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Arkansas Architect Blakely C. Dunn to Become NCARB President in July 2013

Minneapolis, MN—Blakely C. Dunn, AIA, NCARB, of El Dorado, AR, was elected first vice president/president-elect of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) at its 93rd Annual Meeting. By virtue of his election, he will assume the NCARB presidency in July 2013.

“NCARB has truly emerged as a leader in the ongoing dialogue regarding the practice of architecture because of how we are managing our mission and challenging ourselves to act strategically,” Dunn said. “We must continue to be forward-thinking in our program, service, and system development.”

Dunn was first elected to the NCARB Board of Directors in 2007 as the director of the Southern Conference (Region 3), which represents Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. He was then elected secretary, treasurer, and second vice president. Dunn was also a member of the Arkansas State Board of Architects from 1999-2010, and served as chair of the board from 2002-2006.

In addition to his work on the Board of Directors and Region 3, Dunn has been actively involved on several NCARB committees, including the Committee on Education, the Broadly Experienced Architect Committee, the Committee on Procedures and Documents, and the 2006/2007 Practice Analysis Task Force. He has also served as co-chair of the Intern Development Program (IDP) Advisory Committee; chair of the Bylaws Task Force; chair of the Governance Task Force; and board liaison to the Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®) Subcommittee, the Committee on the IDP, and the Member Board Executives Committee.

“It is a great time to be associated with the Council, as it stays focused on the possibilities ahead. I am deeply grateful to my Council friends and colleagues for their support, as well as the support of members of my firm back home,” Dunn said.

Dunn started his career as an intern at CADM Architecture, Inc. in El Dorado in 1985. After working for several years at The Stuck Associates Inc., in Little Rock, AR and Bullock-Tice Associates, in Pensacola, FL, Dunn returned to CADM Architecture as a principal in 1991 and was named president in 2000. The 74-year-old firm specializes in designing education, senior living, government, and commercial buildings.

Dunn’s contributions do not stop with the profession of architecture. He served as commissioner of the El Dorado Historic District Commission and the director of the El Dorado Rotary Club, the El Dorado Main Street Program, and the United Cerebral Palsy of South Arkansas.

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A graduate of Louisiana Tech University, Dunn received a Bachelor of Architecture in 1985 and Bachelor of Arts in 1984. Dunn holds the NCARB Certificate for national reciprocity and is registered to practice in Arkansas, Florida, Illinois, Louisiana, Texas, and Wisconsin. He is also an active member of the Arkansas Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA).

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About NCARB

The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards' membership is made up of the architectural registration boards of all 50 states as well as those of the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. NCARB assists its member registration boards in carrying out their duties and provides a certification program for individual architects.

NCARB protects the public health, safety, and welfare by leading the regulation of the practice of architecture through the development and application of standards for licensure and credentialing of architects. In order to achieve these goals, the Council develops and recommends standards to be required of an applicant for architectural registration; develops and recommends standards regulating the practice of architecture; provides to Member Boards a process for certifying the qualifications of an architect for registration; and represents the interests of Member Boards before public and private agencies. NCARB has established reciprocal registration for architects in the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

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