

intern architect update

Are you interested in discussing, organizing, and making improvements to the Intern Architect Program? If so, consider joining the Intern Architect Committee. We meet monthly to discuss issues on behalf of the IA membership. Topics such as the IA process, overtime, registration, course schedules, course content, events and competitions are examples of the type of issues on our agenda. If you are interested please contact Róisín O'Neill, the AIBC's Registration Coordinator at roneill@aicbc.ca.

ARE Preparation Seminars

Monday, March 31, 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)

These seminars are free for IAs and run at the AIBC offices from 6:30pm – 8:30pm. An RSVP is not required.

Upcoming Courses

- Apr 03 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 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 [http://www.aibc.ca/MemberResources/Professional Development](http://www.aibc.ca/MemberResources/ProfessionalDevelopment) and download the registration form.

ExAC (Examination for Architects in Canada)

Excerpt from the Ontario Association of Architects website: "For your information in October 2006, The Alberta Association of Architects

(AAA), the Ontario Association of Architects (OAA) and the Ordre des architectes du Quebec (OAQ) advised their memberships of the work being carried out in regard to the design and development of an alternate 'Canadian made' exam. The two day long pencil and paper exam, being developed exclusively by the provincial regulatory bodies, seeks to ensure relevancy, effective delivery, and administrative control of the complete professional competency testing process." The debut of this new Canadian made alternate exam is targeted for late 2008 / early 2009. To read and understand more about this exam please go to <http://www.oaa.on.ca> –Click on 'News & Events on the top left corner and open the second thread entitled "Progress being made..."

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:

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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

Now 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 or are already in the process of writing, we have prepared an outline of materials, study strategies, and suggested exam sequence for ARE 3.1 to help you in your process. Please see http://www.aibc.ca/pdf/are_tips.pdf to download the guide.

BLDG 1830: BC Building Code Part 3 at BCIT

The BLDG 1830 - Introduction to BC Building Code Part 3 course at BCIT can replace the two mandatory AIBC courses covering the same topic. Part 3 of the Code, which is the topic of the course, deals with Fire Protection, Occupant Safety and Accessibility for large buildings.

The benefit of taking the Building Code 1830 at BCIT is the extended time that is available to cover this complex document. Another benefit of BLDG 1830 is exposure to the varied backgrounds and experience of the course participants. Plan checkers, mechanical engineers, structural engineers, code consultants, other IAs, and drafting service employees can and have made use of this course.

Students are expected to bring their own copy of the BC Building Code. Classes run once a week in the evenings for 12 weeks at the BCIT campus in Burnaby. This spring BLDG 1830 will run on Thursday nights from 6:45-9:45pm. The course fee is \$450.

Since these courses are directly related to your training as a professional, and will reflect in your competence in the office, ask your firm if it is willing to cover the course fee.

On the issue of cost, if your firm does not pay for your AIBC courses and the days off to take them, after doing the math you will still find that BLDG 1830 is cheaper than the two AIBC courses covering the same subject. If you are interested in taking this course, go to bcit.ca and search BLDG 1830. Note: other courses, such as Part 9 of the Building Code, are also available.

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 IA Architect Program? If you send us an e-mail, we can bring up the issue for discussion at the next Intern Architect Committee meeting. Proposals for change come out of expressions of concern, so please take five minutes to let us know what is on your mind.

Links:

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

Planning for the ARE:
http://www.aibc.ca/member_resources/IA_resources/pdf/2007-Sept.pdf

General structures:

http://www.aibc.ca/member_resources/IA_resources/pdf/IA_update_november07.pdf

Site planning:

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

Writing the first exam:

http://www.aibc.ca/pdf/February_2007_IA_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/>

Repetitive strain injury:

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

Blog plug:

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