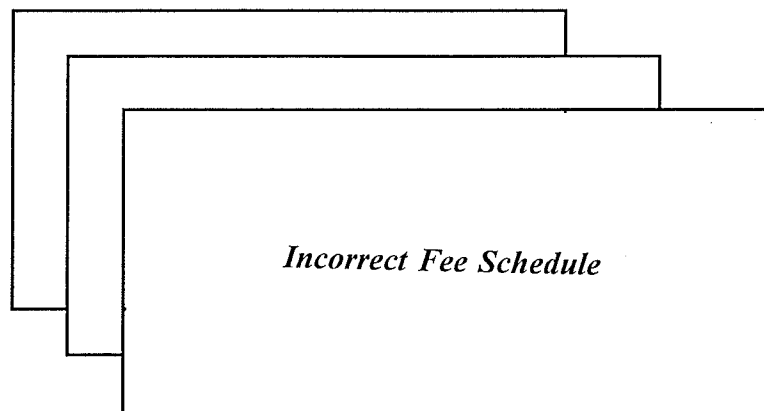


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Gentlemen:

This is an update on the Board of Architects which we will report to the Joint Committee on Government Operations on Sunday, January 8, 1995. The issue covered herein is the "Incorrect Fee Schedule."

Let us know if you have questions.

Sincerely,



Antonio E. Jones

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Enclosure

*Draft Copy for review only*

This is an update of the Preliminary Review of the Board of Architects dated June 30th, 1993. This update provides: (1) problems identified; (2) Recommendations; (3) Compliance with recommendations.

**I.**

**PROBLEM IDENTIFIED:** The West Virginia Board of Architects operated with an incorrect fee schedule during the period November 20, 1990 through May 27, 1992.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Legislative Auditor and the Post Audit Committee recommended that the Board refund all overcharges totalling \$45,000 and collect all undercharges totalling \$1,870 within ninety days.

**COMPLIANCE:** The Board has refunded all of the overcharges that were due members. All undercharges were collected with the exception of four members who will have to pay the necessary amount before their can renew their licenses. The PERD has verification of this through auditors reports and memorandums from the Board detailing the transmittals and to who they were sent or received from.

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**II.**

**PROBLEM IDENTIFIED:** The Board did not subscribe to the Worker's Compensation Fund. The Board of Architects did not comply with Chapter 23, Article 2, Section 1 of the West Virginia Code, as amended.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The PERD made no recommendation, however, Post Audit recommended that the Board take the necessary steps to subscribe to the Worker's Compensation Fund.

**COMPLIANCE:** The Board complied with the Post Audit recommendation.

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**III.**

**PROBLEM IDENTIFIED:** A former Deputy Attorney General represented the Board in the past as legal council but now she is to represent the public as a lay member of the West Virginia Board of Architects. It appears there could be a possible conflict of interest with this individual being a lay member of the Board after representing the Board in the past as legal council.

**RECOMMENDATION:** There was no recommendation concerning this matter.

**COMPLIANCE:** This attorney still represents the Board as a lay member. The Board, does not think there is a conflict of interest, however, it does not have the authority to appoint or remove its members.