

News Letter

JULY 2005



CHAIRMANS COLUMN

When!!!

Just when the new Architects Act 2004 will be proclaimed is still uncertain. We were advised that it would be 1 July 2005 but that date is now passed and it seems unlikely that proclamation will occur until later this year (2005).

The Department of Housing and Works (DHW) have advised that the new Act will not come into effect until the Regulations for the Act have been finalised. The first draft of the new regulations is nearly ready and will be presented to the Board for comment before being sent to the Governor for confirmation which the DHW hope will be August or September.

In the interim the Minister has appointed the first 6 members of the new Board, which are the 2 Architect nominees and the 4 consumer representatives, which are the Ministerial appointments under the new Act. These 6 people will conduct the election for the 4 remaining members of the new Board, who are elected from within the profession. It is hoped that members of the existing Board will nominate and be returned to ensure continuity from the existing Board to the new.

Registrar Retires

Joan has retired as registrar after 18 years in the position but we are not letting her go that easily!

The Board is looking for a replacement and has advertised the position in the press. We have had a number of responses and a sub-committee is assessing the submissions and preparing a short list for final selection.

In the mean time Joan is still Registrar but employed on an hourly basis by the Board until the replacement Registrar is appointed and even then Joan will consult to the Board on an hourly basis to "bed in" the new Registrar before finally calling it quits. The profession in WA owes Joan a great deal and I am sure more will be said before she departs.

The National Scene

On the national scene SA still has done nothing about its new Act and do not seem in any hurry to do so.

NSW are coming to terms with the requirements of their new Act and have finally appointed well-known architect Richard Thorp as their new Chairman.

Qld still continue to battle with the writing of their new regulations and Victoria awaits the proclamation of their amended Act, which has been approved for some time.

ACT are working through their new Act and the NT and TAS continue with little change.

AACA

Negotiations with New Zealand continue on their adopting the Australian Accreditation and Recognition process and the National Competency Standards as a basis for the accreditation and recognition of their schools of architecture and for the requirements for registration in New Zealand. We are also investigating AACA doing the assessment of overseas qualifications for registration in New Zealand.

The APEC Architect meeting held in Tokyo in June was a great success. At this meeting the Permanent Central Council was formed and the establishment phase of project completed. APEC Architects will be a reality from the 19th September 2005 and the use of the title will be an internationally recognised symbol of competence.

The next meeting will be in Mexico City in May/June 2006 and thereafter every 2 years in rotation in each participating economy.

We are hoping there will be an Australia wide official launching of the project by the responsible Federal Minister on the 19th September with a great deal of publicity both here and abroad. It is also hoped that the other economies will do like wise and it will then be a truly international launch for the project.

Over the past 4 years a lot of time and effort has gone into getting the project established and it was fitting the the launch date marks the 4th anniversary of the first APEC Architect Project meeting in Australia.

Brian Wright
Chairman – Architects Board of Western Australia.

REGISTRAR'S COLUMN

Board Members 2005

The current members of the Architects' Board are as follows:

Brian Wright - Architect
(Chairman) - Elected Member

Debra Brown - Architect
Elected Member

Bruce Callow - Architect
Elected Member

Sasha Ivanovich - Architect
Elected Member

Janine Marsh - Architect
Governor's Nominee

Rod Mollett - Architect
Elected Member

Frank Pitman - D.H.W.
Governor's Nominee

Geoffrey Summerhayes -
Architect - Elected Member

Paul Wellington - Architect
RAIA Nominee

Brett Wilkins - Property
Governor's Nominee

Architects' Board Brochure

Should any architect require extra copies of the Board's brochure please contact me at the Board's office, telephone - 9321.4910.

Recently Registered Architects

Since our October 2004 Newsletter there have been twenty new registrants:

J. A. Alfano
M. E. Bradley
D. M. Bylund
A. M. Callanan
K. Czajko
K. Y. Ham
P. G. Kidman
J. G. Kirkman
T. C. Ko
E. A. Kordic
N. C. MacCormac
A. M. Parks
M. C. Phillips
A. R. Siefert
S. Stathopoulos
R. S. Toland
J. F. Wetherall
K. J. Wong
T. A. Woods
M. Yau

Other alterations to the Register

Re-registration:

J. C. Cullen
S. G. Carrick
W. M. Kelsall
M. S. Mitcheson-Low
I. K. H. Stirling
C. E. Willcox
G. R. Winkel

Resignations:

R. W. Arcus
H. H. Fairbanks

G. G. Gaschk
B. V. Hooper
L.S.T. Leah
S. B. Lim
B. T. Jackson
G. S. Mundy
J. A. Mungham
A. F. Pearce
M. D. Poole
K. Sierakowski
N. J. Shinnars
P.B. vanRatingen

Non-practising List:

B. G. Moody
R. F. Moran
P. S. Parkinson
F. W. Pound
B. T. Reynolds
G. A. Winning

Struck off for non-payment of subscriptions

R. B. Blacket
M. J. Bradshaw
M. G. Cann
I. J. Connolly
D. L. Cullen
G. G. Gillan
J.J.R. Gurney
P.E.K. Lew
T. M. Lewis-Jones
G. C. McCann
C. R. Munsie
S. Ozturk
E. Salman
A. A. Seeling
N. Zuideveld

Architects Act Requirements

The Board reminds all architects any firm that is calling itself an architect must be registered with the Board.

The Board draws all architects attention to the fact that accepting gifts in relation to

work as an architect is not allowed under Clause 22A(1)(f) of the Architect Act.

Joan McIntyre - Registrar
