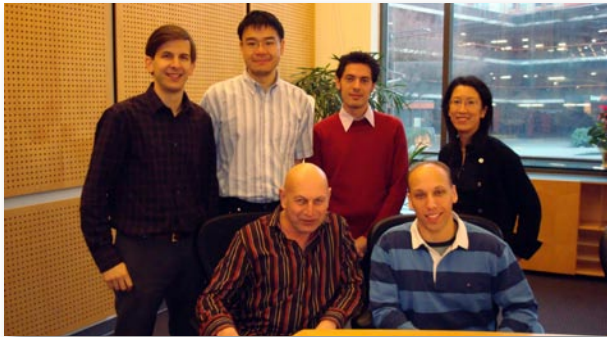


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**Image:** Anthony Milkovich, Baldwin Hum, Abdel Amin, Lisa Kwan, Varouj Gumuchian, Patrick Schilling **Absent:** Sean Ruthen, Steve Akers

Happy New Year from your Intern Architect Committee. The new year is a great time to commit or re-commit to your internship by logging your hours and writing your exams. This year we will continue to organise and run free workshops and seminars to help you in these endeavours. You can look forward to ARE Preparations Seminars, the Oral Review Workshop with mock oral reviews, possibly another intern run competition, and, of course the 2008 Intern Party. We hope you will participate in, make use of, and benefit from these intern-organised events. If you have any other ideas of what we can do for interns, send us a suggestion by e-mail at [internarchitectcommittee@yahoo.com](mailto:internarchitectcommittee@yahoo.com).

In this issue we introduce your Intern Architect Committee members as well as the AIBC staff you are most likely to work with as an IA.

## The Intern Architect Committee

The IAC is a subcommittee of the Registration Board. We meet once a month and to discuss and resolve issues of concern to the intern membership. The IAC looks at the internship process or any other topics that affect Interns such as: overtime; registration; seminar schedules and content; events; and competitions. Your IAC consists of:

### Patrick Schilling, IA (Committee Chair)

School: Swiss Institute of Technology (ETH/EPFL)  
 Graduated: 2001  
 Started Internship: 2004  
 Favourite Childhood Toy: Lego (still a favourite)  
 ARE Divisions Completed: 2 written (2 passed)  
 Tip for other Interns: Don't be afraid to bring up issues or concerns with your employer. If all else fails, feel free to talk to the IAC.

### Steve Akers, IA

### Abdel Munem Amin, IA

School: McGill  
 Graduated: 2004  
 Started Internship: 2007  
 Favourite Childhood Toy: Gameboy  
 ARE Divisions Completed: 0  
 Tip for other Interns: Semper ubi sub ubi

### Varouj Gumuchian, IA

School: UBC  
 Graduated: 2001  
 Started Internship: 2003  
 Favourite Childhood Toy: Lego  
 ARE Divisions Completed: 1  
 Tip for other Interns: Buddy up to prep for exams

### Baldwin Hum, IA

School: UBC  
 Graduated: 2002  
 Started Internship: 2003  
 ARE Divisions Completed: 7  
 Favourite Childhood Toy: Apple ][+ computer  
 Tip for other Interns: Semper ubi sub ubi

### Lisa Kwan, IA (also Intern Representative to Council)

### Anthony Milkovich, IA

School: UBC  
 Graduated: 2002  
 Started Internship: 2004  
 Favourite Childhood Toy: Lego  
 ARE Divisions Completed: 7  
 Tip for other Interns: Motivate yourself to study for an exam by signing up for one.

### Sean Ruthen, IA

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## AIBC Staff

**Jerome Marburg, LL.B. MBA,**

**Director of Registration & Licensing and General Counsel**

Jerome supervises the Registration & Licensing Department. He works closely with the Registration and Licensing Board and its subcommittees, including the Experience Review Committee and IAC.

Jerome joined the AIBC in September 2007 after spending more than 12 years as General Counsel & Registrar with another professional regulatory body. As such, he is keenly aware of the importance of the internship process to the profession. See Jerome's "Role Call" note in this issue.

**Roisin O'Neill, Registration Coordinator**

Roisin works directly with the IA membership from registration to completion of the program. She answers registration enquiries; maintains records, files, and resources for interns; and organizes the Oral Reviews. She advises IAs on intern issues along with her other responsibilities. If you have intern-related questions or concerns, or need advice, contact Roisin at [roneill@aibc.ca](mailto:roneill@aibc.ca).

**Aleta Cho, Professional Development Coordinator**

Aleta organizes and maintains records for the Professional Development courses. All your comments and feedback regarding the mandatory intern courses are reviewed by Aleta and forwarded to the Professional Development Board.

**Frankie McBride, Reception/Administration**

Frankie is usually the first person you meet when phoning or visiting the AIBC office. Frankie manages the IA materials available for loan at the front desk. These include: the Kaplan ARE study guides; Ballast ARE study guides; Norman Dorf graphics study guides; NCARB ARE graphics study guides; and the complete set of ARE flashcards. If you would like to borrow study material please contact Frankie at 604-683-8588 or [fmcbride@aibc.ca](mailto:fmcbride@aibc.ca). If you live or work outside the Lower Mainland, the AIBC will cover the cost of a courier to send it out to you. However, you must cover the cost of returning the material to the AIBC via courier.

## ARE Preparation Seminars

Have you made a resolution to start writing or finish writing your AREs? The ARE Preparation seminars are a great way for you to get motivated and prepared.

Each seminar starts at 6:30 pm and finishes at 8:30 pm. The first seminar will be on Wednesday night, February 13th. We will talk about the exams generally, how to study for them, types of questions to expect, and strategies for taking the exams. This will be a good seminar for those who are starting the process. The full ARE Seminar Schedule will be e-mailed to all IAs in the near future.

## Upcoming Courses

Jan 31	Management of the Project
Feb 15	Ethics, the Architectural Act, and Bylaws
Mar 14	BC Building Code I
Mar 27	Law & the Architect
Apr 03	Building Envelope Principles
May 30	Building Code II
Jun 13	Blueprint for Business
Jun 26	Ethics, the Architectural Act, and Bylaws
Sep 12	Building Envelope Principles
Oct 03	Construction Administration
Oct 31	Ethics, the Architectural Act, and Bylaws
Nov 06	Law & the Architect
Nov 14	BC Building Code I
Nov 21	BC Building Code II
Dec 04	Building Envelope Principles

To register, go to [www.aibc.ca/MemberResources/ProfessionalDevelopment](http://www.aibc.ca/MemberResources/ProfessionalDevelopment) and download the registration form.

## ARE 4.0

In July 2008, NCARB will launch ARE 4.0, the next version of the Architectural Registration Examination. Here are some facts about ARE 4.0:

- The cost for examinations will increase slightly from \$1,105.00 US to \$1,190.00 US.
- There will be seven exams instead of the current format of nine exams. The same breadth of information will be examined.
- Six exams will include both multiple choice AND graphic vignettes
- Only one test will be composed exclusively of graphic vignettes.

If you started the exams in the old format (by July 2008) you will have until the end of June 2009 to complete the exams in the old 3.1 format. Beyond that date, your remaining exams must be taken in the new 4.0 for-

mat. There are two exams you need to consider in advance: Site Planning and Building Technology. These exams are being redistributed into two and four exams respectively. To avoid writing extra exams in the new format, you should plan to complete both of these exams well before the July 2009 cut-off. In fact, Site Planning and Building Technology are actually good exams with which to start. Make sure to read postings on [areforum.org](http://areforum.org) and sign out the study guides at the AIBC front desk. Good luck.

See [ncarb.org/are/40/transitionchartweb.pdf](http://ncarb.org/are/40/transitionchartweb.pdf) for an easy to read chart on the transition from ARE 3.1 to 4.0.

## Role Call: Comments and Concerns About the Internship Process

Across North America, there is a trend against Intern Architects 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 is a complexity of issues driving this phenomenon about which the AIBC is becoming increasingly concerned. Policy changes and other measures are being considered to encourage graduates to become interns, and to encourage interns to move more quickly through their internship and on to registration. While surveys and focus groups have provided us with well-formed notions of the underlying issues, we would also like to hear directly from IAs:

- (1) What would motivate you to get registered?
- (2) What policy changes would you recommend the AIBC make to the IAP or other registration/admissions policies dealing with interns and internship?

We would also like to hear what you think we need to 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 to other IAs and graduates. All responses will be treated as confidential, and only aggregate or non-identifiable information will be used should the results be reported or published.

Many thanks.

Jerome Marburg, LL.B. MBA  
Director of Registration & Licensing  
General Counsel

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## Annual IA Dues

Reminder: Your 2008 Annual Fees are due by February 1. Submit payment on time to avoid an additional charge.

## Recommended Reading

“Main Street: Discussions on Urban Culture” is a collection of essays and poetry produced by local writers on the changing face of Vancouver’s Main Street corridor. Covering a wide range of knowledge and disciplines, the book gives insight into engagement with urban culture at the intersection of Vancouver’s CBD, inner-city and sprawling residential zones.

“Main Street: Discussions on Urban Culture” is produced through a Vancouver Foundation Grant.

## Competitions

International Bauhaus Award 2008: “Housing Shortages” Call for entries  
<http://www.bauhaus-dessau.de/en/projects.asp?p=award2008>

Canada Council for the Arts: Architecture Grants  
<http://www.canadacouncil.ca/visualarts/Architecture/ih127692945092211984.htm>

Info Point: International Competition for architects under 35 <http://www.infopoint.uia2008torino.org>

## Links

We are starting a new section of useful Internet links. If you have any suggested links, please send them to us and we will share them.

ARE questions, notes, advice:  
[www.areforum.org](http://www.areforum.org).

Planning for the ARE:  
[http://www.aibc.ca/member\\_resources/intern\\_resources/pdf/2007-Sept.pdf](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](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](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](http://www.aibc.ca/pdf/February_2007_Intern_Update.pdf)

NCARB ARE 4.0:  
[www.ncarb.org](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](http://www.aibc.ca/member_resources/doc_index/index.html)

AIBC By-Laws:  
[http://www.aibc.ca/member\\_resources/doc\\_index/index.html](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](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](http://www.labour.gov.bc.ca/esb/facshts/statutory_holidays.htm)

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

Repetitive strain injury:  
<http://www.apple.com/about/ergonomics/>

Blog plug:  
<http://www.youraibcinternrep.blogspot.com>

## Feedback

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