

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES COMMITTEE**Thursday, December 12, 2013****Testimony Presented by Bonnie Staiger, Hon. AIA, Executive Director****ND State Board of Architecture and Landscape Architecture**

Chairman Devlin and Members of the Committee:

Appearing with me today --for moral support and to answer any technical questions -- are Bill Schoen, AIA, President of the board, James Devine, AIA, Secretary-Treasurer, and John Olson, Special Assistant Attorney General.

I will begin by responding to the 11 questions we've been specifically asked to address with regard to the procedure followed by the board in adopting the rules. I'm happy to provide the following:

1. The rules did not result from 2013 statutory changes made by the Legislative Assembly.
2. The rules are not related to any federal statute or regulation.
3. The rulemaking procedure followed the required public notice given and a public hearing held on the rules. Affidavit of Publication from Newspaper Association was filed with the Legislative Council. A public hearing was held August 21, 2013.
4. No person presented a written or oral concern, objection, or complaint for agency consideration with regard to these rules. In addition, no person attended the public hearing.
5. The approximate cost of giving public notice and holding any hearing on the rules and the approximate cost (not including staff time) of developing and adopting the rules was \$3,200.
6. The subject matter of the rules and the reasons for adopting those rules is to better integrate language relating to landscape architecture and update them to current practice as well as our technology based world.
7. As an occupational or professional licensing board we are exempt from a small entity regulatory analysis.
8. A small entity economic impact statement was not issued since the rules do not have an impact on the regulated community in excess of \$50,000.
10. No takings assessment was required because the rules do not limit the uses of real property.
11. These rules were not adopted as emergency (interim final) rules and neither the Governor nor any member of the Legislative Assembly requested a regulatory analysis.

I and others here representing the board are happy to answer any questions.