

## **Notes from Lansing**

The State's Annual Joint Meeting of the Architects', Engineers' and Surveyors' Boards took place last week on May 6. Included was a brief overview of the ongoing "Reinventing Performance in Michigan" initiatives. According to the State's Website, "After four years of transforming state government, Michigan has become a leader in implementing positive changes for business. Prior to the Reinventing Performance in Michigan (RPM) process, state government had too many delays, duplicative forms and impractical regulations and practices." (The attached Press Release shows progress regarding Design Licensure improvements.) As a part of these initiatives, additional internal reorganization will create a new Bureau of Professional Licensing, through which we architects will process our licenses. More information should be forthcoming this summer.

In addition, we are told that excellent progress is being made in creating what will become a "single point of entry" for all required State plan reviews and approvals, regardless of the agencies involved. More information will be available this summer on this improvement as well.

Also, as a reminder, MCL 339.2010 of the Occupational Code, 1980 PA 299, requires in part that, "A firm may engage in the practice of architecture, professional engineering, or professional surveying in this state, if not less than 2/3 of the principals of the firm are licensees." Also, according to Article 20 339.2001, "(h) 'Principal' means a sole proprietor, partner, the president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, or director of a corporation, or a member or manager of a limited liability company." Are you in compliance?

Finally, regarding 339.601, "Practicing regulated occupation or using designated title without license or registration..." further states in part that, "(1) A person shall not engage in or attempt to engage in the practice of an occupation regulated under this act or use a title designated in this act unless the person possesses a license or registration issued by the department for that occupation."