



Regional Associate Director (2008-2010)

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RAD REPORT: AIA NEW ENGLAND

Regional Associate Directors Elect: Casey Nixon

- Casey is a member of both the AIA and AIACT and is the AIANE Regional Associate Director Elect, which will place her on the AIANE Board of Directors and the National Associates Committee. In 2003, Casey earned a B.S. in Architecture from Georgia Institute of Technology, and in 2007 she earned her M. Arch from the University of Hartford. She currently works for S/L/A/M Collaborative in Glastonbury, CT, where she assists with in-house mentoring program. Previously, she was a member of the AIACT Board of Directors in 2008, as their Associate Representative, as well as Chair of their Emerging Architects Committee. From 2006 to 2009 she was also a member of AIA National's Practice Academy Advisor Committee. Casey has started taking the ARE in 2009.
- **ACTION:** Please introduce yourself to Casey

National Associates Committee:

NAC News -

- September 25th AIArchitect included an article submitted by a NAC member:
 - **“The Evolution of Internship as Times Get Rough and Rules Change: Adaptation becomes the name-of-the-game”**
 - http://info.aia.org/aiarchitect/thisweek09/0925/0925rc_epinternship.cfm

NAC Annual Meeting -

- NAC held its annual meeting, November 5-8. The 2010 RADs from each of the 18 AIA regions were in attendance.
- New RADs have begun their term. The current NAC roster is on the NAC Web site: <http://www.aia.org/nac>
 - 2009 Associate Director Meggan Lux will be the 2010 Associate rep. to the AIA Excom.
 - 2009 NAC Chair Jonathan Taylor will be the 2010 Associate Director.
- The meeting focused on topics of Leadership, Advocacy, Community and Communications, and Knowledge, while also discussing IDP, ARE, mentoring and began to explore non-traditional careers.
- AIA Vice-President-elect for 2010-11 Mickey Jacob, FAIA attended and provided an inspiring keynote address on leadership. Also, in attendance was Texas Regional Director, Jeff Potter, AIA, staff, Adam Melis; using the Center's A/V system, 2010 AIA President-elect George Miller, FAIA was able to address the group and introduce them to Dallas.

2010 NAC Executive Board (ExBoard) - new officers were elected:

- **Bill Turner**, from the Western Mountain Region is the 2010 NAC Chair.
- Three RADs were elected as additional directors:
 - **Ashley Clark**, South Atlantic Region – Knowledge/Programming Director
 - **Seth Wentz**, Pennsylvania Region – Advocacy Director
 - **Derek Roberts**, Michigan Region – Community/Communications Director
- The NAC Excom will be meeting at the beginning of December to finalize our 2010 Agenda and update our Strategic Plan for the year. Suggestions were made by all RADs during our Annual Meeting; it is now up to our Excom to narrow it down.

Next Annual Meeting -

AIA National Associates Committee



Representing the Associate Membership of The American Institute of Architects

- To align our terms as RADs with the Regional Board and AIA National, it has been proposed that our Annual Meetings, during which we also hold our elections, occur each year during Convention, rather than in the fall, as it currently stands. This has not yet been confirmed for this coming year; it is pending our 2010 budget, which is due out in December. If it does not happen this coming year, it is possible that will occur in the coming years.
- Should this change go into effect for 2010 that would mean that my term would end early and Casey would take over as the New England RAD at the beginning of June.
- What are the implications on our Board, should this change happen? Are there any concerns/issues/questions that anyone would like brought to the attention of our committee?

AIA 2010 Budget and Operating Plan -

- The NAC has been affected by recently eliminated staff positions at AIA headquarters. Our AIA Staff Liaison's position was one of the jobs eliminated. It is yet to be seen who will be our liaison going forward.

Scholarships/Awards Deadlines: Please promote these awards to your firms and Associates

Jason Pettigrew ARE Scholarship - <http://www.aia.org/professionals/groups/nac/AIAS074731>

- Applications due: January 2010
- The NAC is requesting component support of this scholarship. It is only with future contributions, the fund can continue to be used to build on Jason's efforts of promoting professional development and licensure by awarding ARE Scholarships in his honor.
- **ACTION:** Please encourage Associates in your components to apply.
- **ACTION:** Please consider donating to the scholarship fund

IDP Firm Award -

- Next Deadline Coming up – **January 15, 2010, Midnight, EST**
<http://www.aia.org/professionals/groups/epr/AIAS075023?dvid=&recspec=AIAS075023>

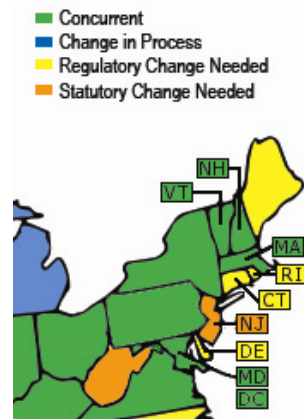
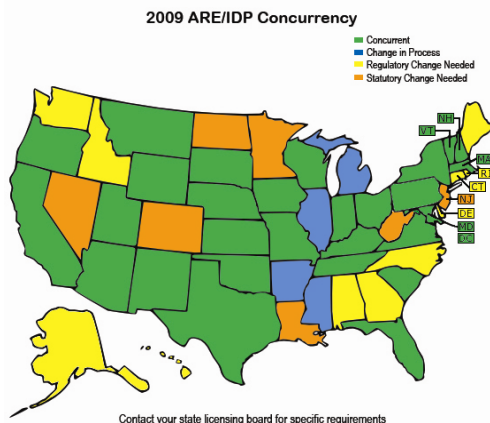
Licensure News: IDP and ARE:

NCARB -

- Webcasts: **IDP 2.0 Webcast**, (14:22mins)
 - <http://ncarb.org/Publications/Webcasts/IDP20.aspx>

IDP/ARE Concurrency –

- In June 2007, NCARB's Member Boards voted to approve an ARE timing resolution granting access to the ARE prior to the completion of the Intern Development Program (IDP). Each state board must decide individually if concurrent completion of IDP and ARE will be allowed.
- In New England: MA, NH, and VT are concurrent; CT, RI, and ME are not. Additionally, ME does not require completion of IDP to sit for the ARE.





- **ACTION:** It is a goal of the NAC to have all states be concurrent. CT, RI, and ME, please encourage your boards to

NAAB 2009 Conditions for Accreditation

- Approved at their July board of directors meeting, the new Conditions for Accreditation will go into effect on **April 1, 2010**, and be used by the NAAB to accredit professional degree programs in architecture from 2011 through 2016.
- **IDP:** Programs must demonstrate that students, prior to the earliest point of eligibility, have the information needed to enroll in the Intern Development Program (IDP); further, an IDP Coordinator must be appointed and trained and have regular communication with students.

ARE 4.0 –

- Faulty tests - Sept/Oct 2009
 - 40 out of 7000 exams affected
 - Human error by Prometric
 - Unsolvable vignette – difficulty level increased
 - Answer given – layer w/answer left on
 - Disclosure about faulty tests was only to those effected, via letter from Prometric
 - Must retake exams
 - Prometric's error, Prometric's responsibility to rectify, no fault/onus to NCARB
 - Prometric Compensation Package -
 - No six-month waiting period to retest
 - No fee to retest
 - Free additional exam of choice – to compensate for lost time off from work
 - Errors were corrected upon discovery

Links:

- ARE - <http://www.ncarb.com/en/ARE.aspx>
- Six-Month Rule - <http://www.ncarb.com/Experience-Through-Internships/Maintaining-Participation/Six-Month-Rule.aspx>

AIA Mission Statement

The AIA is the voice of the architectural profession and the resource for its members in service to society.

NAC Mission Statement

The National Associates Committee is dedicated to representing and advocating for Associates, both mainstream and alternative, in the national, regional, state, and local components of the AIA.