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BULLETIN 05: INFORMATION ON “RESIGNATION OPTIONS”

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Members choose to resign for various reasons at different stages of their careers. This Bulletin provides information to assist with making that transition effectively.

Resignation process for MAIBC

As per section 34 of the *Architects Act* (the *Act*), members in good standing may voluntarily resign from the Institute in writing at any time. Please note, if you wish not to renew your membership with the Institute you must resign in writing prior to the February 1st deadline in order to remain in good standing. If you resign mid-year you will be eligible for a partial refund of annual fees.

Under Section 77(3) of the *Act*, you are required to return your professional seal and/or stamp to the Institute upon resignation. If you are also the holder of a Certificate of Practice, please also indicate that the firm has met all professional obligations or otherwise name the AIBC member who is a Certificate of Practice holder who is assuming those obligations. You are also required to return your Certificate of Practice to the Institute. If you are a partner or shareholder in an architectural firm, the firm must apply for a change in structure using the application for an architectural Firm/Changes and Amendments form, prior to your departure.

Retired Architect (Associate) Status:

You must be 60 years of age or in poor health to qualify for this status. A condition and privilege of this status is that you refer to yourself as either Retired Architect or Architect (Retired) after your name, as per Bylaw 13.5. Your name will be kept on our mailing lists for all regular mailings. Retired Architects are generally eligible to sit on committees of the Institute and may become Chapter members. You may not vote or hold office in the Institute.

Previously Registered Member (Associate) Status:

Your name will be kept on our mailing list for all regular mailings. As an Associate, you may not vote or hold office in the Institute. Associates are generally eligible to sit on committees of the Institute and may become Chapter members. Please notify us when you reach the age of 60 and we will transfer your membership to Retired Architect status.

Full Resignation:

With a full resignation your name will be kept on the register only to indicate that you were once registered with the AIBC in the event of an enquiry from the public regarding your licensing status. The AIBC will also retain your file in the event that you wish to apply for reinstatement. You will not receive any communications from the Institute.

General

In accordance with section 63 of the *Architects Act*, a person who is not a registered member of the Institute may not use the title “Architect”, use the designation “MAIBC” or use a similar title or description or use likely to lead the public to infer that the person is a registered member. (Please refer to AIBC Bulletin 32 for more information on this subject.)

Furthermore, a person who is not registered as a member of the Institute under the *Act* shall not practise or offer to practise the profession of architecture in this province, as set out in Section 59 of the *Act*.

Such a person may only practise the profession of architecture as an employee working for and under the supervision of a member of the Institute or on projects below the thresholds set out in Section 60 of the *Architects Act*. (Refer to AIBC Bulletin 31 for more information.)

Continuing Education

AIBC Continuing Education requirements are not mandatory for Associates. However, Associates are encouraged to maintain current knowledge of architectural practice if they plan to pursue reinstatement at a future date.

Reinstatement

Reinstatement procedure is outlined in AIBC Bulletin 02. In all cases an application and fees will be required and your application for reinstatement will be reviewed by the Registration and Licensing Board and approved by Council before your registration becomes official.

Resignation process for Associates

Any category of associate may resign by simply informing the AIBC in writing. A refund of annual fees may be available as per AIBC bulletin 01 guidelines.