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During the past year our profession has examined the path and experience of those working in architecture and eligible for licensure. Titling and IDP are two very “hot topics”. The National Associates Committee has commenced on a campaign highlighting the Associate’s identity. Please look for our hash tags “#WEARE” and “#AssocAIA” on twitter and Facebook.

Effecting all marching towards licensure is the Intern Development Program or IDP (a new title is in progress). Nationally accepted by NCARB’s state boards (Michigan included) is a revised program which is reduced to 3,740 hours (2 years equivalent). Michigan is one of just a few which has yet to adopt the new program. September 9th, we are encouraging the associate membership to attend the State Architects Board Meeting in a sign of support of a revised IDP and recognition of the issues regarding titling. For more questions, please see Michigan’s Licensing Advisor, Ellen Rotter, Associate AIA.

Commonly, outside of our industry, interns are unpaid students looking to gain experience. In response, National Council of Architecture Registration Boards or NCARB has heard this common complaint of Associate Membership and officially announce “intern” is no longer a recognized title for the unlicensed and holding a professional degree. Please see their press release: <http://www.ncarb.org/News-and-Events/News/2015/May-InternTitle.aspx>