**Kenneth R. Van Tine, AIA, NCARB – Candidate for NCARB BOD Secretary**

As the NCARB annual business meeting approaches, I wanted to thank you for the opportunity to share a few points for you to consider as you discuss the experience, vision and leadership qualities of the three candidates.

**Experience:**

* Professional:
  + 30+ years of starting and operating successful woman owned architectural firm.
    - Grown the company to a staff of 35
  + Licensed in 34 jurisdictions and have a very good understanding of the various state licensing requirements.
* NCARB:
  + 9 years of NCARB leadership service at the Regional and National Board levels.
  + Committee Service: Professional Conduct Committee, Experience Advisory Committee, Audit Committee, Procedures and Documents, Regional Leadership, ARE 5.0
* Academy Engagement:
  + Multiple NAAB visits and NCARB participant in the Architectural Review Forum this past year.
  + Visiting Critic at Lawrence Technological University, University of Michigan and University of Detroit Mercy
  + Worked to change Michigan statute in collaboration with the Universities to allow IPAL.
  + Founding member and active participant in four Region 4 Educator Symposiums.
* NCARB Certificate holder for over 30 years.
* Lineup software Board of Director this past year. Voted by my fellow board members to serve on this board due to my interest and knowledge regarding software development and business acumen.

**Vision:**

I shared four specific areas of passion and focus during my presentations at the Regional meeting.

1. Diversity: Equality in position, compensation and viewpoints.

* 30+ successful years of operation of a woman owned professional practice in conjunction with my wife, who is also a licensed architect. I’ve experienced through my wife the difficulty women have had in the construction industry.
  + 38% women
  + 8 different Nationalities
* Advocated for diverse representation on our state board.
* Encouraged diverse representation in NCARB Regional 4 Leadership. The incoming Regional Leadership is all women.

1. Mentorship and development of the young professional.

* AXP experience
* Coaching for success in the profession as well as life in general

1. Technological advancements in the profession have (and continue to) change the way we practice, collaborate and communicate and the council

must be on the forefront of and not reactive to these advancements.

1. Continued Leadership with a focus on opportunities, issues, strategies, transparency and future revenue streams.

**Why I Desire to Serve:**

We are all leaders with a volunteer spirit, who choose to lead, follow, and support the council in various ways. I have had the pleasure to participate in a wide variety of NCARB programs. I believe in and am passionate about the work of the council, and I have witnessed the transformation of the council for the better. It has been an honor to be asked to participate and I do so with great excitement because I know that our individual contributions will collectively make a greater impact. Together we make NCARB a better organization, which is why I greatly value the diverse perspectives and opinions that everyone brings. We must always embrace our differences and work for the common good!

There are several very important opportunities in the immediate future that I would like to be involved with if elected:

* **Strategic Plan:** continued evaluation and refinement of the plan to proactively look to the future of this quickly changing world of technology and our culture.
* **Technological Advancements:** To be a leader in this current environment one must be on the forefront of these advances by understanding and taking advantage of the opportunities that technology brings. Our firm is committed to being an industry leader in technology as evidenced by a full time software programmer on our staff, specializing in data driven, computational design. I can provide a unique perspective to the board regarding the implementation and impact of technology on the profession and will work to help NCARB understand and communicate what that impact may have for regulators.
  + Software - evaluation of multiple options, financial implications, code analysis and automation redundant tasks of construction documents
    - Generate multiple iterations of program aggregation in order to make the best decisions.
    - Automatically integrate components into predefined rooms such as flooring, finishes, doors, electrical, etc.
    - Generate forms based on data
    - Technology is a very effective tool when dealing with repetitive or prototype projects
  + Digital fabrication – where the design is developed in a 3D model and the model is given to the contractor for fabrication.
* **Analysis of Practice:** To better understand the work, scope, and skills required of architects—as well as those that overlap with other related professionals through a wide range of data collection methods.

I’m excited about the many opportunities that are before us. Thank you for allowing me to share my thoughts, and I ask for your support. I look forward to the day that we can see each other again and continue our conversations.

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