

# Indiana State Board of Registration for Architects and Landscape Architects



Architects thrive at the intersection of art and technology, shaping communities through creativity and innovation. Now, artificial intelligence is ushering in a profound shift in how architects deliver solutions for their clients. As a result, architects are challenged to anticipate Al's impact, harness its potential, while ensuring its integration aligns with the values that have historically defined our profession.

Al's capability to process vast amounts of data and automate routine tasks is revolutionizing design firm workflows. Firms like <u>Zaha Hadid Architects</u> are using Al tools to generate multiple design options, photorealistic visuals, and streamline processes. Additionally, Al-driven tools can help optimize energy efficiency in buildings to reduce energy consumption and promote sustainable design. A recent <u>TIME Magazine article</u> explains this emerging technology.

But as we might expect, integrating AI into architecture comes with challenges. Some have expressed concerns that larger firms with more resources may gain a competitive advantage, raising worries about equity in the profession. And then there is the obvious anxiety that AI will replace the architect entirely. To navigate the way forward, the Indiana board is communicating with architects here at home, as well as with fellow board members in other jurisdictions across the country, in an effort to stay in front of potential challenges to the profession. Over the past year, state architecture boards—including Indiana's—have engaged in discussions over AI's impact. NCARB addressed AI in a December 2024 blog post: "NCARB is exploring how the responsibility and accountability of an architect may evolve alongside technological advancements."

Architects are natural problem-solvers, and AI presents an extraordinary opportunity to elevate our impact on the built environment. Because AI is now our reality, we must embrace it as a tool that amplifies our ability to design better and more sustainably. By integrating AI thoughtfully, we can do what architects do best - push the boundaries of creativity and environmental responsibility while stewarding our commitment to public health, safety, and welfare. I am confident that the design professionals here in Indiana will lead the way in shaping an AI-powered future that serves our communities, celebrates design excellence, and strengthens the architectural profession for generations to come.

-Todd R. Scoggins, Chairman, Indiana Board of Registration for Architects & Landscape Architects

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#### **RECENT AND UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

2025 MBE Workshop and Regional Summit February 27 – March 1 in Philadelphia

> BRALA Meeting April 2 9:00 a.m. W064

NCARB's 2025 Annual Business Meeting June 19 – 21 in Scottsdale, Arizona

> BRALA Meeting July 9 9:00 a.m. W064

# **WINTER 2024**

#### **Newly Licensed Architects**

Norissa Annice Alexander, AIA Stephen Christopher Beard Allen Andrew Anderson, AIA Kirstin Noelle Baum, AIA Brittney Castro, AIA Dylan Michael Christensen Tad Steven Costerison Hunter Crews, AIA Autumn Easley, AIA Jonah Wesley Garoutte, AIA Sandra Nicole Gofton Kurt E Green, AIA Naftoli Gut Shelby Lynn Hamilton

## In Memoriam from 2024



Wayne S. Schmidt, FAIA – June 1

Shelby Nicole Harris, AIA Adam Hayden Horkay Scott Kuchta, AIA Jack Thomas Leibham, AIA Emma M. Ocken, AIA Daniel Seth Potash, AIA Zachary Elwood Rooker Molly Anna Schultz Clinton Patrick Stoelting Joseph Richard Thompson Kionna Louise Walker, AIA Rebecca Lynn Ward Yu Zhang William Gregory Zyck, AIA

# Newly Licensed Landscape Architects

Sydney Ashley King, ASLA John Lavine, ASLA David Michael McCarel, ASLA



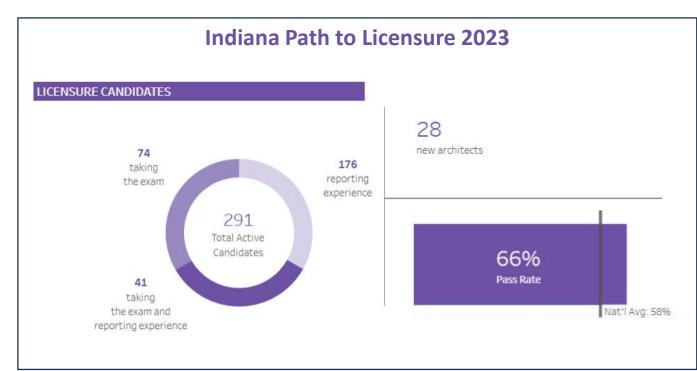
### Legislative Update

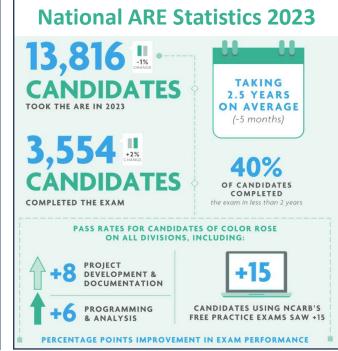
<u>SB 8, school levy referenda</u>, would restrict public questions regarding school capital projects, school operating, and school safety levies only to general elections or a to a primary election held in the year of a general election.

<u>HB 1005, housing and building matters</u>, appropriates \$25 million over the next biennium to the Residential Housing Infrastructure Assistance Revolving Fund, which is administered by the Indiana Finance Authority (IFA) and is used to fund loans for eligible participants in order to construct infrastructure related to residential housing.

<u>HB 1198, local public work projects</u>, changes the amount of a public work project that a local public works board may perform using its own workforce, without awarding a contract, from an estimated cost of less than \$250,000 to an estimated cost of less than \$500,000. The bill also exempts certain public work on public buildings from requiring architect or engineer approved plans and specifications if the project is classified as routine maintenance or upkeep or does not require a building permit from a city, town, or county.

<u>HB 1637, school and public safety matters</u>, introduces several key public safety measures:
Establishment of the Office of School Safety
Revised Secured School Safety Board Composition
Annual Inspections of Protective Door Assemblies
Expanded Inspection Options for Class 2 Structures
Streamlined Plan Reviews





#### NCARB Update

At the NCARB Board of Directors January 2025 Meeting, the Board voted to move five resolutions to the membership for discussion and feedback. These five resolutions will remain as drafts until the Board of Director's final review in April, when the Board will decide the final content of the resolutions they wish to move forward to the membership for consideration at the June 2025 Annual Business Meeting. These resolutions include:

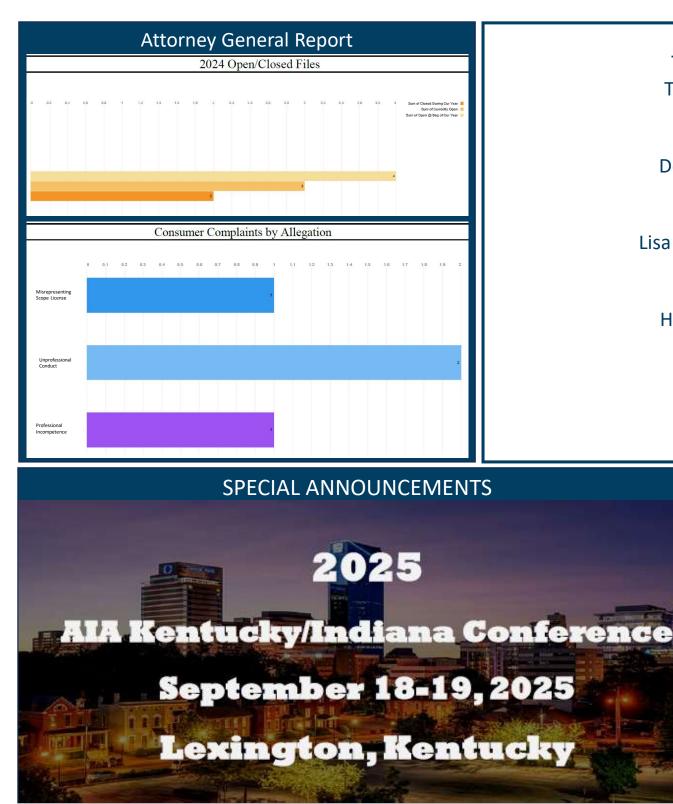
- Resolution 2025-A: Would replace the existing Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) between NCARB and Regulatory Organization in Canada (ROAC).
- Resolution 2025-B: Would have the membership ratify an MRA developed between NCARB and Costa Rica's Colegio de Arquitectos de Costa Rica/Colegio Federado de Ingenieros y Arquitectos de Costa Rica (CACR/CFIA).
- Resolution 2025-C: Would have the membership ratify an MRA developed between NCARB and the South African Council for the Architectural Profession (SACAP).
- Resolution 2025-D: Proposes a housekeeping update to the *NCARB Certification Guidelines* that would replace all instances of the word "foreign" with "international."
- Resolution 2025-E: Would adjust the eligibility requirements for the Education Alternative to Certification outlined in the *NCARB Certification Guidelines* by eliminating the required three-year delay between initial licensure and eligibility to apply for certification through this pathway.

#### **ARE Updates**

PROPOSED CHANGES TO AXP Seeking Member Comments until May 30, 2025

1. Competency Standard Alignment: The descriptions of each AXP experience area have been modified to reflect the competencies defined in the NCARB Competency Standard for Architects, replacing the current 96 AXP tasks. Note: This change does not impact the required hours or structure of the AXP.

2. Reporting Requirement Modification: In alignment with NCARB's efforts to remove time-bound restrictions not tied to competency, the reporting requirement has been modified to allow experience to qualify for 100% AXP credit if reported within one year of earning it and 75% credit if reported at any point thereafter.



# **Board Members**

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