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## BIENNIAL SCHOLARSHIP DINNER DANCE

On Wednesday, March 28th, 2012 the Brooklyn Architects Scholarship Foundation honored four distinguished architects for their services and achievements in the advancement of the architectural profession at the El Caribe Country Club in Brooklyn. The honorees Richard Ferrara, AIA, Gerald I. Goldstein, AIA, John Gallagher, AIA and Ira Gluckman, AIA were presented with awards as well as a gift expressing our sincerest acknowledgement of all their efforts.

The Brooklyn Architects Scholarship Foundation, Inc. was formed to raise funds to award architectural scholarships to qualified students. The success and development of the



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left to right: John Buday, AIA; John Gallagher, AIA; Peter Mugavero, AIA;  
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The evening had a surreal feeling. The background music was reminiscent of the first class dinner scene in the movie the "Titanic". It was wonderfully simple yet extremely prestigious to be surrounded by so many promi-

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# NYC DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS NEWS & UPDATES

## SPECIAL INSPECTION AGENCIES: REGISTRATION DEADLINE & FILINGS

The amended Special Inspector and Special Inspection Agencies Rule becomes effective May 13, 2012. Under 1 RCNY §101-06, agencies performing special inspections must be registered with the Department by November 13, 2012. The Department will begin online registration May 14, 2012.

### Compliance + TR1 Filings

Special Inspection Agencies with projects permitted on or after November 5, 2012 must be registered to perform inspections.

On or after November 5, 2012, the Special Inspection Agency number must be included on the TR1 when identifying responsibility and certifying completion of inspections. The applicant of record must identify the special inspection requirement on the TR1 prior to approval.

The Special Inspection Agency must identify responsibility of the special inspections prior to permit and certify completion of the special inspections prior to sign-off.

### Registration Fees

Initial: \$200  
Renewal: \$90  
Endorsement: \$30 per Special  
Inspection Class

### Insurance

A Special Inspection Agency must obtain insurance to perform special inspections. All Special Inspection Agencies must have workers compensation insurance or a waiver. Registered architects and professional engineers must have professional liability insurance. Licensed trades people must have general liability insurance.

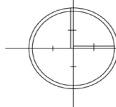
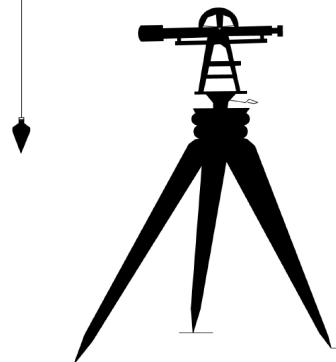
Learn more about Special Inspection Agency requirements at the OTCR section of the Dept.'s website at [nyc.gov/buildings](http://nyc.gov/buildings).

## WORK WITHOUT A PERMIT OR SWO VIOLATIONS: REQUESTING AN OVERRIDE, REDUCTION OR WAIVER OF PENALTIES

To request an override, reduction or waiver of civil penalties for Work Without a Permit or Stop Work Order (SWO) violation, applicants or property owners must submit the new L2 form. Read the service notice about this new process, and see the L2 instructions for more on the new form and submission requirements. Following a thorough review of the submitted L2 and supporting documentation, the Department will advise the applicant or owner of the decision regarding the request.

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Overrides

**Is the L2 form required when seeking an override to obtain a work permit in an area not related to a civil penalty violation?**

*Yes, the applicant or property owner must complete and submit the L2 for these types of overrides.*

**Is the owner's signature required for override requests?**

*The owner's notarized signature or notarized signature of an authorized designee is required for override requests. The authorized designee may be the managing agent, tenant, contractor, applicant, architect or any individual associated with the filing.*

### Process

**Is the L2 form required for all override, waiver and reduction requests listed in Section 1 of the L2 form?**

*Yes, submit an L2 form for all override, waiver and reduction requests.*

**Must I submit one L2 form per permit type (e.g. construction, plumbing, etc.)?**

*Yes, one L2 form must be submitted per permit type.*

**If multiple violations exist for a specific job, may I submit all violations on one L2?**

*Yes, if the violations relate to one job, applicants can submit these requests on one L2.*

**Should I submit a copy of the violation with the L2 form?**

*Yes, submit a copy of the violation with your submission, along with any additional supporting documentation.*

## NEW ADA STANDARDS + DOB CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

Design standards under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) have recently been updated. Beginning March 15, 2012, new buildings and major alterations may be required to meet these new minimum requirements.

### NEW ADA DESIGN STANDARDS

The US Department of Justice (DOJ) published revised regulations for Titles II and III of the ADA in the Federal Register on September 15, 2010. The revisions adopted the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design (2010 Standards), which set minimum requirements for structures to be readily accessible to people with disabilities. The 2010 Standards apply to newly designed, constructed or altered:

- State and local government facilities;
- Public accommodations; and
- Commercial facilities

The 2010 Standards are available at [ada.gov/2010ADASTandards\\_index.htm](http://ada.gov/2010ADASTandards_index.htm), and the DOJ's Revised ADA Requirements: Effective Date and Compliance Date explains the 2010 Standards' applicability in Title II and Title III ADA entities.

For more information on Title II requirements for **state and local government facilities**, see 28 CFR §35.151(c) and [www.ada.gov/regs2010/titleII\\_2010/titleII\\_2010\\_withbold.htm](http://www.ada.gov/regs2010/titleII_2010/titleII_2010_withbold.htm).

For Title III requirements for **public accommodations and commercial facilities**, they are subject to the 2010 Standards based upon the last application for a building permit or permit extension. If no permit is required, applicability is governed by the date that the construction or alterations began. (Ceremonial groundbreakings or razing of structures to prepare a site are not considered construction or alterations for the purposes of the 2010 Standards applicability.) See 36 CFR §36.104 and 28 CFR §36.406(a) at [www.ada.gov/regs2010/titleIII\\_2010/titleIII\\_2010\\_withbold.htm](http://www.ada.gov/regs2010/titleIII_2010/titleIII_2010_withbold.htm).

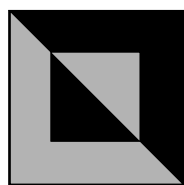
## DOB PERMITS + THE 2010 STANDARDS

The Department interprets "date when the last application for a building permit and permit extension" under 28 CFR §36.406(a) to be the **issuance date** of a lawful, valid work permit covering its applicable scope of work. **All new construction and alterations of public accommodations and commercial facilities in New York City subject to the ADA must comply with the 2010 Standards if:**

1. A work permit covering the scope of work proposed is issued by the NYC Department of Buildings on or after March 15, 2012; or

2. A work permit covering the scope of work proposed is issued by the NYC Department of Buildings prior to March 15, 2012, and an amendment to change the scope of work is approved on or after March 15, 2012; or

3. Where no NYC Department of Buildings permit is required for the scope of work proposed, the start of the physical construction or alteration is on or after March 15, 2012. **AIA**



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# COMMITTEE REPORTS



## URBAN DESIGN COMMITTEE

**Date:** April 18, 2012  
**Place:** Ft. Hamilton  
**Present:** Giuseppe Anzalone,  
Larry Stelter, Tony  
Marchese, Len Herczeg,  
Jean Miele, Joe Trivisonno,  
Woody Blaufeux,  
Don Weston

### Discussion:

1. The committee was informed that a letter was sent to the President of the Brooklyn Bridge Park advising her of the Brooklyn Chapter's selection of the best design of the seven proposals submitted for a future hotel in the Brooklyn Bridge Park.

2. The committee was informed that a letter was sent to the Chair of the City Planning Commission advising her that the Brooklyn Chapter AIA has withdrawn its approval of the proposed development of the Domino Sugar site since the original developer of the site is now selling the project to a new developer who may or may not develop the site in the same way. After we have had a chance to review the new proposal for the site we will again offer our comments

regarding the new developer's proposal for developing the site.

3. The committee was informed that a letter was sent to the LIRR commending them for proposing to change the massive stone barricades in front of the LIRR station at Atlantic and Flatbush Avenues, which this committee had objected to because we thought they were too bulky and looked like sarcophaguses, to stainless steel cylindrical bollards, which accomplish the same protection without destroying the looks of the station.

4. The committee was informed that a letter was sent to the president of the Brooklyn Navy Yard commending the Navy Yard for creating a green roof on one of their buildings to be used as a roof-top farm that will grow and sell the produce in the neighborhood. We urged the Navy Yard to make green roofs on all of their buildings not necessarily as farms but to save energy consumption for the buildings.

5. The committee was informed that Woody Blaufeux has contacted NYU to discuss the future of the old MTA headquarters on Jay Street to find out exactly

what they intend to do with the building if and when they buy it.

6. The committee discussed the City's proposal to eliminate a parking requirement for new residential buildings on Flatbush Avenue from Grand Army Plaza to the Manhattan Bridge. The committee felt that eliminating a parking requirement should apply to buildings which only have street frontage on Flatbush Avenue and all new buildings should be prohibited from having curb cuts on Flatbush Avenue. Don Weston will send a letter to the City Planning Commission expressing the committee's position.

7. The committee discussed a proposed new building that will produce its own energy both with solar panels and wind turbines. The committee would like to have many more such buildings. However, due to the late hour the committee put off discussion of this issue until after the Chapter has a presentation on the proposed new building. Then the committee will discuss the issue in more detail, looking at issues such as what happens if a new building blocks sun or wind. **AIA**



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This postcard was mailed out to over 300 media outlets throughout New York State to help spread the word that architects should be credited for their work every time a building is featured in the media.

Once again, chapters were able to have their own postcards designed with photos of work by chapter members. The four chapters are: AIA Brooklyn, AIA Peconic, AIA Southern NY and AIA Westchester + Hudson Valley. The postcards were sent directly to the chapters for them to distribute themselves.

To download the AIANYS postcard, go to the Resources page on the website [www.aianys.org](http://www.aianys.org). **AIA**

## NCARB LAUNCHES FINAL PHASE OF IDP 2.0

**W**ashington, DC—The National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) has launched the final phase of the Intern Development Program (IDP) 2.0, culminating a three-year, phased rollout of the most significant update to the program in more than 30 years. IDP 2.0 includes simplified experience settings, new experience categories and areas, and an enhanced online reporting system.

For more information about the IDP, visit [www.ncarb.org/IDP2](http://www.ncarb.org/IDP2) **AIA**

## AIA NEW YORK REGIONAL DIRECTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTED

**S**usan Chin, FAIA, Senior New York Regional Director, has appointed the following Chapter Presidents to serve as the 2012 Regional Director Nominating Committee: Chair: Dilip Khale, AIA, President, AIA Long Island; Giuseppe Anzalone, AIA, President, AIA Brooklyn, and Kirk Narburgh, AIA, President, AIA Central NY.

This committee recognizes and places in nomination the name of any qualified candidate for whom it has received nomination forms, from three or more constituent organizations, each certified by the chapter President and Secretary. **AIA**

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# BIENNIAL SCHOLARSHIP DINNER DANCE *cont.*

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nent leaders in our profession and industry. Each honoree was introduced by one of their close colleagues. The master of ceremonies for the evening was Glen Cutrona, AIA, who truly missed his calling, as he kept us all entertained throughout the entire evening.

Many, many thanks to the Scholarship Foundation officers: Dmitriy Shenker, AIA, President; Frank LoPresto, AIA, President Elect; Anthony Marchese, AIA, Treasurer; Sebastian D'Alessandro, AIA, Secretary; Peter J. Mugavero, AIA, Immediate Past President; as well as the Dinner Dance Committee for all their time and efforts in making the evening a great success.

- Ida Galea, AIA



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- 3 - left to right: John Gallagher, AIA – Honoree – Distinguished Achievement Award; Ann Falutico, AIA; Glen Cutrona, AIA
- 4 - Gerald I. Goldstein, AIA – Honoree – Advancement of the Architectural Profession Award
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# COMMITTEE REPORTS



## ARCHITECTS COUNCIL (ACNY) REPORT

Meeting Report: April 2, 2012

Five (5) constituent members were represented at the meeting, so a quorum was established. Minutes of the March meeting were discussed and then accepted.

The Council had a great turnout at the last HUB tour. We received good feedback from the members who attended the tour.

"Get It Done Together" program will run again focusing on disapproved jobs. Senior borough officials sit on a panel to assist in getting jobs approved. Letters have been sent out randomly to people who have objec-

tions. Last year this program worked well. The architect or engineer of record must be present personally at these meetings. This works far better than waiting weeks for an appointment to see a plan examiner.

A 2-day seminar about "Energy Code Compliance in New York City" will be held at Cooper Union. It is going to be jointly presented by both Cooper Union and the NYC Department of Buildings. Attendees will earn 13 Learning Units of Continuing Education credits. More information about this 2-day seminar will be distributed as soon as it is available. Several other seminars for Continuing Education credit were

also briefly mentioned.

Construction Code updates are available for purchase at the City Store. Supplement #4 for 2011 is now available.

Here's a warning: The DOB is cracking down on people showing up without IDs. They are forbidding architects and engineers without IDs from attending meetings. Only people who are listed on the PWIs are permitted to attend meetings.

Various committee reports were presented and discussed.

Meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 8:30 PM.

- Gerald Goldstein, AIA

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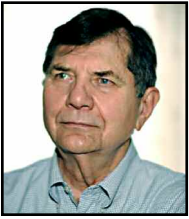
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The work-loss benefit payout is only 26 weeks or less. It pays a small monthly sum to supplement lost wages. The employee must be disabled by a non job related illness or injury; and unable to work for at least seven (7) days or more to qualify. After six months, if still totally disabled, that employee would then qualify for Social Security benefits. The disability policy pays 50% of the weekly lost wages with a maximum limit of \$170.00 per week. The Disability Benefits Law does not pay medical bills.

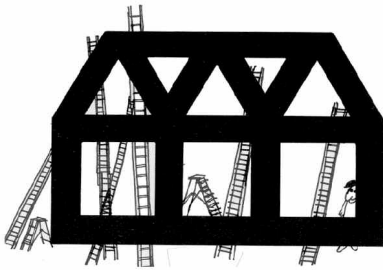
The NYS worker compensation law requires injuries in the workplace be paid by the business owner. Other requirements in the law provide for partial payment of salaries and payment of outpatient care associated with those injuries. The law also provides for Occupational and Medical rehabilitation. The statute also has a death benefit and long term disability benefits. The purchase of workers compensation insurance transfers the employer's obligation to pay for injuries and lost wages to the insurance company. The required policy covers WC law only in the state the employees are employed. The problem for small business' can arise when the employer may have no knowledge of the law. Most accountants (assuming you have one) will usually inform you about a need for the policy when they start keeping your payroll records.

Every once and a while a contractor walks in my office inquiring about liability and workers compensation coverage. When asked about employees, how many? I am told, "I have no employees; I use only independent contractors". There are tests that any non-employee can be measured by and if the employer is found to actually have employees, the employer may owe thousands in withholding taxes, social security payments, plus tort law suits from an injured employee. Nevertheless, the temptation to classify employees as independent contractors is too great for many small firms.

- Joe Luisi

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For more information, please go to: <http://cfa.aiany.org/index.php?section=calendar&evtid=4094>.

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Dinner: 6:00 PM  
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**Wednesday,  
May 16, 2012**

**Presenter:**

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“*Design with Fabric*”  
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**Wednesday,  
May 2, 2012**

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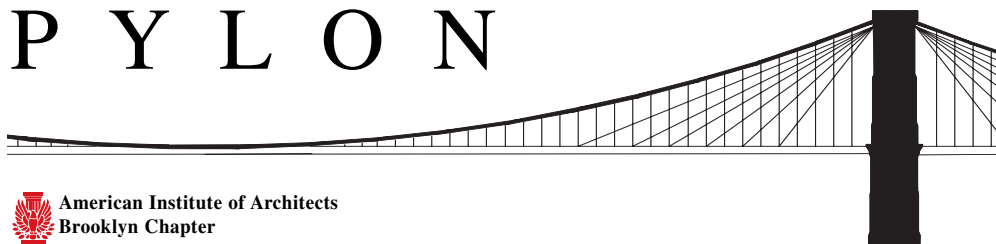
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