Louisiana State Board of Architectural Examiners
Meeting Minutes
Marriott Grand Hotel
Point Clear, AL
September 7, 2017

Present: Ronald B. Blitch, President
Robert W. McKinney, Secretary
J. David Brinson
Allen J. Bacque
John Cardone, Jr.
Richard J. LeBlanc
Knox H. Tumlin
Paul H. Spaht, Board Attorney
Katherine E. Hillegas, Executive Director

Guests: Mary S. deSousa, Chief Operating Officer, NCARB

Blue Sky
The meeting was called to order by Blitch who reviewed the agenda and thanked everyone for attending the special meeting being held in conjunction with the AIA Louisiana annual meeting. He then introduced deSousa who was asked to facilitate the discussion in order to gain better insight into the future vision of key activities the Board should be focusing on in order to better protect the health, safety and welfare of the public in Louisiana through architectural regulation.

deSousa lead the board through a series of exercises that identified four key areas of focus of the board which were: Outreach, Enforcement, Celebrating Licensure and Relationship/Opportunities with NCARB. She then had the Board begin a discussion surrounding opportunities to improve its presence in each of those key focus areas. A list of ideas was created which will form the foundation for continued discussions at future board meetings as it relates to the feasibility of implementing these ideas.

The Board discussed the concept of developing a mission statement.

Blitch thanked deSousa for agreeing to facilitate the meeting.

Firm renewal application
At approximately 9:30 am, John Cardone joined the meeting via speakerphone to participate in a discussion of the recent forensic contracts provided by Holt Consultants, LLC. Spaht expressed concern that Cardone was not physically present at the meeting, at which point the discussion ceased, and the Board returned to discussing the Blue Sky issues described above.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald B. Blitch
President

Robert McKinney
Secretary