



intern architect update

February Issue

Intern Architect Committee Opening

Are you interested in discussing, organizing, and making improvements to the Intern Architect Program? If so, consider joining the Intern Architect Committee. It meets monthly to discuss issues on behalf of the IA membership. Agenda topics include the intern process, overtime, registration, course schedules, course content, events and competitions. If you are interested, please contact Róisín O'Neill, the AIBC's Registration Coordinator. She can be reached at roneill@aibc.ca.

IA Representative to Council

Lisa Kwan's current one-year term as Intern Architect representative to AIBC Council will end at the Annual Meeting in April. For a sense of how Lisa Kwan has been representing the interests of IAs and the profession, see her blog (<http://www.youraicinternrep.blogspot.com>).

The Intern Representative's major role is to give a voice to IA concerns at the AIBC's monthly council meetings.

Would you like to be the next IA Rep? All IAs interested in running for the position of Intern Architect Representative are encouraged to apply. Find out more information about the nomination process on the AIBC website: <http://www.aibc.ca/aibc/council/nominations.html>. It is important that this position be filled in order for IAs to be heard. Please give serious consideration to this unique opportunity to serve. The deadline for nominations is 4:30 pm on March 20, 2008.

ARE Preparation Seminars

Monday, March 3

Building design / Materials and Methods
Presenter: Tim Ankenman MAIBC

Monday, March 17, 2008

Construction Documents and Services
Presenter: Bruce Knapp MAIBC

Monday, April 7, 2008

Lateral Forces
Presenter: Dan Wicke P.ENG

Monday, April 21, 2008

General Structures
Presenter: Scott Kemp MAIBC and Bill Cosman P.ENG

Monday, May 5, 2008

Mechanical & Electrical Systems: Lighting and Electrical
Presenter: Samira Verjee P.ENG and Joseph M. Scott, IALD, LC, PLDA

Monday, May 19, 2008

Mechanical & Electrical Systems: Mechanical
Presenter: Asif Hussain P.ENG

Monday, June 2, 2008

Graphic Exams
Presenter: Tony Yip MAIBC

Monday, June 16, 2008

Graphic Exam Techniques
Presenter: Intern-run (TBA)

Upcoming Courses

Mar 14 BC Building Code I (FULL)
Mar 27 Law & the Architect
Apr 3 Building Envelope Principles (FULL)
May 30 Building Code II
Jun 13 Blueprint for Business
Jun 26 Ethics, the Architectural Act, and Bylaws
Sep 12 Building Envelope Principles
Oct 3 Construction Administration

Oct 31 Ethics, the Architectural Act, and Bylaws
Nov 6 Law & the Architect
Nov 14 BC Building Code I
Nov 21 BC Building Code II
Dec 4 Building Envelope Principles

To register go to [aibc.ca/Member Resources/Professional Development](http://aibc.ca/MemberResources/ProfessionalDevelopment) and download the registration form.

Overtime Review

Have you taken *Law & the Architect*, one of the mandatory IA courses at the AIBC? If you have, you may have been interested in the discussion of overtime and the application of the Employment Standards Act (ESA) to IAs. What follows is a review of the ESA as it relates to IAs and overtime summarized from AIBC documents:

The following individuals are fully covered by the Provincial Employment Standards Act (and, in relationship to which, employers have corresponding obligations): Intern Architects, Architectural Technologists, administrative staff, technical staff.

The matter of full coverage under the ESA for Intern Architects was positively confirmed on November 30, 1990, in writing by the then-Ministry of Labour and Consumer Services, in respect to initiative taken by the AIBC.

The ESA and its companion regulation are available from the provincial government (find it on the side bar at <http://www.labour.gov.bc.ca/esb/>). Employees and employers are well advised to read it in order to understand the extent to which it applies to them; and to become aware of its scope as to rights and obligations.

If you have any questions about your rights and responsibilities under the Employment Standards Act as an employee or employer, please call the British Columbia Employment Standards Branch toll-free information line at 1-800-663-3316 (toll-free in British Columbia).

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Role Call for Comments and Concerns About the Internship Process

Thank you for your comments regarding the internship process. If you haven't yet, please take five minutes to communicate and relate your issues. Even if you are just starting the process, the AIBC wants your feedback.

Across North America, there is a trend against IAs getting registered. The number of "Career Intern Architects" is ever increasing. There also appears to be an increasing number of architectural graduates who chose not to intern let alone become registered. We recognize that there are complex issues driving this phenomenon about which the AIBC is becoming increasingly concerned. We are considering policy and other changes to encourage graduates to become IAs, and to encourage IAs to move more quickly through their internship and on to registration. While we have conducted surveys and focus groups, and have well-formed notions of the underlying issues, We would like to hear directly from IAs specifically:

1. What would motivate you to get registered?; and
2. What policy changes would you recommend the AIBC make to the IAP or other registration/admissions policies dealing with IAs and internship?

Likewise, we would like to hear your suggestions for things we might do to provide incentive for graduates to apply for internship in the first place. We would appreciate it if you would respond to these questions and pass this request on other IAs and graduates. All responses will be treated as confidential, and only aggregate or non-identifiable information will be used should a report or published results of this request be required.

Many thanks.

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ARE Overview

The new year is a great time to begin, or recommit, to taking and finishing the NCARB exams. If you haven't signed up for an exam yet and want to write in the new format (ARE 4.0), you will have to wait until July to begin taking exams. If this is the case you may want to book an exam now to make sure you get your preferred date. Prometric, the testing agency, has certain obligations to you with regard to providing testing times (note: these only apply to telephone bookings). If you have problems getting the

date you want for an exam see the complaint chart at the bottom of the side bar at <http://www.ncarb.org/are/index.html>. For a visual overview see the transition timeline at <http://www.ncarb.org/are/40/timeline.html> and the index of exams at <http://www.ncarb.org/are/index.html>. If you want to start writing right away, we have prepared an outline of materials, study strategies, and suggested exam sequence for ARE 3.1 to help you in your process. You can find this document at http://www.aibc.ca/pdf/are_tips.pdf

Competitions and Events:

2008 Annual AIBC Conference: Now Taking Registrations

The Architecture Institute of British Columbia is happy to take online registrations for the 2008 Annual AIBC Conference. You can register and view a full session listing by visiting <http://www.aibc.ca/conference/2008/2008.html>.

Birdhouse Design Challenge

The Architecture Foundation of British Columbia (AFBC) in conjunction with the AIBC, invites submissions from Architects, IAs, interior designers, building designers, engineers, nature lovers and anyone else with creative flair for the Birdhouse Design Challenge.

To enter, fill out the registration form attached and fax it back to the AIBC by this Friday, February 29th. Completed birdhouses with project description are to be submitted on Monday, April 21. See the attached forms for more information. Click here for more details: <http://www.aibc.ca/birdhouse/index.html>.

Construction Vancouver

The 6th Annual Construction Vancouver exhibit will be open until this Sunday, March 2nd. Don't miss this extraordinary exhibit of giant canned food sculptures in support of the Greater Vancouver Food Bank Society. Admission by cash donation. Click here for more details: <http://www.constructionvancouver.com/>.

Links:

ARE questions, notes, advice:
<http://www.areforum.org>

Planning for the ARE:

http://www.aibc.ca/member_resources/intern_resources/pdf/2007-Sept.pdf.

General structures:

http://www.aibc.ca/member_resources/intern_resources/pdf/intern_update_november07.pdf

Site planning:

http://www.aibc.ca/member_resources/intern_resources/pdf/2007-oct.pdf

Writing the first exam:

http://www.aibc.ca/pdf/February_2007_Intern_Update.pdf

NCARB ARE 4.0:

<http://www.ncarb.org>

Transition chart:

<http://www.ncarb.org/are/40/transitionchartweb.pdf>

5 year rolling clock:

<http://www.ncarb.org/are/index.html#rollclock>

Architects Act:

http://www.aibc.ca/member_resources/doc_index/index.html

AIBC By-Laws:

http://www.aibc.ca/member_resources/doc_index/index.html

Employment Standards Act:

http://www.qp.gov.bc.ca/statreg/stat/E/96113_01.htm

Employment Standards Branch:

<http://www.labour.gov.bc.ca/esb/>

Statutory Holidays:

http://www.labour.gov.bc.ca/esb/facshts/statutory_holidays.htm

Ergonomics:

<http://www.apple.com/about/ergonomics/>

Blog plug:

<http://www.youraicinternrep.blogspot.com>

Feedback

This newsletter is conceived, written, and compiled by IAs and for IAs of the AIBC. Do you like it? Find it useful? Have comments? Suggestions? Send us an e-mail at interncommittee@yahoo.com. Do you have any concerns about the process, structure, fees, or requirements of the Intern Architect Program? If you send us an email we can bring up the issue for discussion at the next Intern Architect Committee meeting. Proposals for change come from expressions of concern, so please take five minutes to let us know what is on your mind.