is there a way to study specifically for the CBT experience?

Yes. NCEES will publish a web-based practice exam for the FE and FS exams in early November. The practice exams will look and operate very much like the actual exams. There will be a few differences, but you'll certainly get a good feel for what the testing experience will be like. The appropriate reference handbooks will be released in early September. At that time, you will be able to purchase a printed version or download a free PDF from the NCEES website.

Where can I find a list of the FE and FS content for the CBT exams?

The FE and FS exam specifications can be found on the NCEES website.

What accommodations will be made for examinees with special needs?

Requests for special testing accommodations can be made during the CBT exam registration process. All requests require approval from NCEES.



CLARB News—Benefits of a CLARB Council Record

A Council Record helps you at every stage of your career, and enables you to:

Register for the L.A.R.E.

- Easily apply for licensure (initial or reciprocal)
- Access CLARB's team of licensure experts, who can guide you through the licensure process
- Securely store and access all your professional records online
- Receive the professionally-recognized CLARB Certification
- Track your continuing education
- Decrease your paperwork

Receive industry-related news and access to valuable research such as CLARB's "Definition of Public Welfare as it Relates to Landscape Architecture" and "Determinants of Candidate Success for the L.A.R.E."

To ensure your information is up to date and ready to transmit, the Record is renewed and updated annually.

Fees

Note: all fees are subject to change and are non-refundable unless otherwise noted. Renewals are annual based on your anniversary date and not the calendar year.

Application Fee: \$150 Candidates / \$340 Licensees

This fee covers compiling and verifying your application information and evaluating your record for CLARB Certification.

Annual Renewal Fee: \$150 Candidates / \$175 Licensees

This annual fee must be paid to maintain your Council Record and CLARB Certification.

Emeritus Annual Renewal Fee: \$25

This fee maintains your CLARB Certified status after you have retired.

Transmittal for L.A.R.E.: Free for Candidates (10-14 business days).

Transmittal for Licensure: \$55 Candidates / \$215 Licensees

This fee is for each transmittal of your CLARB Council Record as support documentation to a registration board. You must have an active Council Record to use this service. (10-14 business days)

Expedited Transmittal Fee: \$100

This additional fee is for priority handling of your transmittal request. (24-48 hours)

Reactivation Fee: \$250+ all outstanding annual renewal fees (up to the maximum of \$750)

This fee includes updating verifications and documentation of your professional development since your Council Record lapsed.

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CIDQ Names Dr. Carol Williams-Nickelson New Executive Director

Washington, DC-The Council for Interior Design Qualification, Inc. (CIDQ) announces the appointment of Carol Williams-Nickelson, Psy.D. as its new Executive Director. As a long-time nonprofit leader, Williams-Nickelson brings an array of uniquely combined skills in the areas of human and systems science, organization development, executive management, higher education and mentoring. Williams-Nickelson is a well-known and highly-regarded lecturer, author and advocate in psychology and healthcare and has received many awards for her mentorship, scholarship, leadership and advancement of women's issues.

"We are eager to expand the work of CIDQ and continue to promote the important professional standards in the interior design and interior architecture field to ensure protection of the public. Dr. Williams-Nickelson has been highly successful in directing business functions of nonprofits, and we are thrilled that she can help us advance the evidence-based practices of interior designers that improve lives," says Kim Ciesynski, CIDQ President.

"Health is a multidimensional concept and practice. We all know how much our physical environment affects our mood, productivity, recovery from illness,

relationships, feelings of contentment and pleasure and our general well-being," Williams-Nickelson says "The science behind good design fosters mental health and improved quality of life. It is evidenced in the hospital wards, doctors' offices, health clubs, hotels, homes, work spaces and shopping centers that NCIDQ's Certificate holders design, to name a few."

That philosophy was what the CIDQ Board of Directors found so appealing in Williams-Nickelson's professional background. "Not only does Carol have 20 years of proven experience and achievements, but her impressive background in growing organizations, developing teams, working with diverse boards and training students, makes her an excellent fit for the future of CIDQ," says Ciesynski.

Fervent in its efforts to bridge the awareness gap between interior design and public safety, CIDQ is optimistic about its role in continuing to advance the profession and educate the public about qualified interior designers.

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NCIDQ Changes Corporate Name

The National Council for Interior Design Qualification, Inc. is now incorporated as the *Council for Interior Design Qualification, Inc. (CIDQ)*. This change was implemented to include all member regulatory boards, regardless of country, in representing a global standard of health, safety and welfare within the interior design/interior architecture profession. The only change to the Council is the registered corporate name. CIDQ continues to develop and administer the NCIDQ Exam and NCIDQ Certificate and pursue its mission to protect public health, safety and welfare.

Visit the Town Hall website for up-to-date information on regulatory actions, board meetings and much, much more.

<http://www.townhall.virginia.gov>





Disciplinary Action

Professional Engineer

FILE NUMBER 2013-00213, Clayton E. Massey

REGULATION VIOLATED— 18VAC10-20-740.D.

BOARD ACTION— Consent Order imposing \$500.00 in fines; \$150.00 in board costs; for a total monetary penalty of \$650.00

EFFECTIVE DATE— March 20, 2013

FILE NUMBER 2013-02253, John T. Postak

REGULATION VIOLATED— 18VAC10-20-790.A.1

BOARD ACTION— Consent Order imposing \$150.00 in fines; \$150.00 in board costs; for a total monetary penalty of \$300.00

EFFECTIVE DATE— June 14, 2013

FILE NUMBER 2013-02259, Michael J. Bogenreif

REGULATION VIOLATED— 18VAC10-20-790.A.1

BOARD ACTION— Consent Order imposing \$150.00 in board costs.

EFFECTIVE DATE— June 14, 2013

FILE NUMBER 2013-02340, Richard J. Zych

REGULATION VIOLATED— 18VAC10-20-790.A.1

BOARD ACTION— Consent Order imposing \$300.00 in fines; \$150.00 in board costs; for a total monetary penalty of \$450.00. In addition, documentation of 16 hours of CE must be provided within 60 days.

EFFECTIVE DATE— June 14, 2013

FILE NUMBER 2012-02503, Robert Alan Walz

REGULATIONS VIOLATED— 18VAC10-20-790.A.7 (Count 1); 18VAC10-20-750.B (Count 2); 18VAC10-20-750.C (Count 3); 18VAC10-20-740.C (Count 4); and 18VAC10-20-795 (Count 5).

BOARD ACTION—Final Opinion and Order imposing \$6,450.00 in fines and revocation of license.

Architect

FILE NUMBER 2013-01640, Sohrab Samimi

REGULATION VIOLATED— 18VAC10-20-790.A.1

BOARD ACTION— Consent Order agreeing to voluntary surrender of license.

EFFECTIVE DATE— June 14, 2013

FILE NUMBER 2013-01648, Edward J. Wroblewski

REGULATION VIOLATED— 18VAC10-20-790.A.1

BOARD ACTION— Consent Order agreeing to voluntary surrender of license.

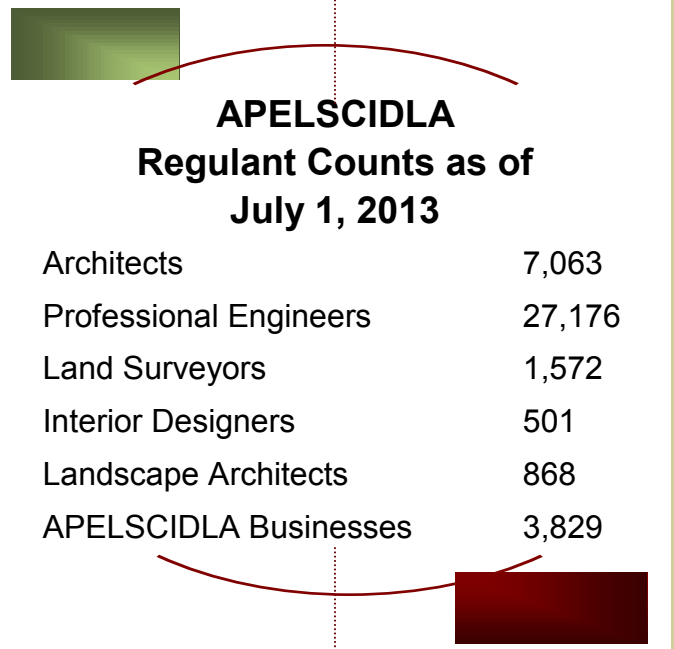
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FILE NUMBER 2013-01642, Marcos Silva

REGULATION VIOLATED— 18VAC10-20-790.A.1

BOARD ACTION— Consent Order imposing \$150.00 in board costs. In addition, documentation of 5.5 hours of CE must be provided within 60 days.

EFFECTIVE DATE— June 14, 2013



2013 Calendar of Meetings

2013

Aug 13 Architect Section Meeting
 Aug 14 PE & Land Surveyor Meeting
 Sept 24 APELSCIDLA Board Meeting
 Oct 24 Architect Section Meeting
 Nov 5 Interior Designers Section Meeting
 Nov 5 Landscape Architect Section Meeting
 Nov 12 Land Surveyor Section Meeting
 Nov 13 PE Section Meeting
 Dec 12 APELSCIDLA Board Meeting

2014

Feb 4 PE & Land Surveyor Meeting
 Feb 5 Architect Section Meeting
 Mar 19 APELSCIDLA Board Meeting
 Interior Designers Section Meeting
 Landscape Architect Section Meeting
 May 7 PE & Land Surveyor Meeting
 May 13 Architect Section Meeting
 June 10 APELSCIDLA Board Meeting
 Interior Designers Section Meeting
 Landscape Architect Section Meeting

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 Carolyn B. Langelotti

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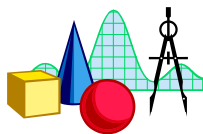
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