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RULES OF THE BOARD AND BY-LAWS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2002

A complete copy of these documents can be located on the Board's website. The highlights are outlined below:

- (1) **Emeritus Status** is now available for registered architects who have retired and no longer will be practicing in the State of Rhode Island. This status can be obtained by application and fee accompanied by the architect stamp to the Board.
- (2) **Disciplinary Action** imposed by another jurisdiction or NCARB must be disclosed to this Board.
- (3) **Responsible Control** is defined in Section E of the Rules of the Board entitled "Professional Conduct." An architect may only imprint their seal on a document if they have been in responsible control of the document.
- (4) **Architectural Registration Exam (ARE)** applicants for registration, not passing all divisions of the examination, retain credit for those subject areas passed for four years from the date of the examination. After the four-year period, these subject areas must be retaken.

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(5) **Procedural Rules for Conducting Hearings** were adopted. See Section IX of the Rules of the Board entitled “Complaints and Hearings.”

(6) **Continuing Education** is deemed necessary for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare and has been adopted for the renewals beginning in 2003. Rhode Island continuing education requirements may be satisfied by either compliance with the continuing education requirements of AIA (which can be viewed at their website of www.aia-ri.org) or compliance with the continuing education requirements, providing they exist, in any other jurisdiction recognized by NCARB. The registered architect must demonstrate professional development activities since the architect’s last renewal or initial registration. The registered architect must certify on the renewal application that the architect has met the requirements of the Board and must maintain records of continuing education. Falsification of these records will result in disciplinary action by this Board. The Board may also decline to renew a registration if the architect’s professional development activities do not meet the standards set forth in the Board’s regulations. The Board or its designee will randomly audit licenses to insure compliance. An architect who is audited will be notified in writing and will be required to provide written documentation of the continuing education for the two-year period at issue. The Board intends to audit architects for compliance with continuing education by the selection of every 40th renewal application received

at the office of the Board. These applicants will be required to submit evidence of compliance to the Board prior to renewal approval. Evidence required includes: 1. Self reported activities in accordance with AIA requirements. 2. Date and location of the activity. 3. Provider of the activity. 4. Description of the activity. 5. Health, Safety and Welfare (HSW) hours in accordance with AIA requirements. An AIA transcript copy constitutes acceptable evidence. The Board may require the architect who cannot produce such documentation to develop and complete a specific corrective action plan within ninety days, prior to approval of renewal. If an architect has allowed registration to lapse in Rhode Island for more than two years, the architect shall provide evidence of compliance with Rhode Island requirements, for the lapsed period, upon application. Continued registration in an NCARB recognized jurisdiction, that requires continuing education, would be deemed to satisfy this requirement.

BOARD’S ACTIVITIES

(January 1, 2001 – December 31, 2001)

1. Number of Candidates applied for exam: 13
2. Number of Architects registered by exam: 4
3. Number of reciprocal registrations: 112
4. Number of certificates of authorizations (COA) processed: 79 (Issued)
5. Number of complaints investigated: 50 (42 closed and 8 pending).
6. Number of disciplinary actions taken: 2

2001 ARE Pass Rates

Section	Rhode Island 2001			National 2001
	Number of Candidates	Number Pass	Percent Pass	Percent Pass

Pre-Design	11	11	100%	76%
General Structures	8	8	100%	76%
Lateral Forces	9	9	100%	90%
Mech & Elec Sys	9	8	89%	73%
Materials & Methods	9	9	100%	90%
Cons. Docs & Servs	10	10	100%	86%
Site Planning	7	5	71%	64%
Building Planning	7	4	57%	62%
Building Technology	9	6	67%	67%

Information provided by the Chauncey Group International

NEW REGISTRANTS BY EXAM

(January 1, 2001 – December 31, 2001)

The Rhode Island Board of Examination and Registration of Architects wishes to extend congratulations to the following individuals who have passed their Architectural Registration Examination (ARE) and are now currently registered to practice architecture in the State of Rhode Island for the above-mentioned period. They are as follows:

Joseph McPhee, II	License #2749	Registered May 16, 2001
Gary M. Lepore	License #2750	Registered June 20, 2001
Stephanie Chaffee	License #2760	Registered July 2, 2001
Stephen J. Amoroso	License #2795	Registered November 21, 2001

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