

ARCHITECTS SECTION MEETING

MINUTES

The Architects Section of the Virginia Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects (APELSCIDLA Board) met on February 3, 2005, at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, 3600 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia, with the following members present:

John S. Clark, Jr.
J. Everette Fauber, III
Kenneth A. Schwartz

Staff present for all or part of the meeting were:

Louise Fontaine Ware, Director
Karen W. O'Neal, Deputy Director of Licensing and Regulations Division
Nick Christner, Deputy Director of Compliance and Investigations Division
Mark N. Courtney, Executive Director
Marian H. Brooks, Program Administrator
Trisha L. Henshaw, Administrative Assistant

No representative was present from the Office of the Attorney General.

Mr. Fauber, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Call to Order

Mr. Clark moved to approve the agenda as written. Mr. Schwartz seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Clark, Fauber, and Schwartz.

Approval of
Agenda

Public Comment Period – No comments were made to the Section members.

Public Comment

Regarding **File Number 2004-03025, W. Curtis Kirsch**, the Section members reviewed the Consent Order as seen and agreed to by Mr. Kirsch. After discussion, Mr. Clark moved to recommend that the Board accept the Consent Order, wherein Mr. Kirsch admits to a violation of 18 VAC 10-20-750 of the Board's 2002 regulations (Count I) and 18 VAC 10-20-740.B of the Board's 2002 regulations (Count II). For these violations, Mr. Kirsch agrees to the revocation of his architect's license. Further, Mr. Clark moved to correct the reference to "professional engineer license" in the Report of Findings and replace it with "architect license." Mr. Schwartz seconded the motion which was unanimously

File Number
2004-03025, W.
Curtis Kirsch

approved by members: Clark, Fauber, and Schwartz.

Duncan Abernathy, representative of the Virginia Society of the American Institute of Architects, discussed a bill being considered in the current session of the General Assembly regarding the regulation of photogrammetry. Mr. Abernathy discussed several concerns with the photogrammetry bill, including the composition of the Board and the seal for photogrammetrists. Mr. Courtney clarified that the current proposal does not affect the composition of the Board, and the seal issue would appropriately be addressed in regulations.

**Public Comment
Period**

The Section members discussed reapplications that are received from examination candidates that have been continuously taking the examination during their three-year eligibility period and apply within six months of the expiration of their eligibility period, in accordance with 18 VAC 10-20-140.I of the Board's regulations. After discussion, Mr. Schwartz moved to grant staff the authority to approve reapplications that meet the above criteria. Mr. Clark seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Clark, Fauber, and Schwartz.

**Discussion of
Reapplications
from
Examination
Candidates**

Mr. Fauber discussed funding for attendance of Board members at meetings of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB). Mr. Fauber stressed the importance of having all three architect members and the Board's Executive Director in attendance at the various regional and national meetings of NCARB. Ms. Ware stated that she shared Mr. Fauber's concerns, but budgetary constraints prevent funding for every board member to attend every meeting. Ms. Ware stated that she will consider his concerns when the budget is prepared for the upcoming fiscal year.

**Discussion of
Funding for
Attendance at
NCARB
Meetings**

Mr. Courtney provided the Section members with various memorandums and notices received by the Board office from NCARB during the last quarter.

**Quarterly
Information
from NCARB**

Mr. Courtney stated that there have been staff changes within the Board office. Ms. Henshaw has accepted the position of Office Manager in the Board office, which means there is currently a vacancy in the Administrative Assistant position.

Other Business

Mr. Courtney indicated that he will be making presentations at Virginia Tech and the University of Virginia to their professional practice classes. The Section members encouraged having a Board member attend the presentation at Virginia Tech.

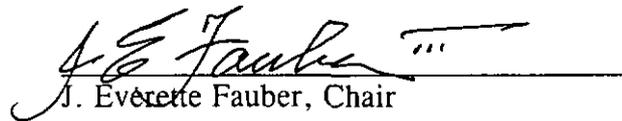
Mr. Schwartz requested clarification on an issue that was discussed previously regarding seals used by regulants of the Board. Mr. Schwartz asked if the concern regarding the use of seals is a health, safety, and welfare issue, or if it is a political issue? Mr. Courtney provided background information regarding the seal issue.

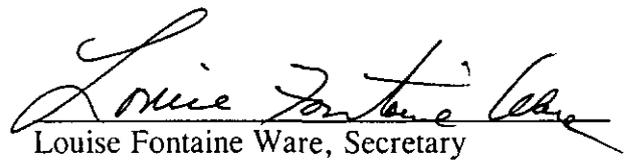
Conflict of Interest forms were completed by all members present.

Conflict of
Interest Forms

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Adjourn


J. Evérette Fauber, Chair


Louise Fontaine Ware, Secretary