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UTAH ARCHITECT LICENSING BOARD MEETING

June 8, 2011

Room 475 – 4th floor – 2:00 P.M.
Heber M. Wells Building
160 East 300 South
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

CONVENED: 2:05 P.M.

ADJOURNED: 3:26 P.M.

DOPL Staff Present:

Mark Steinagel, Division Director
Wayne Jeppson, DOPL Investigator
Richard J. Oborn
Lee Avery

Bureau Manager:
Board Secretary:

Board Members Present:

Jeanne Jackson, Chairperson
Hans Hoffman
Bryan Turner
Mary Bearnson

Guests:

Gilbert Gonzalez

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

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Mr. Hoffman motioned to approve the April 26, 2011 minutes, seconded by Ms. Bearnson. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Investigation report, Wayne Jeppson

Mr. Jeppson reviewed the statistics and investigated cases regarding architects with the Board.

2. Exemption in 58-3a-304(1)(b)

Mr. Oborn advised the Board that he recently was asked whether designed the plan and specification for a townhouse of more than four units requires licensure as an architect. Utah Code 58-3a-304(1)(b) references an exemption from architect licensure that applies to such cases:

(1) In addition to the exemptions from licensure in Section 58-1-307, the following may engage in the stated limited acts or practices without being licensed under this chapter:

(b) a person preparing a plan and specification for a one, two, three, or four-family residence

not exceeding two stories in height, exclusive of basement;

A townhouse is defined in the 2006 International Residential Code as follows:

A single family dwelling unit constructed in a group or three or more attached units in which each unit extends from foundation to roof and with open space on at least two sides.

Applying the provisions cited above, the Division and Board finds that each single family unit within a townhome represents a single family residence. Each unit of a townhouse is designed such that each is structurally independent and has its own egress. For these reasons, the Division concludes that designing the plan and specification of townhouse falls under the architect license exemption found in Utah Code 58-3a-304 (1)(b).

Mr. Steinagel noted that the Division has to follow the letter of the law. The Board noted that there have been many changes in the building codes and the wording is old and could be updated; however, the Board opted to not recommend changes to the building code and statute at this time.

3. Amendment to definition of “recognized jurisdiction” as defined in R156-3a-102(11)

Mr. Oborn reviewed an amendment to the definition of “recognized jurisdiction” as defined in R156-3a-102(11). Mr. Oborn noted that some individuals are unable to obtain a Utah license regardless of how many years of work experience they have. Mr. Turner motioned to accept the changes as recommended, seconded Mr. Hoffman. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Architectural seal requirements in Utah Admin. Code R156-3a-601

Mr. Oborn advised the Board that there have been questions regarding the seal and if it is appropriate to submit copies of plans to jurisdictions. The Board reviewed the Architect License Act Rule, R156-31a-601 regarding the seal requirements.

Architectural Seal - Requirements.

In accordance with Section 58-3a-601, all final plans and specifications of buildings erected in this state, prepared by the licensee or prepared under the supervision of the licensee, shall be sealed in accordance with the following:

- (1) Each seal shall be a circular seal, 1-1/2 inches minimum diameter.*
- (2) Each seal shall include the licensee's name, license number, "State of Utah", and "Licensed Architect".*
- (3) Each seal shall be signed and dated with the signature and date appearing across the face of each seal imprint.*
- (4) Each original set of final plans and specifications, as a minimum, shall have the original seal imprint, original signature and date placed on the cover or title sheet.*
- (5) A seal may be a wet stamp, embossed, or electronically produced.*
- (6) Copies of the original set of plans and specifications which contain the original seal, original signature and date is permitted, if the seal, signature and date is clearly recognizable.*

The Board noted that sections 4 and 6 appear to possibly contradict each other. The Board decided to table further discussion about this issue until the next Board meeting.

5. National resolution to be considered at 2011 NCARB Annual Meeting, June 22-25

Ms. Jackson shared with the Board that there were 2 major topics for discussion at the 2011 NCARB Annual Meeting, June 22-25. One topic is the dues increase. Some felt that the fees were very high. Mr. Oborn noted that there are enough fees collected through the application and Education and Enforcement Fund that a fee increase with NCARB will not impact DOPL. Ms. Jackson noted that part of the fee increase is because NCARB is moving towards better testing with a new system and this will require new test questions. Ms. Jackson stated that the other topic was developing license requirements and continuing education hours to be more uniform between various jurisdictions. The Board opted to follow NCARB for uniformity with other states. Making Utah's continuing education requirement uniform with the NCARB standard will require that a bill be sponsored and passed by the Utah Legislature.

6. Board newsletter CE requirement

Ms. Jackson stated that the next newsletter is due out in July. Mr. Schreitter will submit an article about IDP. Ms. Jackson stated she will write a summary of what happened at the annual meeting for the newsletter. The Board reviewed the CE requirement and discussed including information about the requirement in the newsletter.

7. CE requirement
Education and Enforcement Fund

Discussed above.
The Board reviewed status of the Education and

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Enforcement Fund.
The next scheduled Board meeting:
August 10, 2011

2011 Board meetings have been scheduled:
October 12, December 14.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at:3:26 P.M.

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

August 8, 2011
Date

(ss) Jeanne Jackson
Chairperson, Utah Architect Licensing Board

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Date

(ss) Richard J. Oborn
Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational &
Professional Licensing.