



Republic of the Philippines
Professional Regulation Commission (PRC)



Professional Regulatory Board of Architecture (PRBoA)
Report for the Month of March 2007

A. March 2007 PRBoA Meeting/s Held

For March 2007, the PRBoA (Chairman Alli and Members Chua Chiaco & Caluza) officially met on various dates at the PRC and elsewhere to discuss pending matters that needed to be addressed soonest. Meeting as the PRBoA *en banc* (Alli, Chua Chiaco and Caluza) on 30 March 2007, the matters taken up included the approval of the first two (2) PRBoA Resolutions covering the syllabi for the Architecture Licensure Examinations (ALE) and multiple restrictions on the use of the title architect by media.

B. Review of/Hearings for Docketed Cases

The cases reviewed and hearings attended by the PRBoA at the PRC are listed under *Schedule A*.

C. Monitoring and Enforcement of RA 9266 (The Architecture Act of 2004)

Members of the PRBoA have consistently monitored developments concerning the enforcement of RA 9266 and its IRR. Among the key developments being monitored are:

- 1) the matter of the preparation/signing/dry sealing of architectural documents as part of building permit application applications required by the DPWH; the PRBoA has consistently and officially maintained that the DPWH (a line agency) does not regulate matters concerning architectural practice and that there is no injunction that applies to RA 9266; only the PRBoA as mandated by RA 9266 regulates architectural practice, and the PRBoA implements and enforces RA 9266 and its derivative regulations through the PRC (a quasi-judicial and quasi-legislative body); the PRBoA believes that it is now the opportune time to officially discuss the matter with the BoCE, possibly in a non-confrontational manner, under the PRC's auspices; the PRBoA believes that the PRC must decide firmly on the matter as the worst-case alternative is for the concerned Professional Regulatory Boards (PRBs) to possibly resort to independent legal action to uphold certain rights guaranteed by their respective professional regulatory laws; and
- 2) on the separate matter of the preparation/signing/dry of sealing "subdivision" plan documents as part of development applications required by the HLURB; as regards the matter of the signatory to "subdivision" plans, the PRBoA believes that it is now the opportune time to officially discuss the matter among the four (4) PRBs involved i.e. BoA, BoEP, BoCE and BoGE, possibly in a non-confrontational manner, under the PRC's auspices. In this manner, the proper nomenclature of the pertinent physical planning documents could be agreed upon by the concerned PRBs and this would therefore serve as the primary guide for the HLURB in its future policy-making functions; similar to the issue of architectural documents, the PRBoA believes that the PRC must decide firmly on the matter as the worst-case alternative is for the PRBs to possibly resort to independent legal action to uphold certain rights guaranteed by their respective professional regulatory laws.

Members of the PRBoA have taken part in/attended the following activities relative to the monitoring and enforcement of RA 9266:

A. Title of Activity	B. Activity Date/ Time/Venue	C. Audience/Other Activity Participants	D. PRBoA Member/s in Attendance/ Participating
1. Meeting with the DPWH Board of Consultants (BoC)	09 Mar 2007/ 9:00a.m.-1:00p.m./DPWH NBCDO, DPWH Head Office, City of Manila	Outgoing Members of the DPWH BoC, the entity tasked to revised the Phil. Nat'l Bldg. Code (NBCP)	Chair AN Alli
2. Re-crafting and Review of the earlier drafts of the PRBoA Position Papers vs. Civil Engineers and their continuing practice of Preparing, Signing and Sealing Architectural Documents (in violation of RA 9266)	March 2007	PRC and LGUs as well as other target national government agencies	Chair AN Alli & Members AT Chua Chiaco & MR Caluza

Members of the PRBoA are presently looking at ways to facilitate the implementation of the following provisions of RA 9266;

- 1) registration of architectural firms;
- 2) liability insurance for foreign architects;
- 3) the exclusive preparation, signing and dry sealing of architectural documents only by registered/ licensed architects; and
- 4) the filling up by 10 April 2007 of all national and local positions that require the training and expertise of architects i.e. specifically the work of acting building officials in LGUs without building officials and as building officials in LGUs with building officials in their respective *plantillas*.

D. Activities with the PRC or Other PRBs (with PRBoA Members in Attendance)

For March 2007, some of the key PRBoA activities at the PRC, with the PRC or with the other Professional Regulatory Boards (PRBs) are listed under *Schedule B*.



The key PRBoA activity for March was the 17 March 2007 Oath-taking Ceremony for the passers of the January 2007 Architecture Licensure Examination (ALE). From left to right above are Archt. Cathy Saldana, master of ceremonies, PRBoA Member Angeline T. Chua Chiaco, PRBoA Secretary Myrna Taruc, PRBoA Member Miguel R. Caluza and PRBoA Chairman Armando N. Alli.

E. Liaison with the Accredited IAPOA under RA 9266 (UAP)

Members of the PRBoA have taken part in/attended the following activities in collaboration with the IAPOA:

A. Title of Activity	B. Activity Date/ Time/Venue	C. Audience/Other Activity Participants	D. PRBoA Member/s in Attendance or Involved
1. Teleconversation/s with the UAP Watchdog Committee Chaire (Rozzano Rosal) re cases vs. illegal practitioners	04 Mar 2007/11:30 a.m.	-	Chair AN Alli
2. Meeting of the PRBoA <i>en banc</i> with the UAP-IAPOA President (EM Florentino)	17 Mar 2007/4:00-7:00p.m./ Sofitel Plaza Hotel, City of Manila		Chair AN Alli and Members AT Chua Chiaco & MR Caluza

F. Appointment & Oath-taking of Archt. Marietta B. Segovia as PRBoA Member (vice Archt. Miguel Caluza)

On 30 March 2007, Archt. Marietta B. Segovia took her oath as the third (3rd) new Member of the PRBoA. This marks the first time since 17 March 2004 (date of approval of RA 9266) that an entirely new PRBoA is in place.



The 30 March 2007 Oath-taking of the new PRBoA Member Marietta B. Segovia (3rd from left and vice PRBoA Member Miguel C. Caluza) at the PRC Conference Room was attended by (L-R) PAPRB Chair Freddie Po, PRC Chair Leonor Tripon-Rosero, a new member of the Board of Accountancy, PRBoA Chairman Armando N. Alli, PRBoA Member Angeline Chua Chiaco and outgoing PRBoA Member Miguel C. Caluza. About 20 other wellwishers from the UAP Makati Chapter and from the AAIF as well as members of Archt. Segovia's immediate family attended the occasion.

G. Miscellaneous Matters

Information on the March 2007 PRBoA communications exchanged between the PRC and the PRBoA and within the PRBoA can be found in **Schedule C**.
Schedules A, B and C follow.