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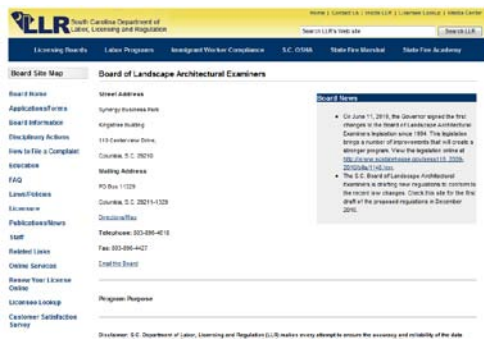
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An E-Newsletter from the S.C. Board of Landscape Architectural Examiners.

Fall 2010

Meet LLR's Newest Board

There's been a lot happening with the S.C. Board of Landscape Architectural Examiners recently and the following information provides an update on changes to the program.



On June 11, 2010, the Governor signed the first changes to the Board's legislation since 1994. This legislation brings about a number of improvements that will lead the profession into the future with a

stronger program.

The biggest change is a change in name and location. Effective July 1, 2010 the S.C. Landscape Architect Registration Program is now the S.C. Board of Landscape Architectural Examiners, and the program is administered through the S.C. Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR). Please make note of our new contact information below.

Be sure to review this newsletter for important information on changes taking place with the program. Additional information will be included in future editions of this newsletter.

Jan Simpson is the new Administrator for the S.C. Board of Landscape Architectural Examiners. She is also the Administrator for the S.C. Board of Architectural Examiners and the S.C. Board of Professional Engineers and Surveyors.

Sherri Moorer remains the Program Assistant with the S.C. Board of Landscape Architectural Examiners and has moved from the S.C. Department of Natural Resources to the S.C. Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation with the program.

This is an exciting time, and we are working hard to get integrated into the new department. The Board will keep you informed of all changes. As always, please feel free to share this newsletter with anybody who has an interest in landscape architecture in South Carolina.

Stay tuned for further updates to the program over the coming months.

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What Does It Mean? Changes in S.C. Board of Landscape Architectural Examiners Law



In addition to the recent move, there are several changes in the S.C. Code of Laws, Chapter 28, Title 40. Below are the major changes that will affect licensees in this state:

The Board is now established as the S.C. Board of Landscape Architectural Examiners; administered through the S.C. Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation – Office of Board Services. The Board is no longer with the S.C. Department of Natural Resources.

The S.C. Landscape Architect Advisory Council is now the Board of Landscape Architectural Examiners. This Board consists of five professional members and two members of the general public. All members are appointed by the Governor. The five professional members are in place for the term of July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011. The public members will be appointed in the near future.

A designation has been created for Emeritus Landscape Architect. Beginning with 2011 license renewals, qualified individuals may apply for Emeritus status. The basic requirements for becoming an Emeritus Landscape Architect are that an individual must be 65 years of age or older, licensed for 10 or more consecutive years, and completely retired from active practice. Look for more information on applying for Emeritus Status when license renewals open in December 2010.

The designation for “firms” has changed. This means a change in who is required to apply for a Certificate of Authorization with the Board. Now businesses that are functioning as a sole proprietorship, partnership, limited liability partnership, professional association, professional corporation, business corporation, limited liability company, joint venture, or any other legally constituted organization that practices or offers to practice landscape architecture must apply for a Certificate of Authorization if the business is advertising or offering landscape architectural services in the State of South Carolina. Individuals operating a sole proprietorship under their own name as licensed by the board are not required to apply for a Certificate of Authorization with the Board. For example, John Smith may operate in his name only, but firm licensure would be required for John Smith & Associates or John Smith, PA.

Requirements to apply for a Certificate of Authorization have changed. There are two changes to the requirements to apply for a Certificate of Authorization in South Carolina. First, the firm must be registered with the S.C. Secretary of State prior to applying for a Certificate of Authorization with the Board. Second, the responsible South Carolina Landscape Architect is no longer required to be a shareholder, partner, or officer with the firm. The firm will qualify as long as the responsible Landscape Architect is a full-time employee. All employees providing landscape architectural services in South Carolina must also have an individual license with the Board.

There have been changes to the requirements for registration. There are still four methods to apply for registration and two methods to qualify to sit for the CLARB – Landscape Architect Registration Examination (LARE) in South Carolina, as detailed below. Please note that Method 2 has changed:

Method 1 – Accredited degree in landscape architecture/two years of supervised landscape architectural experience/pass CLARB – LARE. This requirement did not change with the new legislation.

Method 2 – Non-accredited landscape architecture degree or four-year degree in related program/five years of supervised landscape architectural experience/pass CLARB – LARE. Please note that this requirement

did change with the new legislation. Now all applicants must have at least a four year degree in order to sit for the LARE or to qualify for registration.

Method 3 – Reciprocity. Applicant must hold a license to practice landscape architecture issued upon examination in a state or jurisdiction with requirements substantially equivalent to or more stringent than those of this state. This requirement did not change with the new legislation.

Method 4 – CLARB Certification. Applicant must submit certification documents from the Council of Landscape Architect Registration Boards (CLARB) verifying qualifications for licensure.

The program is moving to biennial license renewals beginning with the 2011 renewal cycle. Please see the “2011 Renewals” article in this newsletter for details on license renewals.

There is a Continuing Education Requirement for license renewals. Beginning with the renewal in 2013, licensees will be required to report 20 hours of continuing education to qualify for license renewal. The Board is working on regulations to implement this requirement, so we’re under a “grace period” on this requirement. Look for additional information in future newsletters.

There is a timeframe to apply for reinstatement of a lapsed license. Licenses can only be reinstated during a period of two years after they lapse. If an applicant wishes to reinstate a license that has lapsed for more than two years, he/she must reapply for licensure and meet the current requirements in the law.

Please be sure to view the recently passed legislation online at:
http://www.scstatehouse.gov/sess118_2009-2010/bills/1148.htm.

The Board will keep you informed as it implements the changes necessary for this new legislation and integrates the program into LLR. Be sure to bookmark the website and check frequently for updates. Additional updates and information will also be coming in future newsletters.

If you have any questions about these changes, feel free to contact Sherri Moorers at (803) 896-4618 or at moorers@llr.sc.gov.

What about the LARE?



Beginning in December 2010, Sections C and E of the LARE will be administered at a newly opened CLARB Regional Testing Center in Columbia.

The regional testing center will make it easier for candidates to sign-up and pay for the vignette sections of the LARE and will allow them more direct access to information and materials regarding the exam from CLARB.

The registration process is now the same for all administrations of the exam. If you wish to take the C/LARE or the LARE in South Carolina, you must submit an application to the Board by the pre-registration deadline in order to be added to the South Carolina Pre-Approved Candidate List. Once on this list, you will be allowed to continue your registration through CLARB, to make payment and to sign up for your testing site.

Administration dates and pre-registration deadlines for the C/LARE and the LARE through the end of 2011 are in the chart below:

Administration Date	Pre-Registration Deadline
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March 7-20, 2011	Jan. 10, 2011
June 13-14, 2011	March 15, 2011
Sept. 12-25, 2011	July 10, 2011
Dec. 5-6, 2011	Sept. 15, 2011

Please mail all applications and application materials to the attention of Sherri Moorer.

If you have any questions or need assistance with the application process, contact Sherri Moorer at (803) 896-4618 or at moorers@llr.sc.gov.

Spring 2011 LARE Review Session

The Georgia Chapter ASLA will offer its next LARE Review Session on Feb. 10-12, 2011 in Athens, Ga. This review session will cover all sections of the LARE. Registration will open in mid-November 2010.

If you are interested in being added to the contact list for the Georgia Chapter ASLA Review Session, contact David Spooner at (706) 542-0063 or at spoonerd@uga.edu.

2011 License Renewals



Licenses for individual landscape architects and for Certificates of Authorization must be renewed with the Board office by Jan. 31, 2010. Any renewals received after the Jan. 31 deadline will be subject to a late fee.

There are several changes that will be taking place with license renewals for 2011:

1. License renewals will be biennial beginning with this renewal cycle. The renewal period will be extended by one month at no charge. The new renewal deadline is Jan. 31, 2011. If you choose to renew your license, it will be valid Feb. 1, 2011 – Jan. 31, 2013.

Since licenses will be renewed for a two-year period, the renewal fee will increase. The renewal fee for individual landscape architects will be \$200 and the renewal fee for Certificates of Authorization will be \$400.

You will be able to renew your license online. Online renewal forms will be available through LLR's website on Dec. 1, 2010 when license renewals officially begin. You may pay your renewal fee by online check, MasterCard, or Visa.

ID cards for individual licenses and the Certificate of Authorization will be mailed within three business days of receipt of your renewal form and fee.

Reminder notices and delinquency notices will not be mailed from this office. The information that you receive regarding your license renewal during the first week of December will be the only notice you will receive regarding your license renewal. *It is your responsibility to renew your license by the January 31 deadline.*

There will be no grace period on late renewals. *Renewals that are received in this office after the January 31 deadline will be subject to the late fee, regardless of the check date or the postmark date on the envelope.*

Look for a notice in your mail the week of November 29 with details on the new process for renewing your license.

Emeritus Status

Are you a landscape architect who is?

- Over 65-years-old
- Licensed for 10 consecutive years or longer
- Completely retired from active practice

If so, then you qualify to apply for Emeritus Status.

Emeritus Status is a new licensure designation for individuals no longer practicing landscape architecture but who still wish to use the title “Emeritus Landscape Architect.” Other advantages are:

- No license renewal fees
- Exemption from the Continuing Education requirement (once it is implemented)

If you are interested in applying for Emeritus Status, return your 2011 Renewal Form to the Board office and check “I wish to apply for Emeritus Status” on the form. The Board will contact you with additional information once the form is received. Remember, you cannot practice landscape architecture in any manner while in Emeritus Status.

State Holidays

The Board office will be closed in observance of the following state holidays:

Date	Holiday Observed
Nov. 11, 2010	Veteran’s Day
Nov. 25-26, 2010	Thanksgiving Day
Dec. 24-28, 2010	Christmas Day
Jan. 3, 2011	New Year’s Day
Jan. 17, 2011	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Feb. 21, 2011	President’s Day
May 10, 2011	Confederate Memorial Day
May 30, 2011	Memorial Day
July 4, 2011	Independence Day
Sept. 5, 2011	Labor Day
Nov. 11, 2011	Veteran’s Day
Nov. 24-25, 2011	Thanksgiving Day
Dec. 23-27, 2011	Christmas Day

Meet The Members of the S.C. Board Of Landscape Architectural Examiners.

The Board is pleased to introduce you to the S.C. Landscape Architect Board Members for July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011:

- **Morgan D. Grimball, Chairman, Grimball-Cotterill & Associates in Columbia, S.C.**

Grimball is from Greenville. He received his undergraduate degree from Presbyterian College in business administration and his master's degree in landscape architecture from the University of Georgia. Grimball worked with Robert Marvin in Walterboro, S.C. and in Lexington, Ken.. He has been in Columbia for more than 20 years and is aiming for another 10 or 20 years.

- **J. Parks McLeod, Vice-Chairman, McLeod Landscape Architects in Greenville.**

McLeod is Principal of McLeod Landscape Architects, LLC, a landscape architectural firm specializing in land planning, recreational design and landscape design. Founded by McLeod in 1986, the firm is located in downtown Greenville. Previous projects include urban streetscapes, health care facilities, industrial and commercial sites, single family residences, and recreational and club facilities.

A 1982 graduate of the University of Georgia, McLeod has been a member of the executive committee of the S.C. Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects. He has previously served on the City of Greenville's Design Review Board and the City of Greenville's Design and Preservation Commission. He also recently completed a term on the Medical University of South Carolina Board of Visitors.

McLeod is a lifelong resident of Greenville. He and his wife, Jackie, have three children. He enjoys spending time with his family at the lake and beach, hunting, and pulling for the University of Georgia Bulldogs.

- **John A. Tarkany, Secretary, John Tarkany Associates, Inc. in Charleston.**

Tarkany graduated from The Ohio State University with a bachelor of science in landscape architecture in 1983 and has been practicing landscape architecture in the Lowcountry for 24 years. He is currently the President of John Tarkany Associates, Inc. (JTA), which specializes in land planning and site design for a variety of project types.

Tarkany serves on several committees including the Ashley Scenic River Advisory Committee, The Charleston Green Committee, and the Rushland Plantation Design Review Board.

John and his wife, Beth, have three grown daughters.

- **Laura Gaynor Dukes, Allées in Newberry.**

Dukes, who lives in Prosperity, is a graduate of the University of Georgia School of Environmental Design and is Principal of the landscape architecture firm Allées. Dukes has served as President of the S.C. Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects, as well as Region III Director of CLARB Board of Directors. She has served on the Exam Grading Committee for CLARB for more than 25 years. Currently, Dukes is a member of the Exam Writing Committee for CLARB. She has served as president of the Kenelm Winslow Chapter of the S.C. Society Colonial Dames 17th Century. Dukes is also a member of the Jasper Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and is currently on the Keep Newberry County Beautiful Board. Her hobbies include University of Georgia football, fishing, gardening, cycling, and her new puppy.

- **Barret D. Anderson, Clemson University in Clemson.**

Anderson holds a bachelor's degree in landscape architecture and a master's degree in city and regional planning from Clemson University. He has practiced for the past 11 years in the University Planning and Design Office at Clemson University. Anderson has been a registered landscape architect in the state of South Carolina since 2000. He also served on the Executive Committee of the S.C. Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects from 2001 – 2009.

S.C. Board of Landscape Architectural Examiners Meeting Dates

S.C. Landscape Architect Board meetings are held at the S.C. Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, Kingtree Building, 110 Centerview Drive in Columbia. All meetings begin at 10 a.m. and are open to the public. The Board will meet on the following dates:

Meeting Date	Room Number
Oct. 20, 2010	Room 105
Jan. 19, 2011	Room 204
April 13, 2011	Room 204
July 20, 2011	Room 204
Oct. 19, 2011	Room 204

All Employers Must Comply with S.C. Immigration Act by July 1, 2010

The “South Carolina Illegal Immigration Reform Act” that was signed into law by Governor Mark Sanford on June 4, 2008, is applicable to all businesses in South Carolina regardless of the number of employees.

Compliance with this law began July 1, 2009, for private employers who employ 100 or more employees. For private employers who employ less than 100 employees, the compliance date is July 1, 2010.

The law requires all employers to verify the legal status of new employees and prohibits employment of any worker who is not legally in this country and authorized to work. The South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation’s Office of Immigrant Worker Compliance is charged with investigating complaints and conducting random audits of private employers to assure compliance. Failure to comply can result in severe monetary penalties and revocation of an employer’s right to operate their business.

During the first year, LLR investigators found that most large employers (more than 100 workers) were in compliance with the law. When violations were found they generally were because

- employers who were using E-Verify to verify their employees, did not do so within the five-day timeframe required by the law.
- employers who were using driver’s licenses to verify employees, did so using a driver’s license from a state not on the approved list.

For more information on the law, visit www.llronline.com/immigration/.

