West Virginia

Regulation Passed: 1921
Joined NCARB: 1942
Region 2—Middle-Atlantic Conference (1965)

Noteworthy

In addition to serving as NCARB president, West Virginia Architect C. William Bevins also served as the president of the NAAB in 2006.

West Virginia has had several long-serving board members serving terms of 20 or more years, including Edward T. Boggess, E. Keith Dean, Charles Hickman, Jan Fox, and William Yoke.

West Virginia was the first state to require architects to perform construction administration.

Notable People

NCARB Presidents
1959-60: Walter F. Martens, FAIA (Charleston)
2002: C. William Bevins, FAIA (Charleston)

Additional Members of the NCARB Board of Directors
1987-90: Clint Bryan (Charleston)

First Chairman/President
1921-36: Theodore T. Sansbury (Parkersburg)

First Board Members
M. J. Garry (Bluefield)
Charles L. Hickman (Clarksburg)
H. Rus Warne (Charleston)
M. F. Giesy (Charleston)

First License Issued
1921: Theodore T. Sansbury (Parkersburg)

First Female Board Members
1993: Jan Fox, Public Member (Charleston)
2016: Wendy Scatterday, Architect (Wheeling)

NCARB President Medalists
1998: E. Keith Dean (Huntington)

The Components of Licensure

Education
1970: Applicants without a degree from a NAAB-accredited program can document additional experience as an alternative.
1974: West Virginia accepts NCARB’s education standard, requiring 12 years of experience as an alternative for candidates without a degree from a NAAB-accredited program.
1986: The board requires a degree from a NAAB-accredited program or its equivalent.
1993: A degree from a NAAB-accredited program is required.

Experience
1970: Three years of experience are required for applicants with a degree from a NAAB-accredited program, five years for those without.
1993: Completion of the IDP is required for ARE candidates.

Examination
1954: West Virginia begins using NCARB’s Examination Syllabus.