

STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS & INTERIOR DESIGNERS

Enabling Laws

Act 74 of 2010
Act 270 of 1941 as amended
A.C.A. § 17-15-102
Act 847 of 1993 as amended
A.C.A. § 17-35-101
A.C.A. § 71-2902

History and Organization

The original Arkansas Architectural Act and the Arkansas State Board of Architects were established by Act 270 in 1941. Effective July 1, 2009, the Arkansas State Board of Architects, Landscape Architects and Interior Designers (ASBALAID) became a multi-profession regulatory agency responsible for overseeing the examination, registration, education, and professional regulation of architects, landscape architects, and registered interior designers.

The Activities of ASBALAID benefit the public in two critical ways.

First, regulation protects the public at large. The primary responsibility of any architect, landscape architect, or registered interior designer is to design environments that are safe, durable, functional, satisfy reasonable environmental standards, and contribute esthetically to the surrounding community. To accomplish this, the design professional must satisfy the applicable requirements of law and demonstrate the correct application of skills and knowledge. It must be emphasized that the results of faulty design may be injurious not only to the person who engages the design professional but also to the third parties who inhabit or use the environment.

Second, regulation protects consumers from fraudulent services rendered by design professionals. The necessity for ensuring that those that hire architects, landscape architects, and registered interior designers are protected from incompetent or dishonest individuals is self-evident.

ASBALAID is composed of nine (9) members, appointed by the governor of Arkansas and confirmed by the Senate for terms of five (5) years or until their successors are duly appointed and qualified. Five (5) members are architects of recognized standing who have been engaged in the independent practice of architecture for at least (10) years prior to appointment. Two (2) members are not actively engaged in or retired from the professions of architecture, interior design, or landscape architecture represent consumers and are appointed from the state at large. The remaining two (2) positions are filled by one (1) landscape architect and one (1) registered interior designer, both of recognized standing.

There is no restriction on the number of terms an individual may serve.

The agency is staffed by three (3) individuals. They are an executive director, board administrator/office manager and administrative assistant. The administrative staff provides the support necessary for the agency to function properly.

Mission

The mission of the ASBALAID is to protect public health, safety, and welfare through the regulation of architects, landscape architects, and registered interior designers in the state of Arkansas by the following:

- Ensuring that those representing themselves as architects, landscape architects, and registered interior designers meet standards of competency by way of education, experience, and examination;
- Establishing standards of practice for those licensed to practice;
- Requiring that any person practicing or offering to practice as an architect, landscape architect, or registered interior designer is licensed;
- Protecting consumers and users of design services;
- Enforcing the laws, codes, and standards governing license holders in a fair, expeditious, and uniform manner; and
- Empowering consumers by providing information and educational materials to help them make informed decisions.

Vision

ASBALAID will play a major role ensuring that architects, landscape architects, and registered interior designers provide the highest quality professional services.

- Arkansas architects, landscape architects, and registered interior designers will possess the knowledge, skills, and abilities enabling them to meet the expectations of clients and consumers.
- Arkansas architects, landscape architects, and registered interior designers will be competent in all areas of practice and will adhere to high standards of technical competency and professional conduct.

- Exam candidates will have access to the necessary education and training opportunities.
- Consumers will have access to an adequate supply of architects, landscape architects, and registered interior designers and will have the information they need to make informed choices.

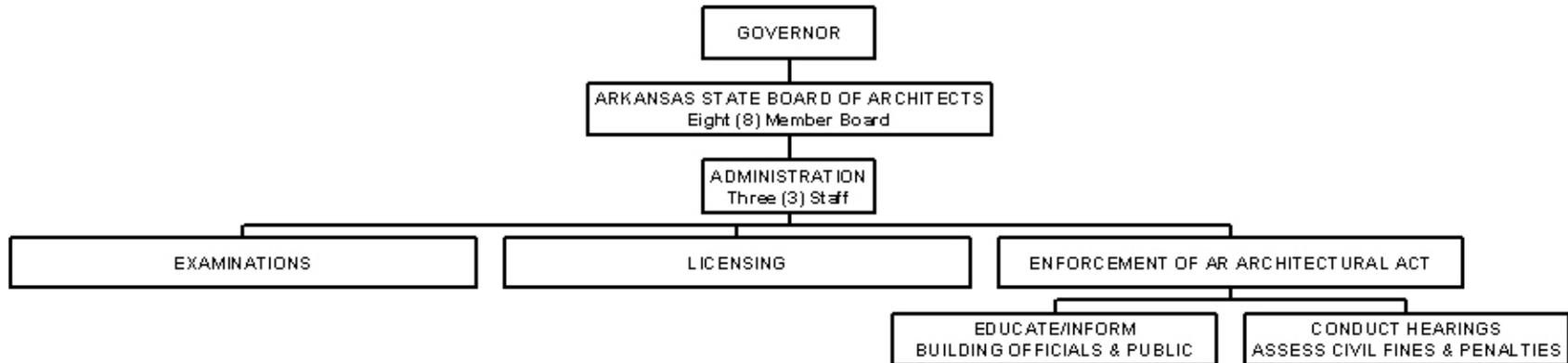
Values

ASBALAID will strive for the highest possible quality throughout all of its programs, making it an outstandingly effective and efficient multi-profession regulatory agency.

To that end, ASBALAID will:

- Be participatory through continuing involvement with NCARB, CLARB, NDICQ, and other organizations;
- Be professional by treating all persons who interact with ASBALAID as valued customers;
- Focus on prevention by providing information and education to consumers, candidates, clients, licensees, and others;
- Be progressive by utilizing the most advanced means for providing services; and
- Be proactive by exercising leadership among consumer protection and professional practice groups.

The Board is a cash fund agency. In July 2010, the Board moved all of its cash funds from various banks to the State Treasury.



Agency Commentary

Each day, millions of Arkansans work and live within environments designed by licensed architects, landscape architects, and registered interior designers. The decisions made by these professionals about scale, massing, special organization, image, materials, and methods of construction impact not only the health, safety, and welfare of the present users, but of future generations as well.

To safeguard public health, safety, and welfare, reduce the possibility of injury or building failure, encourage quality design, and provide access for the disabled, those who design complex environments must meet minimum standards of competency. It is equally necessary that those who cannot meet minimum standards by way of education, experience, and examination be prevented from misrepresenting themselves to the citizens of the state of Arkansas.

ASBALAID is a cash-funded state agency, historically receiving no general revenue funds. In July 2010, the Board moved all of its cash funds from various banks to the State Treasury. Agency operations are funded through fees charged by ASBALAID, which include examination, registration, renewal fees, fines, and penalties.

In response to amplified expenditures as a result of the FY10 agency merger and reorganization, ASBALAID respectfully requests the following:

Increase in Operating Expense for the 2011-2013 biennium:

Operating Expenditures (02) - \$42,120 will facilitate the following:

- An increase of \$2,500 for "Telecommunications Wireless" to fund both cell phone and mobile broadband access for the executive director and the board administrator/office manager;
- An increase of \$4,620 for "Printing" to print the board's revised law and rules and regulations and licensure certificates;
- An increase of \$5,000 for "Rental of Facilities" for expanded office space rented from the Arkansas Building Authority;
- An increase of \$4,000 for "Rental of Office Equipment" to lease a multi-purpose copier and postage machine to enhance service to the public and board members;
- An additional \$15,000 for "Temporary Employee Services" to allow the hiring of extra help during the renewal season and board meetings.

- An increase of \$11,000 in "Software/Licensing" for monthly subscription service for the (GL Suite) licensing database system and yearly maintenance/update of the (DocuWare) image software system.

Increase in Conference & Travel Expense for the 2011-2013 biennium:

Conference & Travel Expenditures (09) - \$14,200 will facilitate the following:

- Staff travel and training expenses resulting from the agency merger and reorganization. The agency restructuring amplified the travel requirements and associated costs for agency staff. This additional funding will assure agency staff will be able to attend both regional and national meetings related to regulation duties.

Audit Findings

DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

AUDIT OF :

STATE BOARD OF ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS AND INTERIOR DESIGNERS

Findings

A separate report for this Agency was not issued. However, financial activity for the Agency was included in the audit of the State's CAFR for the year ended June 30, 2009.

Recommendations

Employment Summary

	Male	Female	Total	%
White Employees	1	0	1	33 %
Black Employees	0	2	2	67 %
Other Racial Minorities	0	0	0	0 %
Total Minorities			2	67 %
Total Employees			3	100 %

Publications

A.C.A. 25-1-204

Name	Statutory Authorization	Required for		# of Copies	Reason(s) for Continued Publication and Distribution
		Governor	General Assembly		
Arkansas Architectural Act	A.C.A. 17-15-305 (e)	N	N	1,800	The Act was amended in 1999 and the new language passed by the Legislature requires that each registrant be sent a copy of the Act.
Arkansas State Board of Architect Rules and Regulations	A.C.A. 17-15-305 (e)	N	N	1,800	January 13, 2000 and reviewed by the Legislature on February 3, 2000. The Act requires that each registrant be sent a copy of the Rule and Regulations.

Agency Position Usage Report

FY2008 - 2009						FY2009 - 2010						FY2010 - 2011					
Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted Total	% of Authorized Unused	Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted Total	% of Authorized Unused	Authorized in Act	Budgeted			Unbudgeted Total	% of Authorized Unused
	Filled	Unfilled	Total				Filled	Unfilled	Total				Filled	Unfilled	Total		
3	3	0	3	0	0.00 %	3	3	0	3	0	0.00 %	3	3	0	3	0	0.00 %

Analysis of Budget Request

Appropriation: 83V - Bd of Architects, Landscape Architects & Interior Designers

Funding Sources: NAI - Cash in Treasury - ASBALAID

The State Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, and Interior Designers is responsible for the regulation of architecture, landscape architecture, and interior design by providing examinations of qualifications for the issuance of certificates of registration and licenses. The agency also provides for the education of building officials and the public regarding the provisions of the Arkansas Architectural Act and the rules and regulations of the Board. The operations of the Board are funded from Cash Funds generated from the receipt of fees charged by the Agency. In July 2010, the Board moved all of its cash funds from various banks to the State Treasury.

Base Level salaries and matching do not include appropriation for a Cost of Living Adjustment or Career Service Payments. The Base Level request for Regular Salaries includes board member stipend payments.

The Agency requests additional appropriation in Operating Expenses of \$42,120 in each year of the biennium due to increases in rent, rental fees for office equipment, wireless telecommunication, temp services, subscription services and printing.

An additional \$14,200 is requested in Conference and Travel Fees in each year of the biennium due to increases in conference and seminar fees, airfare and lodging fees, national and regional association dues, lodging fees, airfare fees, and ground transportation fees.

The Executive Request provides for Base Level each year of the 2011-2013 biennium. Expenditure of appropriation is contingent upon available funding.

Appropriation Summary

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Historical Data

Agency Request and Executive Recommendation

Commitment Item		Historical Data			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation			Agency Request and Executive Recommendation		
		2009-2010 Actual	2010-2011 Budget	2010-2011 Authorized	2011-2012			2012-2013		
					Base Level	Agency	Executive	Base Level	Agency	Executive
Regular Salaries	5010000	166,717	170,413	174,199	170,413	170,413	170,413	170,413	170,413	170,413
#Positions		3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Personal Services Matching	5010003	45,067	47,538	47,223	47,636	47,636	47,636	47,636	47,636	47,636
Operating Expenses	5020002	119,693	154,423	154,423	154,423	196,543	154,423	154,423	196,543	154,423
Conference & Travel Expenses	5050009	15,880	8,600	8,600	8,600	22,800	8,600	8,600	22,800	8,600
Professional Fees	5060010	0	4,100	4,100	4,100	4,100	4,100	4,100	4,100	4,100
Data Processing	5090012	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	5120011	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Exams	5900046	0	7,348	7,348	7,348	7,348	7,348	7,348	7,348	7,348
Total		347,357	392,422	395,893	392,520	448,840	392,520	392,520	448,840	392,520
Funding Sources										
Fund Balance	4000005	1,536,117	1,907,590		2,110,119	2,110,119	2,110,119	2,256,230	2,256,230	2,312,550
Cash Fund	4000045	718,830	594,951		538,631	594,951	594,951	538,631	594,951	594,951
Total Funding		2,254,947	2,502,541		2,648,750	2,705,070	2,705,070	2,794,861	2,851,181	2,907,501
Excess Appropriation/(Funding)		(1,907,590)	(2,110,119)		(2,256,230)	(2,256,230)	(2,312,550)	(2,402,341)	(2,402,341)	(2,514,981)
Grand Total		347,357	392,422		392,520	448,840	392,520	392,520	448,840	392,520

The FY11 Budget amount in Personal Services Matching exceeds the authorized amount due to matching rate adjustments during the 2009-2011 biennium.

Change Level by Appropriation

Appropriation: 83V - Bd of Architects, Landscape Architects & Interior Designers
Funding Sources: NAI - Cash in Treasury - ASBALAID

Agency Request

Change Level		2011-2012	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2012-2013	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
BL	Base Level	392,520	3	392,520	100.0	392,520	3	392,520	100.0
C01	Existing Program	56,320	0	448,840	114.3	56,320	0	448,840	114.3

Executive Recommendation

Change Level		2011-2012	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL	2012-2013	Pos	Cumulative	% of BL
BL	Base Level	392,520	3	392,520	100.0	392,520	3	392,520	100.0
C01	Existing Program	0	0	392,520	100.0	0	0	392,520	100.0

Justification

C01	An increase in Operating Expenses of \$42,120 is requested to hire temporary help during the renewal season and board meetings, for a monthly service subscription and yearly maintenance of the DocuWare image software system, for expanded office space rented from Arkansas Building Authority, to print the board's revised rules and regulations and to lease a multi-purpose copier. Due to the merger in FY2010 of three previously separate boards into the Arkansas State Board of Architects, Landscape Architects and Interior Designers, agency workload has increased significantly. Additional appropriation in Conference and Travel of \$14,200 is requested to address staff travel and training expenses resulting from the agency merger and reorganization. The agency restructuring amplified the travel requirements and associated costs for agency staff.
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