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ARE Timing

AIA Michigan's Government Affairs Committee (GAC) has invited all AIA Michigan Associates, Student members and prospective Associate and Student members to meet and strategize how we can try to incorporate NCARB's ARE Timing model law into the Michigan State Law. (For more information on this issue read below). This critical first meeting with the GAC is:

Tuesday, September 11th - 5:00pm
Harley | Ellis | Deveraux
26913 Northwestern Hwy., Suite 200
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On Friday, June 22nd, NCARB, at their annual meeting voted to adopt a model law that allows interns to take ANY section of the ARE upon completion of an NAAB accredited, professional degree. This is a HUGE milestone for associates. Basically this can speed up the process for us and our future interns to potentially become registered sooner.

While NCARB only drafts "model laws" it is ultimately up to each state's architectural licensing board and the associated political actions that may ensue to actually change the licensing process.

On Thursday, June 28, The Michigan architectural licensing board drafted a resolution to support NCARB's model law and unanimously passed it. Unfortunately, that's as far as the efforts can go before beginning a legislative amendment to Article 20 of Public Act 299 of 1980 (the state law regulating the practice of architecture).

Here in Michigan, the timing of the ARE is dictated by the licensing laws. The Licensing Board therefore has no authority to change the timing of the ARE, absent a change to those laws that permits or requires it. The legislative process can be wrought with many difficulties, and is generally time consuming and expensive. Therefore, it is necessary to formulate a sound approach to the issue so that the course embarked upon will best serve the interests of Michigan Architects and future Michigan Architects. These issues will be the subject of our discussions.

As associates, now is the most critical time of your membership. The timing and importance of your associate membership of the AIA has never been more valuable and critical. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT! If AIA Michigan chooses to move forward in supporting this effort, we'll need to lobby our senators and representatives to draft a bill and eventually push it through both houses of the legislature that is meticulously crafted as to protect our privileges as licensed professionals.

I look forward to seeing you September 11th!
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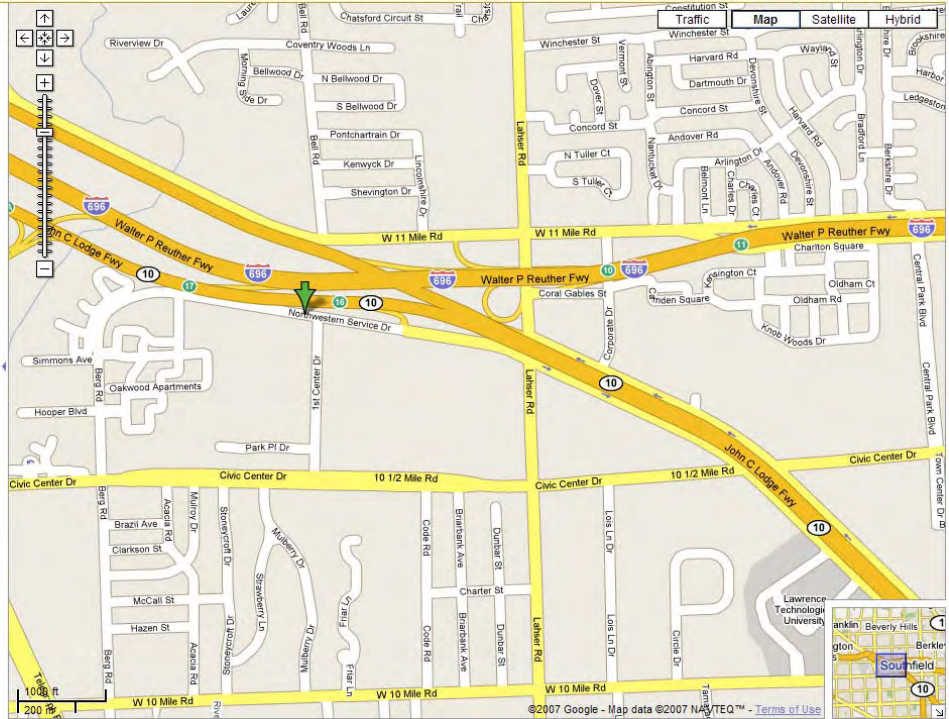
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