

NAME OF COMPONENT: AIASF - San Francisco, CA

COMPONENT SIZE: 2,300+

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PROGRAM TITLE: ARE PACT Program & ARE Program

PROGRAM STYLE (presentation, panel, activity, etc): Presentations (lectures) and study group meetings

PROGRAM DURATION (60 minutes, half day, multiple day, etc): 2 hour ARE classes

PROGRAM CEUs (HSW or LU if applicable): N/A since not permitted by NCARB

PROVIDE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM:

AIASF's ARE Pact program offers the perfect incentive to get licensed: take all exams required by NCARB for licensure within 12 months and you will receive a full refund of your \$1,000 enrollment fee.

Enrollment in the ARE Pact program includes:

- Free admission to twenty three (23) ARE class sessions that occur in the evenings so registrants can attend after work. The classes are taught pro-bono by practicing licensed architects and engineers.
- a peer study group assigned by AIASF
- A team leader and coach assigned to your group.
- Study materials for the group and more to assist you in successfully passing the Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®).
- Annual informational live simulcast with NCARB and California Architectural Board (CAB) to provide ARE and California licensing requirements and updates.
- Tour of existing large mechanical and electrical rooms/penthouse facilities in high-rise building, hosted by Arup engineers SF.

- Two annual ARE case study workshops are held every year without cost to registrants at AIA member offices and lead by ARE instructors and coaches.

AIASF ARE Program offers the same things as the ARE Pact, but without having to join the Pact, no ARE study group and access to ARE study guides. This allows registrants to select just the ARE classes they want assistance for. Cost for the ARE classes are minimal at \$10 / class for non-AIASF members and \$5/class for AIA Associate members.

WHO IS THE INTENDED AUDIENCE (include size and demographic)

The intended audience is anyone seeking architectural licensure. Registrants have typically come from San Francisco and the Bay area, but have attracted students from as far as Sacramento, San Jose and Santa Rosa. Because of the “shelter in-place mandate for the Covid 19 pandemic, all ARE classes are now provided virtually via Zoom. Students from far away as Miami, Florida, Portland, Oregon and Abu Dhabi have become attendees now. With that, registration has risen to an average of 60 / class.

Registrants come from small to large architectural offices, government agencies like SFPW, DSA, local municipalities, etc.

50-100+ (??) group of members pursuing licensure per year.

HOW DOES YOUR PROGRAM ADDRESS THE CORE MEMBER SERVICE? (Core member services are: Member Communications, Education, Advocacy, Public Outreach, Governance, Finance & Operations, and Membership) The ARE classes, study groups, MEP tours, case study workshops, and NCARB/CAB simulcasts provide education for AIASF and non-AIASF members.

HOW (list the steps or process to implement this program, be as specific as possible. Provide sample agenda of applicable)

1. An annual schedule of classes is set one year ahead, after obtaining ARE instructor commitments for specific dates. This is typically a process that takes about 1- 2 months typically.
2. The ARE class registration is managed by AIASF via the AIASF website, in coordination with the ALC program manager who coordinates directly with each instructor to obtain their presentation and quizzes that is sent to the registrants before each class.

3. Attendance is taken for each ARE class and activity so surveys of passing rates can be obtained.
4. The Architectural Licensing Committee meets on the first Thursday of each month to plan, oversee and manage the ARE program and address any related issues that come up.
5. WHAT ARE THE LEARNING OBJECTIVES? (provide sample learning objectives that can be used as is or slightly modified to cover program content)

The learning objective is to provide ARE preparatory classes and motivation for students seeking architectural licensure. Former students are asked, whenever possible, to provide testimonies of their experience with the ARE program.

WHAT IS THE BUDGET? (include all costs including sponsors, grants, and other outside funding)

The program is based upon the number of registrants for the classes. The largest cost is probably the free dinner that is provided with each ARE class. Funding is basically from fees collected for registration of classes, monies leftover from students enrolled in ARE Pact, who fail to complete all required ARE exams within the given one year period and from sustaining sponsors to the AIASF.

LINKS (resource website, file library, etc.)

<https://www.aiasf.org/page/AREPact>