Centennial Business Meeting
Registration for the 2019 Centennial Business Meeting is now open and will be available until May 13. This year’s meeting will be held June 20-22, 2019, at The Mayflower Hotel in Washington, DC. The Centennial Business Meeting will bring participants from 55 Member Boards together to review and comment on NCARB’s programs and services, consider changes to national licensure standards, and elect new leadership. To register, please [click here](#).

To help ensure that we have representation from all of our Member Boards, NCARB provides funding for one public member, one Member Board Executive, and two additional members of each board. If you have a national NCARB Board member who also serves on a state licensing board, NCARB will provide funding for the national Board member, in addition to the other four participants.

As a catalyst in our conversations regarding the future of architectural regulation, we will have renowned author and Pulitzer Prize winning journalist Thomas Friedman as this year’s keynote speaker. Friedman has written several best-selling books about anticipating the future, and his insights will be an excellent segue as we shift from celebrating NCARB’s past to looking toward the next 100 years.

For questions related to the Centennial Business Meeting, please visit the Member Board Community or email Council Relations at council-relations@ncARB.org.

Welcome Letter From the DC Board of Architecture
*From the District of Columbia Board of Architecture, Interior Design, and Landscape Architecture to our Centennial Business Meeting attendees:*

Welcome to Washington, DC, home to our nation’s capital. Known for its rich tourism, politics, and history, “the District” serves as America’s cultural center, full of experiences—DC is history.
The DC Board of Architecture, Interior Design, and Landscape Architecture is responsible for protecting the public health, safety, and welfare of our citizens and ensuring that individuals engaged in the professions of architecture, interior design, and landscape architecture have the specialized education and training required for licensure. DC is a great city to be an architect. We generate continued support for civic, residential, and commercial design and development, while maintaining and protecting over 700 historically designated properties and 56 historic districts.

Along with the Smithsonian museums—including the stunning National Museum of African American History and Culture—you’ll find a panorama of noteworthy architecture such as the U.S. Capitol, over 175 foreign embassies, and performing arts spaces. Other world-class, destination museums include the interactive Newseum and the redesigned Spy Museum.

You can visit the Declaration of Independence at the National Archives, or the Star-Spangled Banner at the National Museum of American History. The history that is dusty in the classrooms comes alive in our streets for both children and adults alike.

To read the full letter from the DC Board and learn more about what Washington, DC, has to offer, please click here.

Customer Relations Update
At the March Member Board Executive (MBE) Workshop in Nashville, Chief Operating Officer Mary de Sousa provided an update on quality improvement enhancements made to the Transmittal Feedback system. These enhancements were approved by the MBE Committee in February. The updated Transmittal Feedback tool was launched on March 11, 2019, and we are happy to see our members actively using it. NCARB is currently working on the next phase of transmittal quality efforts, which include enhanced reporting on new categories and continuous transmittal training. We remain committed to providing quality-focused service to support your licensure needs. Stay tuned for further updates.

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Legislative Update

With many state legislative sessions underway, the Council Relations team continues to closely monitor bills that may impact boards. Below are several bills that may be of interest to you:

- **Arizona House Bill 2569** – Governor Doug Ducey recently signed this bill into law, making Arizona the first state to allow automatic recognition of out-of-state licenses. Under this new law, Arizona’s licensing boards will recognize out-of-state licenses to those who have been licensed in their profession for at least one year, are in good standing in all states where they are licensed, pay applicable Arizona fees, and meet all residency, testing, and background check requirements. Fortunately, the Arizona State Board of Technical Registration does not expect major challenges with their current applications process. The board is awaiting further guidance regarding the residency requirement from the state attorney general’s office.

- **Arizona House Bill 2037** – Intended as an endorsement bill to HB 2569, this bill would have affirmed the State Board of Technical Registration’s authority to grant registration by endorsement and lessening the impact of HB 2569. By vetoing this bill on April 11, 2019, Governor Ducey ensures that the board will have to enforce all provisions of the newly enacted HB 2569 and require that out-of-state applicants meet the state residency standards.

- **Missouri Senate Bill 500** – A consumer choice bill based on the American Legislative Exchange Council’s (ALEC) Occupational Licensing Consumer Choice Act would allow unlicensed individuals to provide architecture services. Similar to other consumer choice acts, allowing unlicensed, and ultimately unqualified individuals, to practice architecture may put the public health and safety at risk. SB 500 has not moved from the initial committee and the session closes next month. We are closely watching this bill and are in contact with the Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Professional Land Surveyors, and Professional Landscape Architects.

- **Alabama Senate Bill 168** – Recently introduced, this bill would expand exemptions to registration. Included in the proposal, townhomes, duplexes, and other buildings containing single-family residences, regardless of size, would be exempted. Backed by the Home Builders Association of Alabama (HBAA), SB 168 is the latest attempt by the association to expand the list of exempted activities. This objective partially stems from a court case in which a local home builder was found in violation of the Alabama Architect Registration Act by attempting to build a series of townhomes without a licensed architect. NCARB is supporting the Alabama Board of Architects, and working in collaboration with the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Alabama chapter to ensure that this bill does not jeopardize the health, safety, and welfare of Alabama residents.

- **Tennessee Senate Bill 196** – Consistent with other deregulation efforts, the newly-enacted Right to Earn a Living Act could require boards to limit their regulations to only those that are “demonstrably necessary” to fulfilling a legitimate public health or safety objective, setting an incredibly high standard for regulating a profession. Like similar bills introduced in
other jurisdictions, SB 196 has not moved out of its first committee, with less than two weeks left in the session.

- **Michigan Senate Bill 40** – This bill that would require the “least restrictive” regulation of a profession, based on the Institute for Justice’s (IJ) Inverted Pyramid. If enacted, this bill would allow a state commission to review all legislation amending an occupational regulation to determine whether the least restrictive regulation of a board has been adopted. Among the commission’s focus is the evaluation of the effects of proposed occupational legislations on opportunities for workers, consumer choices, general unemployment, market competition, and governmental costs. Furthermore, beginning in 2020, the commission would review 20 percent of occupations annually over a five-year period. HB 40 is still in its initial Senate Committee, with the Michigan session ending on December 31.

- **Florida House Bill 27** – Similar to SB 1640, and in response to Governor Ron Desantis’ “Deregathon,” HB 27 is a coordinated strategy to deregulate a number of professions and occupations. As a result, this bill would have renamed the Board of Architecture and Interior Design as “The Board of Architecture” and would have removed interior design regulations. However, the bill did not advance out of its first chamber and has failed. Florida’s session adjourned on May 3.

Update on Legislation From March

Below is an update on legislation that we have been closely monitoring:

- **Indiana House Bill 1269**: Professional License Boards – Governor Eric Holcomb recently signed this bill into law to address quorum issues experienced by some regulatory boards and eligibility requirements. This law reduces the number of architect board members from five to three, and modifies the prerequisite that board members have 10 years of experience from required to optional. This law does not impact the board’s ability to conduct its business and continue to protect the public.

We will continue to monitor the progress on these bills and encourage you to visit the legislative tracking portal available in the “Advocacy Toolkit” to stay on top of legislative and regulatory trends throughout the country. For questions on any of these bills, or if you have legislation you would like us to monitor, please contact Marta Zaniewski at mzaniewski@ncarb.org, Maurice Brown at mbrown@ncarb.org, or Per Bjornstad at pbtjornstad@ncarb.org.

**Advocacy Webinar**

Join us for an advocacy webinar on Tuesday, May 21, from 4 to 5 p.m. (ET), to review the 2019 legislation session. During the webinar, we will discuss notable legislative trends, the current political environment, and bills of interest. We will also highlight how our Member Boards have successfully navigated problematic bills and worked with their legislatures and external partners.

Panelists include the following Member Board Executives:

- Leslie Hanska (Oklahoma Board of Architects and Landscape Architects)
- Emily Papadopoulos (West Virginia Board of Architects)
In the News: Model Legislation

A recent joint investigation by USA Today, The Arizona Republic, and the Center for Public Integrity, revealed how external stakeholders with self-seeking interests, such as the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) and the Goldwater Institute, create “model bills” to influence state lawmakers’ legislation. Model bills, as USA Today reports, is legislation drafted by these groups with seemingly innocuous language and deceptive titles, to conceal the true intent of the bill. This trend continues to gain momentum across state legislatures, with 2,100 model bills recently being signed into law. Not only is this approach to lawmaking problematic, but it could also have adverse effects on the public health, safety, and welfare.

For example, Missouri Senate Bill (SB) 500, also known as the Occupational Licensing Consumer Choice Act, presumably sounds like a good idea—empowering consumers to make their own choices. However, the details of the bill would allow unlicensed and unqualified individuals to provide professional services that may put the public at risk. While this bill is of interest to NCARB, Missouri’s legislative session adjourns in less than a month and the bill has yet to leave Senate committee.

Legislators are often overwhelmed during session, but an over-reliance on blanket legislative proposals is far from an ideal way to create good government solutions. Educating policymakers, galvanizing public support, and collaborating with related partners are all ways we can further counteract deregulation efforts. To help achieve this, NCARB’s Model Law and Regulations serves as an additional tool for our Member Boards.

Compared to model bills pushed by private special interests with a financial stake in the outcome, which often originate outside of the regulatory arena, NCARB’s Model Law and Regulations was created by representatives from each state licensing entity and ratified by delegates from the state regulatory boards. This allowed for greater transparency, input from a wider audience, and incorporated perspectives from a national level. The primary goal is clearly defined as the protection of the public through high standards, a rigorous path to licensure, and responsible regulatory guidelines.

Additionally, NCARB’s Model Law and Regulations offers uniformity and flexibility—something a model bill cannot. Our Model Law and Regulations recommends consistent licensing and regulation requirements, but is malleable and designed to fit the needs of individual state regulatory boards. This type of model is not overly broad, but prescriptive, based on the
significant areas of licensing and regulation the profession.

We will continue to monitor the conversation sparked by this USA Today article and are ready to offer support to our Member Boards. For questions related to NCARB’s Model Law and Regulations, please contact Joshua Batkin jb@ncarb.org or Maurice Brown mb@ncarb.org.

**International Test Centers**

During FY19, NCARB has welcomed a number of international Prometric test centers to the large network of sites administering the Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®). We had originally added London; Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates; and Kowloon, Hong Kong.

In September 2018, we added the following test center locations:

- Sydney, Australia
- Perth, Australia
- Melbourne, Australia
- Auckland, New Zealand
- Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Brasilia, Brazil
- Rio De Janeiro, Brazil
- Berlin, Germany
- Frankfurt, Germany
- Madrid, Spain
- Athens, Greece
- Rome, Italy

Based on requests from current ARE candidates, we added additional test centers in the following locations in March 2019:

- Beijing, China
- Jinan, China
- Shanghai, China
- Nanjing, China
- Manama, Bahrain
- Doha, Qatar
- Dubai, United Arab Emirates
We’ve already received feedback from ARE candidates posting on the ARE 5.0 Community that they are taking advantage of these most recent offerings. We’ll continue to monitor exam deliveries in these cities.

Rebranding of Form 155: Verification of Initial Licensure and Examination History
We are excited to announce the updated Verification of Initial Licensure and Verification of Examination History forms. Both forms will replace Form 155, have been refreshed with NCARB branding, and are in an editable PDF.

The Verification of Initial Licensure form verifies initial licensure only and any derogatory information. The form still requires a signature from a licensure authority. The Verification of Examination History form only verifies examination history. All iterations of the ARE divisions are listed, including ARE 5.0.

For questions related to this effort, please contact Vice President of Customer Relations Roxanne Alston at ralston@ncarb.org.

ARE Review
If a candidate does not pass a division of the ARE, they have several options, including retaking the failed division, requesting a score verification from NCARB, or requesting an examination review. Retaking a division and requesting a score report are available to all candidates. However, an examination review is only available if they are testing in a jurisdiction in which a review is permitted. Additionally, it is at the sole discretion of each board whether to administer the review process or not.

NCARB directs all requests for examination reviews to the appropriate board for approval. Should your board be contacted, keep in mind the following:

- In addition to a fee from the board, NCARB charges a $300 fee to review a failed exam.
- The application and review fee must be received by NCARB within four months of the administration of the exam, and the review process must be completed within six months of the test date.
- Only questions answered incorrectly may be reviewed.
- Candidates may only challenge a question answered incorrectly if your board allows challenges and appeals.
- If there is a successful challenge to a question—through an NCARB-facilitated review process—that changes a score from fail to pass, NCARB will recognize the new score for NCARB certification.
- If a state board changes a score from fail to pass outside of the NCARB-facilitated review
To learn more about the examination review process, please visit the NCARB website. For questions, please contact Jared Zurn, Vice President of Examination, at jzurn@ncarb.org, or Roxanne Alston, Vice President of Customer Relations, at ralston@ncarb.org.

Welcome New Member Board Members and Executives
We’d like to introduce the following new Member Board Members and Executives:

- Walter Sawyer joined the North Carolina Board of Architecture as an architect member.
- Christian Albouras is the new Executive Director of the Wisconsin Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers and Professional Land Surveyors.
- Eileen Hee joined the Vermont Board of Architects as an architect member.
- Rebecca Campbell joined the Vermont Board of Architects as an architect member.

Upcoming Meetings
Please be sure to mark your calendars for the upcoming events:

- 2019 Centennial Business Meeting: June 20-22, in Washington, DC
- Architect Licensing Advisory Summit: August 1-3, in Minneapolis, MN