

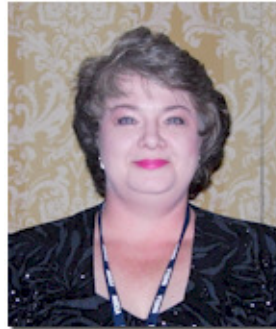
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- ◆ Disciplinary Database
- ◆ NASCLA Committee Update
- ◆ NASCLA Annual Conference Update
- ◆ CSLID Annual Update

NASCLA President's Message



The New Year is a time to reflect on the past year and it provides us with an opportunity to look to the future with an optimistic view of what lies ahead. It always brings about exciting challenges and new adventures and as NASCLA moves into 2008, I am looking forward to all that we will share together.

I will be bringing NASCLA's Annual Conference to Alabama in September of 2008 and I am eagerly anticipating welcoming all of NASCLA's members to join us as we celebrate another successful year for the association. The conference will be held at the recently renovated four-star *Marriott Grand Hotel and Spa* in Point Clear, Alabama on September 14 - 17, 2008. I hope all of you plan on attending this first class event!

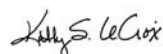
Prior to the Annual Conference, NASCLA will be hosting its Mid Year meeting in Santa Barbara, California. The meeting is scheduled for March 11 - 12, 2008 at *Fess Parker's Doubletree Resort*. The Mid Year meeting is a time for NASCLA's Committee Members and Board of Directors to come together to discuss projects for the association.

NASCLA's Committee Members will in deed be hard at work this year to achieve many exciting goals. In fact, our Model Legislation Committee has already started drafting model legislation for the Residential Construction Industry and they expect to have a draft completed by the end of this year. Our Submarketing Committee for the National Examination Program will be aggressively promoting NASCLA's National Examination Program for General Commercial Builders and we expect to secure at least one General Contractor Licensing Agency to begin testing this year!

NASCLA staff members will also be working on several large projects this year. In addition to the many meetings that NASCLA's staff members are organizing and planning for us, they will also be revamping the user guide for the NASCLA Disciplinary Database in an effort to assist our state members in using this valuable tool as well as updating the Contractor State Licensing Information Directory.

As you can see, NASCLA is moving into 2008 with determination and direction and when I conclude my presidency, I know we will achieve all that we have set out to do this year. Happy New Year!

Sincerely,



NASCLA President

NASCLA Mid Year Meeting Update



NASCLA will be hosting its 2008 Mid Year Meeting in Santa Barbara, California on March 11–12 at *Fess Parker's Doubletree Resort*. The Mid Year meeting provides NASCLA's Executive Committee, Board of Directors, Committee Members and State Members with the opportunity to come together to discuss current projects as they relate to the association.

The NASCLA Mid Year meeting is drawing more attendees every year as individuals are becoming more interested in actively participating in one of NASCLA's many committees. The meeting is open to NASCLA's Officers, Directors and Committee Members, as well as State Member Licensing Agency Board Members and Staff.



The primary purpose of this year's meeting is to give all of NASCLA's working committee's the chance to meet with their committee chairs to develop goals and objectives for the fiscal year. It also gives the association's directors and staff time for program development and planning.

The meeting will begin on Tuesday, March 11th with committee meetings running throughout the day. On Wednesday, March 12th the group will join together for the traditional board meeting. More specific information will be released to attendees once the agenda is finalized.



We have secured a nightly rate of \$141.00, single or double occupancy, at *Fess Parker's Doubletree Resort*. Reservations can be made by calling (877) 893-0892 and requesting a room under the NASCLA Board Meeting. Room reservations must be made by Saturday, February 9, 2008 in order to receive the discounted room rate.

Santa Barbara, California is a popular tourist destination known for its beautiful beaches, unique wineries and exceptional shopping and dining options. The town is nestled between the Pacific Ocean and the Santa Ynez Mountains and is approximately 90 miles north of Los Angeles.



There are several transportation options available when making your travel plans to Santa Barbara. The most convenient option is to fly directly into the Santa Barbara regional airport. Other options include flying into Burbank or Los Angeles and then driving the short distance along the coast to Santa Barbara.

For more information, please call the NASCLA Office at (866) 948-3363.

NASCLA Mid Year Meeting Registration Form

Santa Barbara, California
March 11 - 12, 2008

Complete One Form for Each Person Attending the Conference
Deadline: February 11, 2008

Name and Title: _____

Agency: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____

Spouse/Guest (Name): _____

Registration Fee: \$225.00

Registration Fee Includes Meeting Materials, Continental Breakfasts, and Luncheons

Please Check One:

- The Registration Fee \$225.00 is enclosed
- The Registration Form Only. Registration Fee To Be Paid Separately
- I Will Not Be Able To Attend

Accommodations:

Fess Parker Doubletree Hotel
633 East Cabrillo Blvd • Santa Barbara, CA 93103
Toll Free Reservations: (800) 879-2929
Rate: \$141.00

Reference: NASCLA Board Meeting
Please Make Your Reservations by February 9, 2008

Return This Registration Form and a Check Made Payable To:

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23309 North 17th Drive, Building 1, Unit 110
Phoenix, Arizona 85027
Phone (623) 587-9354 - Fax (623) 587-9625
info@nascla.org

NASCLA Strategic Planning Meeting

NASCLA's Executive Committee members met in Phoenix, Arizona on December 6–7, 2007 for the NASCLA Strategic Planning Meeting.

Attendees included Kathy LeCroix, NASCLA President and Executive Director of the Alabama Board of Heating and Air Conditioning Contractors; Carolyn Lazenby, 1st Vice President and Executive Director of the Tennessee Board for Licensing General Contractors; John Curl, 2nd Vice President and Hearing Officer of the South Carolina Residential Builders Commission; Charles Marceaux, Treasurer and Executive Director of the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors; Keith Warren, Secretary and Executive Director of the Alabama Board of Electrical Contractors; and Greg Crow, Immediate Past President and Administrator for the Arkansas Contractors Licensing Board.

The committee met in NASCLA's new administrative office to discuss the associations Strategic Plan, Vision for FY 2007 / 2008, Goals and Objectives and Action Plan. The committee developed a new Strategic Plan and Vision for 2008 / 2009 / 2010 for both NASCLA and NASCLA Publications, Inc.



From left to right: Greg Crow (AR), Carolyn Lazenby (TN) and Angie Whitaker (AZ).



From left to right: John Curl (SC), Greg Crow (AR), Reese Anderson (AZ) and Angie Whitaker (AZ).

NASCLA Model Legislation Committee Meeting



From left to right: Jamie Durham (AL), Bill Albright (AZ), Kathy LeCroix (AL) and Steve Pinther (ID).



From left to right: Kathy LeCroix (AL) and Steve Pinther (ID).

NASCLA's Model Legislation Committee also met in Phoenix in December for its first meeting. The committee members met prior to the Executive Committee meeting on December 4–5, 2007 at the new NASCLA administrative offices.

The committee members in attendance at the meeting included Jamie Durham (Committee Chair), Bill Albright, Kathy LeCroix, Steve Pinther, Greg Crow and Roger Hales. The committee members who are predominantly attorneys, appreciated the input of a builder-member, Steve Pinther, on the committee.

The committee meeting was lead by Jamie Durham, Committee Chair and Alabama Home Builders Licensure Board Attorney. The committee set a goal to start drafting model legislation during the two-day meeting, and were very pleased to have met their goal.

The committee is planning to have the Model Legislation for Residential Contractors Licensing Boards completed by the end of 2008. The Model Legislation for Residential Licensing Boards will hopefully assist new state boards that are implementing new residential contractor licensing programs in their home state, and states planning to implement new programs and procedures requiring changes to existing legislation.

NASCLA Disciplinary Data Bank

The National Association of State Contractors Licensing Agencies (NASCLA) was founded in 1962 as a non-profit corporation. Its membership is comprised of states that have enacted laws regulating the business of contracting. It is dedicated to the mutual assistance of the member states in striving for better regulation of the construction industry to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the general public.

One of the primary purposes of the association is to provide a clearinghouse for information concerning court decisions, attorney general opinions, and disciplinary proceedings. In furtherance of this purpose, the board of directors, at the annual meeting held in Honolulu on September 20, 1989, voted unanimously to develop a national listing of individuals who have had their contractor's license revoked.

The *NASCLA Contractors Disciplinary Data Bank* is intended to be an alert system for licensing boards and agencies when evaluating contractor license applications. Ideally, individuals with a history of problems will be identified prior to licensure in another state and inquiries can be made regarding the seriousness of the applicant's disciplinary past from the former licensing board or agency. The *NASCLA Contractors Disciplinary Data Bank* can be accessed on the NASCLA Members Only website located at <http://www.nascla.org/login.php> for all of our state members.

In order for the data bank to be an effective tool for contractor applicant screening, your timely input of contractor revocations is imperative. Many other NASCLA state members are relying on your revocation reporting. Likewise, to avoid possible civil liability, the association must be notified of any revocations that have been set aside or overturned so that the individual may be removed from the data bank.

The association is currently in the process of redesigning the user manual and all forms for the *NASCLA Contractors Disciplinary Data Bank* to make the data bank more user friendly for all of our NASCLA state members. The new user manual and forms will be mailed out in the 1st quarter of 2008.

If you have any additional questions or you need your login and password, please do not hesitate to contact Angie Whitaker, NASCLA Executive Director, via email at angie@nascla.org or toll free at (866) 948-3363.



NASCLA Committee List Fiscal Year 2007 / 2008

Executive Committee

Kathy LeCroix, President, Chair
 Carolyn Lazenby, 1st Vice President
 John Curl, 2nd Vice President
 Charles Marceaux, Treasurer
 Keith Warren, Secretary
 Greg Crow, Immediate Past President
 George Whalen, 2nd Immediate Past President

Program Committee

The Program Committee is responsible for proposing programs to be conducted by the association, proposing agenda items for the Annual and Mid Year meetings and for proposing the location for the Mid Year Meeting.

Carolyn Lazenby (TN), Chair
 Keith Warren (AL)
 Chip Carden (AL)
 Jamie Durham (AL)
 Joe Rogers (AL)
 Al Tunstill (AL)
 Steve Pinther (ID)
 Robbie Brooks (NC)
 Patty Riggs (TX)

Nominations Committee

George Whalen (RI), Chair
 Greg Crow (AR)
 Charles Marceaux (LA)
 Mark Selph (NC)
 Robbie Brooks (NC)

Publications Committee

The Publications Committee is responsible for overseeing all aspects of the NASCLA Publications, Inc. Contractors Guide to Business, Law and Project Management books including sales, updates, printing costs, etc.

Joe Rogers (AL), Chair
 Greg Crow (AR)
 Dr. Jim Clark (NC)
 Robbie Brooks (NC)
 Boyd West (OK)
 George Whalen (RI)

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee is responsible for coordinating contacts with potential members, identifying the needs of current members and recommending programs to address those needs.

Nancy Routh (NC), Chair
 Jamie Durham (AL)
 Kathy LeCroix (AL)
 Gloria Keene (MI)
 Fran Gilson (LA)

Fiscal Policies & Procedures Committee

Charles Marceaux (LA), Chair (9/08)
 Joe Rogers (AL)
 Keith Warren (AL)
 Greg Crow (AR)
 Robbie Brooks (NC)
 George Whalen (RI)

National Examination Committee

The National Examination Committee is responsible for developing a standardized National Examination for General Commercial Contractors and possible other trades exams in the future.

Heidi Lincer-Hill (CA), Chair
 Joe Rogers (AL)
 Greg Crow (AR)
 Leonard Servat (LA)
 George Whalen (RI)

Marketing Subcommittee (Subcommittee of the National Examination Committee)

Joe Rogers (AL), Chair
 Greg Crow (AR)
 Charles Marceaux (LA)
 Vic Weston (LA)
 Nancy Routh (NC)
 George Whalen (RI)

Residential Committee

The Residential Committee is a relatively new committee created as a forum for members to discuss and share information on issues and topics relevant to residential contractor's boards across the country.

Chip Carden (Chair)
 Jamie Durham (AL)
 Greg Crow (AR)
 George Whalen (RI)
 John Curl (SC)

Model Legislation Committee

The Model Legislation Committee is responsible for draft model legislation for the construction regulatory industry.

Jamie Durham (AL), Chair
 Kathy LeCroix (AL)
 Ellen Leonard (AL)
 Greg Crow (AR)
 Bill Albright (AZ)
 Roger Hales (ID)
 Steve Pinther (ID)
 George Whalen (RI)

Attorney Counsel Section

The committee will be composed of attorneys. The NASCLA Attorney Counsel Section will work closely with the Model Legislation Committee on draft model law for the construction industry and other legal subject matters for the association.

Jamie Durham (AL), Chair
 Kathy LeCroix (AL)
 Ellen Leonard (AL)
 Greg Crow (AR)
 Bill Albright (AZ)
 Roger Hales (ID)
 Jennifer Grimes (MD)
 Carson Carmichael (NC)

NASCLA 2008 Annual Conference Update



NASCLA's Annual Conference has a long history of providing regulators in the construction industry with the opportunity to come together to network, collaborate and exchange information on issues relevant to their field. Every year the association's Program Committee and Staff Members strive to create an agenda that encourages this interaction and fosters new dialog between it's many members.

This year the association will be hosting it's 46th annual meeting in Point Clear, Alabama at the *Grand Hotel Point Clear Resort & Spa* on September 14–17, 2008. The hotel recently underwent a \$50-million renovation which brought this historic hotel into the 21st century. Conference guests will enjoy the luxurious accommodations and the many amenities offered at the resort including a 20,000 square-foot spa, two 18-hole championship golf courses and The Grand's private marina.



For more information and registration information, please visit the NASCLA website at www.nascla.org.



Contractor State License Information Directory Update

NASCLA is currently in the process of updating the *NASCLA Contractors State Licensing Information Directory*. The directory is expected to be released in March 2008.

The directory is a single source national reference guide to contractor regulation agencies and boards. In order to make the update as complete and accurate as possible, we are requesting all state licensing boards to update and complete the registration requirements for contractors imposed in their states. State members encourage you to review the information that was sent out last month including the summary. Please make any changes you deem necessary to properly reflect the current information on the laws and procedures affecting the regulation of contractors by your agency.

The details of contractor regulation that we are seeking include the following (as applicable):

- Business and Trade Exam Requirements & Passing Score
- Experience Requirements
- Extent of Financial Screening (Financial Statements, Credit Checks, etc.)
- Bonding Requirements
- Recovery Fund Limits and Funding Method
- Examination, Applications and Renewal Fees and Period Covered
- Reciprocity Agreements

For more information, please contact Angie Whitaker, NASCLA Executive Director, toll-free at (866) 948-3363.

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The association's membership is comprised of state and local contractor licensing agencies, construction firms, construction trade associations and others associated with the construction industry.

For more information, please contact
Angie Whitaker at the association.
