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## APELSCIDLA Board Welcomes New Board Members



**Cabell Crowther**

Mr. Crowther is a native of central Virginia and is a licensed landscape architect. He studied landscape architecture and planning at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology in Melbourne Australia and Virginia Tech, where he received a BA in landscape architecture in 1991. In a 1998 Mr. Crowther founded Crowther Landscape Architecture in Lynchburg, VA. He works as a sole practitioner providing professional services to municipal, commercial, institutional and residential clients throughout the Commonwealth. Mr. Crowther actively supports his community and has served as a director on a number of local conservation focused boards including: the Lynchburg Historical Foundation, The Anne Spencer Memorial Foundation, Trout Unlimited and The Central Virginia Land Conservancy.



**Clint Good**

Mr. Good is a registered architect, planner, author and the owner of Clint Good Architects, PC of Lincoln, VA which was established in 1986. He is a graduate of the School of Architecture of The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. He is a pioneer in the area of 'healthy buildings,' having written one of the first books on the subject. Good has written

many articles and lectured throughout the world. In addition to his environmental design practice, Good is a member of

the Loudoun County Board of Zoning Appeals and the Courts Grounds and Facilities Committee among others. He also serves the Commonwealth's Art & Architecture Review Board. He is an avid Rotarian and Past-President.



**Patrick Leary**

Mr. Leary has been in the surveying field for over 20 years. Originally from New Jersey, Mr. Leary settled in Southwest Virginia in 1993. His work experience includes Virginia Department of Transportation providing land surveying and base mapping; WW Associates, serving as Director of Surveys in Lynchburg; and Gay and Neel, Inc., serving as Project Manager and Director of Surveys in Roanoke. Mr. Leary was in the U.S. Army Reserves from 1988 to 1996 serving as a surveyor and survey instructor. From 1990 to 1991 Mr. Leary was on active duty in Saudi Arabia responsible for main supply routes: runways, roadways, staging areas and hospital drainage. He was awarded the Army Commendation Medal in 1991 for service in combat.

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# Revised Guidance Document Regarding Topographic Surveys Approved by the Board

At its meeting on June 16, 2011, the Board revised the Guidance Document regarding the use of topographic surveys in Virginia. It explains the application of the relevant statutes and regulations regarding topographic surveys. The document explains the requirements for signing the survey statement, clarifies the standard by which surveys must be done, and emphasizes professionals' requirement to use only regulated topographic surveys. The guidance document can also be found on our website and on the TownHall website.

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**The purpose of this document is to clarify 18VAC10-20-382.B.11 of the Board's regulations, performance standards for conducting topographic surveys, and the use of unregulated topographic surveys.**

## Statement Requirement for Surveys

Currently, Board regulations require that a certification statement be included with all topographic surveys:

### 18VAC10-20-382.B.11

"A statement, in the following form, shall be shown on or contained in plats, maps, or digital geospatial data including metadata:

This \_\_\_\_\_ (provide description of the project) was completed under the direct and responsible charge of,

\_\_\_\_\_, (Name of Surveyor or Surveyor Photogrammetrist) from an actual ☐ Ground or ☐ Airborne (check the one that is applicable) survey made under my supervision; that the imagery and/or original data was obtained on \_\_\_\_\_ (Date); and that this plat, map, or digital geospatial data including metadata meets minimum accuracy standards unless otherwise noted."

The statement indicates that the "Name of Surveyor or Surveyor Photogrammetrist" is required. The individuals authorized to perform topographic surveys

are land surveyors and surveyor photogrammetrists licensed pursuant to 54.1-400 (et seq.) of the *Code of Virginia*. However, licensed architects and professional engineers are also authorized by Virginia statute to perform topographic surveys provided the survey is incidental to the architectural or engineering project, respectively:

### § 54.1-401. Exemptions.

"The following shall be exempted from the provisions [surveyor license] of this chapter:

1. Practice of professional engineering and land surveying by a licensed architect when such practice is incidental to what may be properly considered an architectural undertaking.
2. Practice of architecture and land surveying by a licensed professional engineer when such practice is incidental to an engineering project."

It is the intent of the Board's regulations that the statement required by 18VAC10-20-382.B.11 of the Board's regulations be signed by whichever professional completed the survey- surveyor, surveyor photogrammetrist, architect, or professional engineer.

### Survey Performance Standard

*Board regulations also require that any licensed professional, authorized to perform a survey, must perform the survey to the standards contained in 18VAC10-20-382 of the Board's regulations:*

### 18VAC10-20-730.C

"The professional shall adhere to the minimum standards and requirements pertaining to the practice of his own profession, as well as other professions if incidental work is performed."

When a licensed surveyor or surveyor photogrammetrist performs a topographic survey, or if an architect or professional engineer performs a topographic survey incidental to an architectural or engineering project, respectively, he must seal, sign, and date the survey per Board regulations:

*Cont.*



## Revised Guidance Document Continued

### 18VAC10-20-382.A

“The minimum standards and procedures set forth in this section are to be used for topographic surveys performed in the Commonwealth of Virginia pursuant to Chapter 4 (§ 54.1-400 et seq.) of Title 54.1 of the Code of Virginia. The application of the professional's seal, signature and date as required by these regulations shall be evidence that the topographic survey is correct to the best of the professional's knowledge and belief, and complies with the minimum standards and procedures.”

Board regulations also require a seal, signature, and date even in situations where a license is not required:

### 18VAC10-20-760.B.4

“The seal of each professional responsible for each profession shall be used and shall be on each document that was prepared under the professional's direction and for which that professional is responsible. If one of the exemptions found in § 54.1-402 of the Code of Virginia is applicable, a professional licensed or certified by this board shall nevertheless apply his seal to the exempt work.”

#### Use of Unregulated Topographic Surveys

The *Code of Virginia* requires that a topographic survey be performed by a professional who is duly licensed by the Board. Topographic surveys used in the design, modification, construction of improvements to real property, or for flood plain determination must be sealed, signed, and dated by the licensed professional who performed the survey or directly supervised the person who performed the survey. A topographic survey that is not sealed, signed, and dated by a professional must only be used for general information pursuant to Virginia statute:

### § 54.1-402.C Further exemptions from license requirements for architects, professional engineers, and land surveyors.

(third paragraph) “Any person not licensed pursuant to subsection B of § 54.1-404 or 54.1-406 pre-

paring documentation pursuant to subsection C of § 54.1-402 shall note the following on such documentation: “Any determination of topography or contours, or any depiction of physical improvements, property lines or boundaries is for general information only and shall not be used for the design, modification, or construction of improvements to real property or for flood plain determination.”

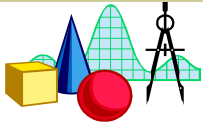
#### Summary

*The excerpts from Virginia statutes and Board regulations are provided above for your convenience to help you locate the text from the administrative and positive law that establishes the Board's authority. To conclude the information above, the following summaries of this document are provided: Although the Board's regulations indicate that the survey statement requires the “Name of Surveyor or Surveyor Photogrammetrist”, the architect or engineer who performed the survey, or directly supervised the individual, who performed the survey, must place his name on the statement required by the regulations. Surveys must be performed to the standards established in the Board's regulations whether the survey is performed by a licensed surveyor, surveyor photogrammetrist, architect, or professional engineer as indicated in this document. All surveys, regardless of whether exempt from statutory licensure requirements, must be sealed, signed, and dated by the professional who performed the survey or directly supervised the individual who performed the survey.*

*Any professional licensed by the Board, who utilizes a topographic survey to perform professional work, must ensure that the survey is sealed, signed, and dated properly as indicated above.*

*USGS quad sheets and GIS data, or other unregulated topographic surveys prepared pursuant to §54.1-402.C of the Code of Virginia, may be used for general information and need not be signed and sealed. The use of unsigned information must include a statement clearly depicting the use of those documents and their origin.*





## Former Board Member Stanley Harris, PE Receives NCEES Distinguished Service Award



*Stanley Harris (left) receives award from Dave Widmer,  
NCEES Northeast Zone Vice President*

Stanley C. Harris, P.E., is currently an emeritus member of the Virginia Board of Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers, and Landscape Architects, after serving the maximum two consecutive four year terms from 2002 to 2010. During his tenure, he served as board chairman for the 2007-2008 term. Mr. Harris also served two terms on the board from 1992-2000. He has served as Section chair and on numerous committees including the ABET Engineering Accreditation Committee site review at UVA College at Wise 2009.

In his service to NCEES, Mr. Harris has served on the NCEES Engineering Licensure Qualifications Task Force 2000-2002, Special Committee on Constitutions and Bylaws Chair 2003-2004 and 2004-2005, Licensure Qualifications Oversight Group 2003-2004, Committee on Nominations 2008-2010 and Alternate Licensure Pathway Task Force 2010-2011.

In his service to the profession, Mr. Harris has been a member of the Central Virginia section of American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) since 1968, serving as chair of Membership Development 1979-1983. He also served on the ASME Honors & Awards Committee, and chaired the Committee 1983-1985; he also served on the Audit Committee 2009-2010.

Mr. Harris was the Director of the Engineering Club of Richmond, Inc. 1988-1995, also serving as President 1988-1995 and Vice President/Treasurer 1991-1993.

In addition, Mr. Harris has been on the board of the Richmond Area Program for Minorities in Engineering (RAPME) since 1979, serving as Vice President from 1984-1995, President 1996-2007 and Treasurer 2007-2011.



### APELSCIDLA Regulant Counts as of September 1, 2011

Architects	6,925
Professional Engineers	26,156
Land Surveyors	1,634
Interior Designers	483
Landscape Architects	843
APELSCIDLA Businesses	3,528



## Virginia Tech Awarded \$25,000 NCARB Prize Grand Prize

The 10th, and final, National Council Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) Prize for the Creative Integration of Practice and Education in the Academy has been awarded to six architectural schools with the grand prize going to Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), in Blacksburg, VA.

In its 10-year history, the NCARB Prize has celebrated 76 projects that integrate practice and education. The Prize program has impacted tens of thousands of students by awarding more than \$680,000 to architecture schools to encourage and support the integration of practice and education in the academy.

“The Prize has identified and recognized many outstanding existing programs and it has had a lasting impact on education,” said 2001 NCARB President Peter Steffian, FAIA, NCARB, a member of NCARB’s Practice Education Committee and the visionary behind the creation of the Prize competition.

The \$25,000 NCARB Prize grand prize went to Virginia Tech for implementing a program that gave students unique exposure to non-faculty architect practitioners and allied business experts to create their own virtual firm. This special learning experience merged academic knowledge and many aspects of an actual architectural practice.

Five other schools were also named NCARB Prize winners: the University of Cincinnati, the University of Oregon, the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, Virginia Tech for a second project, and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Each of the five received a \$7,500 cash award. Two other schools were cited for honorable mention: Montana State University and Pennsylvania State University.

The NCARB Prize was created to encourage, reward, and showcase diverse initiatives, activities, and courses that integrate architecture practice and architecture education in an academic setting. Through the program, NCARB recognizes ways to integrate the theory of architecture with the practice of architecture by partnering educators and architects.

Thirty-four schools submitted a total of 45 projects for this year’s NCARB Prize. In order to be eligible, schools must have a National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB)-accredited program or a program that is a candidate for NAAB accreditation and the school must be located in an NCARB Member Board jurisdiction. Projects had to demonstrate creative initiatives to integrate practice and education, offer students academic credit for participation, and involve at least one non-faculty architect practitioner who holds a current registration in a U.S. jurisdiction. There were no restrictions on the type of projects that could be submitted for the NCARB Prize; projects

did not have to be studio-based or design-based and projects did not have to result in a building design or a built project.

### **2011 Grand Prize Recipient**

**Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, School of Architecture and Design**

#### **“Designing Practice”**

Virginia Tech captured the grand prize for engaging students in the often “mundane” subject of professional practice by introducing it as a design problem—an innovative means to make the subject relevant to students. The highly interactive academic course exposed architecture students to real and virtual aspects of running their own firms. The course involved architects, attorneys, business consultants, and registration board representatives. The course investigated topics such as the architect’s image in today’s culture, the internship and licensure processes, how registration boards work, entrepreneurship, compensation by clients, risk management, construction contract administration management, ethics, and people skills. Information was delivered through class discussions, firm visits, one-on-one interviews, guest lectures, writing assignments, and research. Guest lectures included discussion of professional liability and risk management by an architect and attorney and practice management by a professional business consultant.

Project Directors: Keith Zawistowski, Associate AIA, GC, Assistant Professor of Practice; and Marie Zawistowski, architect d.p.l.g., Assistant Professor of Practice

### **2011 Prize Recipient**

**Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, School of Architecture and Design**

#### **“A Sustainable, Net Zero Energy Dwelling”**

Students were engaged in a multidisciplinary effort that integrated instruction, research, and interaction with architects, consultants, fabricators, and material suppliers to design and construct a net-zero energy house. The jury noted both the involvement of multiple disciplines and the context of historical precedent, which framed the project. Throughout the project, students visited architectural and engineering firms; made site visits to fabrication facilities, trade shows, and conventions; worked with web designers and marketing specialists; and surveyed manufacturers and suppliers.

Project Directors: Robert Dunay, FAIA, Director, Center for Design Research; Joseph Wheeler, AIA, Project Coordinator; Robert Schubert, Associate Dean for Research; and David Clark, Adjunct Professor

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## NCIDQ Launches Online System for Credential Verification

WASHINGTON, DC—The National Council for Interior Design Qualification, Inc. (NCIDQ) has introduced another benefit exclusively for active Certificate holders—a secure online credential verification process.

NCIDQ Certificate holders frequently need their credential verified to a state or provincial agency in support of an application for licensure or to a professional association in support of an application for membership. Many Certificate holders elect to send the verification to prospective clients or employers as evidence of having met NCIDQ's rigorous standards for education, experience and examination.

Previously, Certificate holders were required to mail or fax in a form with payment. NCIDQ then processed a paper copy of a verification and mailed it on behalf of the certificants. Now, active Certificate holders have instant access to this Certificate verification process at any time through their MyNCIDQ account. A Certificate verification is now sent within minutes rather than weeks.

The Certificate holder can verify his/her credential to a specific person (such as a client or employer), to a regulatory board/agency or to a professional organization, even adding a personal message. The verification does not include any background information, such as education or work history. It only includes the Certificate holder's contact information, Certificate number and validation of current status. Each verification costs only US\$5.

The recipient receives an email with a unique password that provides 14 days of secure access to the information. After that time, the access expires.

This online verification is an exclusive benefit for active Certificate holders. Certificate holders who are inactive must reactivate to an active status to have their credential verified. NCIDQ has an amnesty program in place so that inactive Certificate holders can reactivate their status for just \$90.

The online system is in place now, and active Certificate holders can begin using it right away. However, NCIDQ will continue to verify active Certificate holders status using the old, paper-based system through May 2011. Beginning June 1, 2011, NCIDQ will no longer accept paper requests or send paper verifications, and the verifi-

cation system will be available only through MyNCIDQ for active Certificate holders.

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## NCIDQ Launches Free Online Continuing Education Registry for Active Certificate Holders

WASHINGTON, DC—The National Council for Interior Design Qualification, Inc. (NCIDQ) has just launched a new online continuing education registry service for active Certificate holders. The online registry is tied to a Certificate holder's *MyNCIDQ* account and is available at no additional cost.

Available now, the new registry replaces the 15-year old paper-based continuing education registry, which requires participants to mail in forms and pay \$12 to add each class they take into their registry. The paper-based system will be available to anyone until June 30, 2011. After that date, NCIDQ will no longer add any items to the registry, but the transcripts will still be available until June 30, 2012.

NCIDQ developed this online service as a benefit for active Certificate holders, who have long requested that NCIDQ provide them with a convenient and affordable way to track their continuing education. The online system provides the Certificate holder the flexibility to enter their courses upon completion and view and print their updated registry instantly. Certificate holders enter the course name, date, presenter and amount of credit. They will also provide information on the course content and identify the domain, such as health & safety, welfare, general knowledge, etc.

"NCIDQ is committed to providing our Certificate holders with resources they can use immediately," says NCIDQ Executive Director Jeffrey F. Kenney. "Our new online registry gives our active Certificate holders control of their continuing education information. Now, they no longer have to wait for a course to be posted to their account or pay a per-course fee. This registry provides 24/7 access at no cost to the user. We believe this new benefit adds an additional level of value to the NCIDQ credential."

Active Certificate holders who wish to use the new online registry can start adding courses right away by signing in to their *MyNCIDQ* account and clicking on the appropriate link under "Continuing Education Registry" on the left side. Certificate holders who are inactive (meaning they have not paid the annual renewal fee) can take advantage of this benefit by reinstating their Certificate to active status through their *MyNCIDQ* account. NCIDQ has an amnesty program through the end of 2011 to allow inactive Certificate holders to reactivate for only \$90.

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## CLARB: Exclusive Benefits of Having a Council Record

The CLARB Council Record is the one career management tool that every landscape architect needs. It is used to permanently record information regarding your professional development (education, experience, examination, licensure history, and professional references), all of which is verified by CLARB.

Via the CLARB website, you can easily access and update your Council Record, and with the click of your mouse you may request that CLARB transmit your Council Record to a licensure board in support of your application for reciprocal/comity licensure, thus eliminating the need to document your professional development time and time again. In addition to the following benefits of having a Council Record, you may also be able to write off on your taxes the cost of purchasing, renewing and/or transmitting

your Council Record. Consult with your tax preparer for more information.

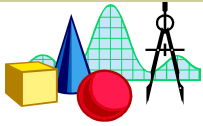
### **Exclusive benefits include:**

Gain reciprocity more quickly and efficiently. Some licensure boards accept or require a Council Record for reciprocal/comity licensure. With the click of your mouse, your Record can be transmitted to any licensure board. Because the information in your Record is delivered electronically to the board and because the information has already been verified by CLARB, the board is able to review and process your application quickly and efficiently.

Safe, secure, verified compilation of your professional credentials: All of the information contained in your Record has been officially verified by CLARB and is securely stored and updated annually.

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## FE, FS EXAMS BEGIN TRANSITION TO COMPUTER-BASED TESTING



At the August 2010 NCEES annual meeting, the state licensing boards that make up NCEES voted to begin converting the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) and Fundamentals of Surveying (FS) exams to a computer-based format. The decision followed a prolonged study by a task force convened to research the issue. This transition will allow greater scheduling flexibility for examinees, more uniformity in testing conditions, and enhanced security for exam content.

The exams will be delivered through Pearson VUE's owned-and-operated network of Pearson Professional Centers and other select locations as determined by NCEES. Pearson VUE is a global leader in computer-based testing, with the world's most comprehensive and secure network of testing centers across 165 countries. It provides testing services for academic, government, and professional testing programs, including licensure exams for the National Council of State Boards of Nursing and the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy, as well as the GMAT. Pearson VUE is part of Pearson plc, the largest commercial testing company and education publisher in the world.

The NCEES Computer-Based Testing Task Force is developing a comprehensive plan and timetable for the conversion. Currently, the plan is for the FE and FS exams to be offered in a paper-and-pencil format for the last time in October 2013. The computer-based exams will then begin being offered in early 2014. The PE and PS exams, which engineering and surveying candidates are required to take after completing work experience requirements, will continue to be paper-and-pencil exams for the foreseeable future.

### **Timeline for implementation of computer-based administration of FE and FS exams**

#### **June to August 2011**

The FE and FS content reviews will begin; this is the process by which NCEES develops the exam specifications.

NCEES will review test center locations.

#### **August 2011 to August 2012**

The FE and FS content reviews will be completed.

The exam item banks will be assessed, and item-writing sessions will be held.

State licensure boards will review legislative rules and statutes for compliance with computer-based testing.

New computer-based testing policies will be presented for adoption at the 2012 NCEES annual meeting.

#### **August 2012 to August 2013**

Pools of questions will be developed for the initial

administration of the exams in this format.

#### **October 2013**

Paper-and-pencil FE and FS exams will be offered for the last time.

#### **January 2014**

The FE and FS exams will be administered electronically for the first time.

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#### **Benefits of CLARB Council Record**

Landscape Architecture Continuing Education System (LA CES) approved providers are automatically transferred into your Record. You also have the ability to produce a simple, clean transcript that can be used to demonstrate compliance with mandatory continuing education requirements.

Access to a team of experts working on your behalf: As a Council Record holder, you have a team of experts on hand that is prepared to assist you with any licensure related issues. Our Council Records team is knowledgeable on jurisdictional requirements and can advise you of the most efficient means for applying for licensure.

Timely news about important licensure related information: CLARB distributes a bi-monthly electronic newsletter exclusively for Council Record holders that contains information regarding changes in regulations and provides valuable updates on CLARB activities including research, standards of practice and volunteer opportunities.

The professional distinction of being CLARB Certified: When your Council Record is complete and your professional history has been verified, your credentials will be evaluated for CLARB Certification. CLARB Certification carries the professional distinction of CLARB's formal recommendation to licensure boards that your application for licensure be granted favorable consideration. CLARB Certification is also recognition of your commitment to professionalism and is a valued credential that provides a competitive advantage in the marketplace.

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## Consultant Selected and Work Begins on NCARB's 2012 Practice Analysis of Architecture Survey

Washington, DC—The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) selected PSI Services, LLC as the consultant for the 2012 Practice Analysis of Architecture. PSI representatives joined the Practice Analysis Steering Committee (PASC) for a project kick off meeting 18-19 August in Chicago, IL.

The Practice Analysis will guide NCARB in the future development of the Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®), the Intern Development Program (IDP), and NCARB's contribution to the 2013 NAAB Accreditation Review Conference. The results will also be used to inform the Council's continuing education policies and programs. As the survey's findings serve the profession so extensively, it will be delivered to interns, architects, and educators across the country in April 2012.

"The Practice Analysis of Architecture provides essential insight into the profession of today. The value and relevance of the 2012 Practice Analysis will be unprecedented due to the technological advancements of online surveys, the significant involvement of all of NCARB's collateral organizations in the survey development, and the breadth of participation," said NCARB CEO Michael J. Armstrong. "It is our strong hope that everyone who receives a survey next April will want to complete it—in order to give back to their profession."

Based in Burbank, CA, PSI has extensive experience in providing a full range of psychometric services, data analysis, test design, and content specifications. PSI's enhanced survey and analysis capabilities will allow for greater depth of information than any previous practice analysis while at the same time improving the survey experience.

Practice Analysis Survey participants will benefit from the ability to complete the survey in multiple short sessions, enhanced navigation and graphics, and the use of new survey techniques such as "matrix sampling." Matrix sampling tailors the number of questions delivered to each survey participant, thereby reducing the amount of time to complete the survey, while still providing coverage of a broad range of content areas across all participants.

The PASC is made up of NCARB volunteer architects involved in the development of key NCARB programs, recently licensed architects, and NCARB staff.

Additionally, for the first time, the committee includes representatives from all of NCARB's collateral organizations—the American Institute of Architects (AIA), the American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS), the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA), and the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB).

The 2007 Practice Analysis of Architecture survey was distributed to approximately 50,000 architects with just under 10,000 responses. The 2012 Practice Analysis of Architecture survey is scheduled to be released in April 2012 and is anticipated to be distributed to more than 80,000 members of the profession due to the inclusion of interns and educators.

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# Disciplinary Actions

The following is a summary of actions taken against regulants by the APELSCIDLA Board. Although every effort is made to ensure that the information is correct, before making any specific decisions based upon this information, you should check with the Board office to ensure accuracy.

## LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

### FILE NUMBER 2010-05160, Chas. H. Sells, Inc. t/a WSP-Sells

**VIOLATION**— Chas. H. Sells, Inc. violated board regulation requiring licensed professional at each place of business to be in direct control and personal supervision of work being offered or practiced.

**BOARD ACTION**—Consent Order imposing \$500.00 in fines and board costs.

**REGULATION VIOLATED**—18VAC10-20-780.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**—June 16, 2011

## LAND SURVEYORS

### FILE NUMBER 2010-05602, Melvin L. Corso

**VIOLATION**— Mr. Corso provide an incorrect 2002 house location survey for 2007 survey team to flag corners, property lines and construction easements. Mr. Corso did not participate in the actual markings of the 2007 property boundaries and thus failed to maintain direct control and supervision of the survey party which failed to discover the error in the 2002 survey that resulted in the misidentification of the northeast boundary point of the subject property. In 2009 Mr. Corso prepared a new plat to client at no cost, however the 2009 plat failed to show the following:

The name of the owner of record and deed book reference where the acquisition was recorded; Names of all adjoining owners of record with deed book references, or subdivision lot designations; North arrow and source of meridian used for the survey; Tax map designation or geographic parcel identification number if available; A statement that the land boundary survey shown is based on a current field survey. The application of the land surveyor's seal, signature and date shall constitute compliance with all the current standards of a land boundary survey as of the date of the application of signature unless otherwise clearly stated in the title of the plat that the plat is to be

construed otherwise; A statement as to whether or not a current title report has been furnished to the professional; and a statement as to whether any or all easements are shown on the plat.

**BOARD ACTION**— Consent order imposing \$1,750.00 in fines and board costs.

**REGULATION VIOLATED**— 18VAC10-20-380.C.17.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**—June 16, 2011

## PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS

### FILE NUMBER 2011-01617, Ali Abolhassani

**VIOLATION**— Mr. Abolhassani failed to notify the Board within 30 days that he received disciplinary action in another jurisdiction.

**BOARD ACTION**— Consent Order imposing \$350.00 in fines and board costs.

**REGULATION VIOLATED**— 18VAC10-20-750.C

**EFFECTIVE DATE**—June 16, 2011

### FILE NUMBER 2011-02439, Chander P. Nangia

**VIOLATION**— Mr. Nangia failed to notify the Board within 30 days of any of the 11 disciplinary actions taken against him by other jurisdictions between May 22, 1997 and March 8, 2010.

**BOARD ACTION**— Consent Order imposing revocation of license and board costs.

**REGULATIONS VIOLATED**— 18VAC10-20-750.C. (11 Violations)

**EFFECTIVE DATE**— June 16, 2011



## 2011—2012 Calendar of Meetings

Sept	28	APELSCIDLA Board Meeting	9	Interior Designers Section
Oct	26	Landscape Architect Section	15	Professional Engineer Section
	27	Architect Section	16	Land Surveyor Section
Nov	8	Professional Engineer Section	Mar	20 APELSCIDLA Board Meeting
	9	Land Surveyor Section	May	1 Professional Engineer Section
	16	Interior Designer Section		8 Architect Section
Dec	15	APELSCIDLA Board Meeting		9 Land Surveyor Section
<b>2012</b>				15 Interior Designer Section
Jan	25	Architect Section		16 Landscape Architect Section
Feb	8	Landscape Architect Section	June	12 APELSCIDLA Board Meeting

## APELSCIDLA Board Members

<u>Architects</u>	<u>Prof. Engineers</u>	<u>Land Surveyors</u>	<u>Landscape Architects</u>	<u>Interior Designers</u>
James R. Boyd	John L. Combs	Paul deC. Holt, Jr.	Cabell Crowther	Lorri B. Finn
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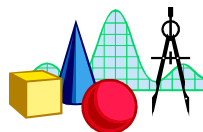
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