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Board Member Reappointments



Brian M. Kelly was reappointed for another five-year term on the Nebraska Board. Kelly is a licensed architect and an associate professor of architecture at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln

(UNL). He joined the Board as the architecture education member in 2018. Currently, he serves as the Board's Chair.



Brett P. Foley, Ph. D., was reappointed for another term on the Nebraska Board. Foley is the Director of Professional Credentialing and a Senior Psychometrician at Alpine Testing Solutions. He has served with the Board as the Board's public member since 2018.



Daniel J. Thiele was reappointed for another term on the Nebraska Board. Thiele is a licensed professional civil engineer with 30 years of experience in geotechnical and materials engineering. He was first appointed to the Board in 2018.

Board members are appointed by the Governor for terms of five years.

Board Executive Director Travels to London to Discuss US-UK MRA



Over the past few years, there has been increasing interest from the government, employers, and professional associations in exploring the possibility of recognition of professional engineering qualifications between the United Kingdom and the United States. This intention was announced in June 2023 as President

Biden and UK Prime Minister Sunak announced the Atlantic Declaration for a Twenty-First Century US-UK Economic Partnership.

As part of the Atlantic Declaration, the National Council of Examiners for

Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) and the UK's Engineering Council commenced discussions on a Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) for Engineering. This follows the success of an MRA on architecture that concluded in April 2023.

In furtherance of this effort, Board Executive Director Jon Wilbeck traveled to London in January 2024 as part of a US delegation to learn about the UK's engineering sector and licensure process. The three-day visit included meetings with UK government ministers, senior executives from several prominent UK engineering companies, and leaders of the Engineering Council. These engagements were designed to:

- Showcase the UK engineering sector across various disciplines;
- Outline the standards of engineering education and experience across the United Kingdom;
- Provide an opportunity to learn about the Engineering Council, including their professional review process, continuing professional development, and relationship with discipline-specific engineering institutes; and
- Promote further cooperation between the UK and US engineering sectors.

Further development and possible ratification of an MRA will be considered by the NCEES Board of Directors this year, based on input from the delegation and NCEES member boards.

Board Members Travel to Georgia for NCARB Regional Summit

Board members Lenora Nelson, Brian Kelly, Alan Wedige, and Director Jon Wilbeck traveled to Savannah, Georgia in March 2024 for the 2024 National Council of Architectural Registration Board's (NCARB) Regional Summit.

The summit opened with an opening plenary session followed by meetings and a working lunch, and the day ended with a workshop session. The following day, attendees heard a keynote speaker on architecture and artificial intelligence before having the opportunity to engage with members

of other NCARB regions. Nebraska delegates gathered with its region once more before wrapping up the event with a closing plenary session.

Legislative Bill 16

The Board has been monitoring the progress of legislative efforts to create a registry of interior designers and to regulate the practice of interior design, and it appears such efforts will be implemented.

On Tuesday, January 30th, Senator Brewer introduced [Amendment 2229 \(AM2229\)](#) to [Legislative Bill 16 \(LB16\)](#). If enacted into law as part of LB16, AM2229 would create an interior design registry, and the registry would be administered by the Nebraska State Treasurer.

As of Thursday, February 29th, LB16 passed on Final Reading by a 42-1-1 vote and is now on the governor's desk for consideration and signature. If the Governor signs LB16, it becomes law five days after he signs it.

NBEA Lunch and Learn Webinar Series

The Board will be hosting a Lunch and Learn Webinar Series on Wednesday, March 27th at 12pm (central). The topic will be regarding the Board and The Nebraska Engineers and Architects Regulations Act. To register for the event, please

visit <https://sonvideo.webex.com/sonvideo/j.php?MTID=md31ac5d9c8f8f38ac7690374e4ae017a>.

Name Change Information

For those who have had a legal name change, you will need to send a [Name Change Request and Attestation form](#) along with a copy of the legal document granting the name change to nbea.office@nebraska.gov or by mail. Refer to the instructions on the form for more information. Your license seal will also need to be updated to reflect the name change.

Continuing Education Audit Documentation

If a licensee has been notified they have been selected for a continuing education (CE) audit for the 2022-2023 renewal period, please remember to submit the following documents for review:

- A completed [CE log](#) of your continuing education activities for the 2022-23 renewal period AND
- Attendance verification records in the form of completion certificates or other documents supporting evidence of attendance; or
- Records maintained by NCEES, NCARB, or AIA.

The CE log and attendance verification records must be arranged in order by completion date and combined into one document, such as a PDF. If the Board receives materials not in compliance with this requirement, the information will not be accepted, and the licensee will be required to resubmit their information in conformance with the requirements. If a licensee claims carryover hours from a previous renewal period, all documents for the renewal period carrying over must be submitted with the 2022-23 renewal period documents, including a completed CE log and supporting documentation for the hours claimed for the entire renewal period.

Licensees may send the information by email to nbea.compliance@nebraska.gov or by mail to Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects, PO Box 95165, Lincoln, NE 68509-5165. Once accepted, it may take Board staff up to 30 days to review. The licensee will be notified of the audit results via email.

Please email nbea.compliance@nebraska.gov with any questions.

Board Community Outreach



Over the last several months, board staff have been speaking with organizations and colleges regarding a variety of topics, including when an engineer or architect is required to be involved in project, proposed rules changes, and the process for becoming a licensed professional engineer and architect.

For any organization interested in having us come and speak to their group, class, etc., we're available! If you are interested, please contact nbea.marketing@nebraska.gov to discuss any opportunity!

ARE 5.0 Guidelines Improvements

NCARB has made some improvements to the ARE 5.0 Guidelines! Candidates preparing for the Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®) should be sure to review the newly released version of the ARE 5.0 Guidelines—recently updated to include a streamlined ARE 5.0 Reference Guide, details on the retirement of QFIBs, recent improvements to code-related items, and updated security policies extending score report evaluation times.

Download the latest version here >> <https://ow.ly/HhxB50QG5Sq>

NCARB Releases Annual Report

NCARB released their [Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2023](#)—sharing top moments of the year including the retirement of the rolling clock policy, their joint action plan with the National Organization of Minority Architects, and strides toward their vision of ensuring safe spaces & places for all communities.

NCEES Professional Activities and Knowledge Study

NCEES is still seeking architectural engineers to participate in a professional activities and knowledge study, or PAKS, for the PE Architectural Engineering exam. The results of this online survey will be used to update the content of the PE exam, which is a process that occurs every six to eight years.

If you are a licensed professional engineer, NCEES would appreciate your input. The survey can be completed in about 20–30 minutes. The survey will be open until April 24, 2024.

[Click here for access to the online survey.](#)

For more information, contact NCEES Exam Development Engineer Sonya Dawson, P.E., sdawson@ncees.org.

Licensure Updates 01/24/2024 – 02/29/2024

NEWLY-LICENSED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

Architectural

Kathleen M. Walker

Omaha, NE

Civil

Dalton D. Carter

Omaha, NE

Jonathan E. Dale

Elkhorn, NE

John S. Farag	Omaha, NE
Kelsey R. Johns	Omaha, NE
Kalen J. Kasik	Yutan, NE
Farhad Latifi	Omaha, NE
Eric R. Suing	Omaha, NE
Travis L. Wallen	Lincoln, NE

Electrical and Computer

Ryan A. Kruse	Gretna, NE
Irma A. Nicholls	Lincoln, NE

Mechanical

Austin L. Seagren	Omaha, NE
Derrik A. Walton	Omaha, NE

Structural

Reid C. Behrens	Lincoln, NE
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Recently Resolved Compliance Cases

24.03 – Unlicensed Practice

Summary: A complaint was submitted alleging Respondent was engaging in the unlicensed practice of architecture in commercial construction.

Action: Following an investigation, the Board voted to dismiss the complaint after sending Respondent a Letter of Warning addressing the unlicensed practice of architecture as described in Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 81-34442.

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