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NCARB President to Join AIAS Board of Directors

Washington, D.C. – March 2, 2016 – The American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS) is pleased to welcome Dennis Ward, FAIA, NCARB to its incoming 2016-2017 Board of Directors. Ward currently serves as 96th President of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) and will take on the newly created role of NCARB Liaison on the AIAS Board of Directors this summer at the AIAS Grassroots Leadership Conference, held annually in July in Washington, DC.

The AIAS Council of Presidents voted to create the new NCARB Liaison Board position on January 1, 2016 at the AIAS FORUM in San Francisco, CA. The new NCARB Liaison position complements existing liaisons from the American Institute of Architects (AIA) and the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA).

AIAS President Danielle Mitchell, Assoc. AIA, said, "Dennis' energy, passion and commitment to the next generation of architects make him a great first NCARB Liaison on our Board. We look forward to seeing the connection between the AIAS and NCARB evolve and grow through this appointment."

Ward has been a member of numerous NCARB committees related to student and emerging professional topics, including the Licensure Task Force, ARE Subcommittee (Chair 2008-2009), ARE Technology Subcommittee (Chair 2006-2007), Committee on Examination, ARE Specification Task Force, and ARE Item Writing Workshop.

In 2013, he was awarded the NCARB President's Medal for Distinguished Service, the Council's highest honor, for his commitment to the architectural profession.

A graduate of Clemson University's undergraduate program, Ward went on to attend Clemson's Charles E. Daniels Center for Building Research and Urban Studies in Genoa, Italy. He earned his Masters of Architecture from Clemson University. In 1995, Ward became president of F W Architects, Inc. Experienced in both large and small design projects, his portfolio includes educational, civic, theatrical, commercial, institutional, religious, healthcare, senior living, adaptive re-use, state, and federal projects. Ward holds an NCARB Certificate for national reciprocity and is licensed in South Carolina, North Carolina, and Georgia. He resides in Florence, S.C.

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