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satisfactory evidence regarding the content and hours claimed by it.

The Board also discussed a recent brochure from Western Schools, which states that all of its courses are "registered" with the Board. However, none of the courses included in the brochure are registered with the Board or included in any existing PSA. The Board also voted to request that the Continuing Education Committee review the PSA form in order to make recommendations for improvement and consider whether new regulations or statutory changes are necessary.

At its March 12 meeting in Los Angeles, the Board adopted a proposal to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of Accountancy and the Department of Corporations, which concerns the duties and responsibilities of the Department's Internal Review Committee (IRC), and the Board's intention to rely upon the IRC's certification of the experience of Department employees, for purposes of qualifying for CPA certification.

Also, the Board reported a reduction in exam cheating due to its new security procedures. In November 1986, there were 1,168 exam cheating incidents; in November 1987, there were only 256 such incidents. This is a reduction of 78%.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

May 19-21 in Lake Tahoe. July 29-30 in San Diego. October 7 in Fresno.

BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS

Executive Officer: Stephen P. Sands (916) 445-3393

The Board of Architectural Examiners (BAE) was established by the legislature in 1901. BAE establishes minimum levels of competency for licensed architects and regulates the practice of architecture. Duties of the Board include administration of the California Architect Licensing Exam (CALE) and enforcement of Board guidelines. BAE is a tenmember body evenly divided between public and professional membership.

The election of BAE officers was held at the Board's January 28 meeting in Millbrae. Paul Neel was re-elected Board President; Robert DePietro was re-elected Vice-President; and Lawrence Chaffin, Jr. was selected Secretary.

MAJOR PROJECTS:

Regulatory Changes. In January, the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) approved the adoption of section 153 in Chapter 2, Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), regarding multiplex dwellings. (See CRLR Vol. 7, No. 4 (Fall 1987) p. 38 for background information.)

BAE has filed notice with OAL of proposed changes to section 109, which (as amended) would require CALE candidates to submit all documentation relating to eligibility for the exam by March 1 in the year in which application is made; section 116(a), which would require that a CALE candidate's graduation must be confirmed by the March 1 filing deadline, and that qualifying work experience could be evaluated up until the test date; and the proposed repeal of section 125, which would eliminate applicants' ability to appeal failing scores on the CALE. (See CRLR Vol. 8, No. 1 (Winter 1988) pp. 42-43 for background information.) A hearing on the proposed changes was scheduled for March 15 at the Department of Consumer Affairs in Sacramento.

On February 8, the Board held a hearing on proposed changes to several of the Board's regulations. No public comment was received on any of the proposed changes. The Board proposes to adopt new section 134, which will specify appropriate titles which may be used by architectural firms to identify themselves in all forms of advertising. An amendment to section 135 would delete the term "registered building designer" from the regulation, and would establish requirements for architects who wish to form a partnership with unlicensed persons. A proposed amendment to section 151 would implement existing law which provides that an architect is prohibited from signing plans or specifications which have not been prepared by him/her or under his/her "immediate and responsible direction." The proposed amendment to section 151 would establish criteria for determining compliance with the intent of "immediate and responsible direction." These proposed regulations were scheduled for Board consideration and adoption at its March 29 meeting.

Training Session. On February 26, the BAE conducted a training session designed to aid the Board in setting goals and objectives for the next three to five years. The training session was facilitated by Michael Tompkins, a lecturer and consultant who specializes in management training and organizational

problem solving. Of primary concern at the session was BAE's continuing relationship with the National Council of Architectural Review Boards (NCARB).

FUTURE MEETINGS:

June 9 in Sacramento (tentative).

ATHLETIC COMMISSION

Executive Officer: Ken Gray (916) 920-7300

The Athletic Commission regulates amateur and professional boxing, contact karate, and professional wrestling. The Commission consists of eight members each serving four-year terms. All eight seats are "public" as opposed to industry representatives.

The current Commission members are Bill Malkasian, Raoul Silva, Roosevelt Grier, P.B. Montemayor, M.D., Jerry Nathanson, Thomas Thaxter, M.D., Charles Westlund, and Robert Wilson.

The Commission is constitutionally authorized and has sweeping powers to license and discipline those within its jurisdiction. The Commission licenses promoters, booking agents, matchmakers, referees, judges, managers, boxers, martial arts competitors, and wrestlers. The Commission places primary emphasis on boxing, where regulation extends beyond licensing and includes the establishment of equipment, weight, and medical requirements. Further, the Commission's power to regulate boxing extends to the separate approval of each contest to preclude mismatches. Commission inspectors attend all professional boxing contests.

MAJOR PROJECTS:

Neurological Examination Program. Members of the boxing industry have reported that they do not understand the neurological examination program required by the Commission. (See CRLR Vol. 8, No. 1 (Winter 1988) p. 43 for background information.) According to a report by Executive Officer Ken Gray, the Commission has received numerous complaints from industry representatives who want to understand how the examination is conducted and how to interpret examination results.

Thus, the Commission scheduled a March 18 workshop for boxers, promoters, managers, physicians, and Commission members, to inform the boxing industry, in a medical context, as to the specific requirements and objectives of a neurological examination.