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Important Changes for Registrants – Online Renewal and More

In May, the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners (TBAE) introduced a new Web site. Using a unique password, registrants and exam candidates can log on to a secure site to conduct a variety of business transactions with TBAE. Registrants and exam candidates will receive a letter before their next renewal with detailed instructions for logging on to the system. Here's an example of the services available online:

- **Online payments with credit cards and electronic checks** – Paying online allows real-time transactions which can help avoid late fees when renewing a registration. Registrants are able to pay fees with electronic checks and Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express credit cards.
- **Renewal Forms** – We will continue to mail registration renewal reminders to all registrants and payments can still be mailed in. Registrants will have the option to go online and submit the required renewal information and pay the renewal fee, possibly avoiding late fees.
- **Change Address** – Registrants and exam candidates may now update and verify the accuracy of all the personal contact information on file with TBAE.
- **Continuing Education** – Registrants will be able to record their continuing education hours on an electronic log beginning with the next renewal period.
- **Certificate of Standing** – Registrants can apply and pay for a certificate of standing to be sent to other jurisdictions.
- **New Registration** – First-time registrants to Texas can apply for registration in Texas, whether by reciprocity or by exam.
- **Scholarship** – Qualified applicants can apply for the AREFAF (Architect Registration Examination Financial Assistance Fund) Scholarship.
- **Exam Scores** – Exam candidates will have their records logged electronically and available for review via the Web. Candidates can check on their scores by logging on to their account.
- **Submit a Complaint** – Anyone who believes that laws governing the practice of architecture, landscape architecture, or interior design may have been violated can review the rules and file a complaint online.

Other Changes on the Way

- **TBAE Renewal Periods Change** – Your next renewal notice from TBAE will look a little different because something different is going on. Your annual registration period will begin and end on your birth month. This will require a shift in renewal deadlines for most registrants. Renewal invoices will have a prorated fee and, after the prorated fee is paid, the new expiration date will be the last day of your birth month.

To help offset any confusion, annual continuing education program hours will not be required during the prorated period from the old expiration date to your birth month. Continuing education hours can be accrued for the next full annual period, which will begin on your new (birth month) expiration date. When the prorated period has passed, the annual requirement of obtaining 8 hours of continuing education will resume to correspond with the new expiration date.

OLD RENEWAL PERIOD	NEW RENEWAL PERIOD
Interior Designers - December 1 or June 1	The last day of registrant's birth month
Architects - February 28 or July 31	
Landscape Architects February 1 or August 31	

- **Pocket Cards** – Beginning in December 2005, all registrants will receive a permanent plastic pocket card which will replace the annual paper pocket card. The pocket card is an official record that indicates registration with the Texas Board. Registrants who renew online will be able to print a renewal receipt each year.

ENFORCEMENT

Each of the following cases is based on the applicable rule in effect at the time of the violation. Individual rules may change between the time a violation occurs and the case is publicized.

The following enforcement cases were decided in the previous year. The rules provided on TBAE's Web site (www.tbae.state.tx.us) include the adoption date and amendment date(s) for each rule.

Every effort has been made to ensure that the following information is correct; however, this information should not be relied upon without verification from the Board office. It should be noted that the names of companies and individuals listed may be similar to the names of parties who have not had enforcement actions taken against them. Disciplinary orders are public record and copies may be obtained by contacting the board office.

Cases Involving Registrants

WILLIAM K. EDWARDS, ARCHITECT

(DALLAS, TEXAS) Mr. Edwards' registration was suspended for twelve months and he was ordered to complete an ethics training program for accepting payment and failing to forward it to the intended recipient, a violation of Rule 1.143(g) of the Rules and Regulations of the Board in effect at the time in question, and for failing to respond to any inquiry of the Board regarding the case, a violation of Rule 1.161(n).

CLIFFORD L. GASKAMP, ARCHITECT

(FORT WORTH, TEXAS) Mr. Gaskamp's registration was revoked for designing a building with inadequate exitways, failing to specify proper installation of fireplaces and flue pipes and sufficient fire resistant materials in violation of applicable codes, and specifying

contradictory direction on the plans regarding the applicable code and the proper number of exits, a violation of Rule 8.04 and Rule 8.05(3) of the Rules and Regulations of the Board at the time in question.

JAMES BRUCE MACGREGOR,

ARCHITECT (ATLANTA, GEORGIA) An administrative penalty of \$700 for failing to submit projects' plans and specifications for accessibility review within the timeframe provided by Section 5(k) of the Texas Architectural Barriers Act.

RONALD WADE STEWART, ARCHITECT

(RICHMOND, TEXAS) An administrative penalty of \$700 for failing to submit projects' plans and specifications for accessibility review within the timeframe provided by Section 5(k) of the Texas Architectural Barriers Act.

Cases Against Non-registrants

The Board has ordered the following individuals to refrain from practicing architecture and to refrain from using a form of the title "architect" to describe themselves and/or their businesses in Texas.

RAUL FLORES (DALLAS, TEXAS) – \$16,500 administrative penalty

ALFRED N. GUERRA (SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS) – \$1,500 administrative penalty

CARMEN PIUNNO (SPRING, TEXAS) – \$500 administrative penalty

JOHN MARC TOLSON (NORTH RICHLAND HILLS, TEXAS) – \$3,000 administrative penalty

(Mr. Tolson has since obtained his registration in Texas.)

The Board has ordered the following individual to refrain from using the title "interior designer" to describe himself and/or the services he provides in Texas.

CARL LOWERY (FORT WORTH, TEXAS) – \$500 administrative penalty

New Board Members

The Board welcomes four new members. See TBAE's Web site for a short resume of each member.

- Rosemary A. Gammon, PAHM, Public Member
- Peggy Lewene "Lew" Vassberg, Interior Designer Member
- James S. Walker, II, AIA, Architect Member
- Alfred Vidaurri, Jr., AIA, Architect Member

Newly FIDER Accredited Schools

TBAE is pleased to announce that three Texas schools have received FIDER accreditation for their interior design programs. Congratulations to Abilene Christian University, The Art Institute of Houston, and Baylor University, Waco. Contact information is provided on the TBAE Web site.

Certificates of Appreciation

TBAE presented certificates of appreciation to the following architects for their donation of time and professional expertise:

Michael D. Elliott, AIA
David Rayburn Hamill
Morton H. Levy, FAIA
Bill T. Wilson II, FAIA

News and Updates

Rules

During the past year, the Board adopted new rules and amendments to existing rules. Look for the text of these rules on TBAE's Web site, www.tbae.state.tx.us.

Board Meetings

The Board meets three or four times every year and the meetings are open to the public. The agendas for these meetings are published in the Texas Register and on our Web site approximately 7 – 10 days prior to the meetings. The following board meetings will be held in Conference Room 225, Tower 2 of the Hobby Building located at 333 Guadalupe, Austin, TX 78701:

January 23-24, 2006

May 15-16, 2006

October 16-17, 2006

TBAE Seeks Attorney General Opinion

TBAE Chair Gordon Landreth submitted a request for an Attorney General's Opinion (Request No. 0360-GA) on issues surrounding architecture and engineering. An opinion is due no later than January 2, 2006. See TBAE's Web site for a copy of the request and supporting exhibits.



A New Look

TBAE's new logo reflects the Board's mission to ensure a safe built environment for Texas by regulating the professions of architecture, interior design, and landscape architecture. The skyline quadrant of the circle represents the profession of architecture; the open door represents the profession of interior design; the outdoor view represents the profession of landscape architecture; and the state of Texas represents the citizens of this great state.



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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please make sure that we have your current address so we can mail your renewal notice to you in a timely fashion. You may edit your own address by logging on to your personal account (<http://www.tbae.state.tx.us>). Or you may put the address change in writing, include your signature, and mail or fax it (512/305-8900). We mail renewal notices to registrants as a service. Please be aware that you are responsible for paying your renewal fee whether or not you receive a notice.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting is scheduled for January 23-24, 2006. It will be held in conference room 2-225 of the Hobby Building, 333 Guadalupe, Austin, Texas. The agenda for this meeting will be posted on TBAE's Web site (<http://www.tbae.state.tx.us>) on January 13, 2006.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Cathy L. Hendricks, ASID/IIDA

BOARD MEMBERS

Gordon E. Landreth, AIA—Chair, Architect Member,
Term ends 1/31/07

Diane Steinbrueck, ASLA—Vice-Chair, Landscape
Architect Member, Term ends 1/31/07

Janet Parnell—Secretary/Treasurer, Public Member,
Term ends 1/31/07

Rosemary A. Gammon—PAHM, Public Member,
Term ends 1/31/11

Kyle Garner—Public Member, Term ends 1/31/09

Peter L. Pfeiffer, FAIA—Architect Member,
Term ends 1/31/09

Peggy Lewene (Lew) Vassberg—Interior Designer Member,
Term ends 1/31/11

Alfred Vidaurri, Jr., AIA—Architect Member,
Term ends 1/31/09

James S. Walker, II—Architect Member,
Term ends 1/31/11

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