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STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE ARCHITECT SECTION OF THE WISCONSIN EXAMINING BOARD OF ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, DESIGNERS AND PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

HAMIDREZA NOUGHANI MOGHADDAM, RESPONDENT.

ORDER 0007312

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 18 ARC 021

The parties to this action for the purpose of Wis. Stat. § 227.53 are:

Hamidreza Noughani Moghaddam Middleton, Wisconsin 53562

Architect Section of the Wisconsin Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers and Professional Land Surveyors P.O. Box 8366
Madison, WI 53708-8366

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Department of Safety and Professional Services P.O. Box 7190 Madison, WI 53707-7190

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final disposition of this matter, subject to the approval of the Architect Section of the Wisconsin Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers and Professional Land Surveyors (Section). The Section has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Section in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Hamidreza Noughani Moghaddam (Birth Year: 1959) is registered by the State of Wisconsin as an Architect, having registration number 9186-5, first issued on July 10, 2001, and current through July 31, 2022. Respondent's registration was expired from August 1, 2018 to May 16, 2019. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is in Middleton, Wisconsin 53562.

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- 2. On December 4, 2018, the Department received an anonymous complaint alleging Assemblage Architects (Assemblage) was practicing architecture in Wisconsin without a certificate of authorization (COA). The Division of Legal Services and Compliance (DLSC) Case No. 18 ARC 021 was subsequently opened against Respondent, the architect responsible for Assemblage.
- 3. On May 13, 2019, the Department sent a letter to Respondent to the address listed on Assemblage's website. The Department requested Respondent provide a response to the complaint, a description of the services Assemblage offered, and a statement on why Respondent's architect registration was expired.
- 4. On May 16, 2019, Respondent emailed the Department that Assemblage offered architectural design services, his architect registration was not renewed on time because of an oversight, and Assemblage had two other registered architects.
- 5. On February 6, 2020, the Department emailed Respondent to ask how many projects he had worked on while his architectural registration was expired and if Assemblage had a COA. That day, Respondent emailed that Assemblage worked on twelve projects, but did not clarify what projects he worked on during the applicable time period. Subsequently, Respondent has clarified that other registered architects employed by Assemblage worked on these projects during the applicable time period with Respondent working with licensed staff on three of these twelve projects. Respondent also advised in his February 6, 2020 email that Assemblage did not have a COA.
 - 6. On April 15, 2020, the Department issued Assemblage a COA.
- 7. In resolution of this matter, Respondent consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Architect Section of the Wisconsin Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers and Professional Land Surveyors has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 443.11, and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).
- 2. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent violated Wis. Stat. § 443.02(2) by practicing architecture while his architect registration was expired.
- 3. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent violated Wis. Stat. § 443.08(2)(a)2. by providing architecture services as a part of a firm without the firm having been issued a certificate of authorization.
- 4. As a result of the above violations, Respondent Hamidreza Noughani Moghaddam is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 443.11(1)(c).

ORDER

- 1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
- 2. Respondent Hamidreza Noughani Moghaddam is REPRIMANDED.
- 3. Within 90 days from the date of this Order, Respondent shall pay the COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$706.
- 4. Payment of costs (made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services) shall be sent by Respondent to the Department Monitor at the address below:

Department Monitor
Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 7190, Madison, WI 53707-7190
Telephone (608) 267-3817; Fax (608) 266-2264

<u>DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov</u>

This information may also be submitted online via DSPS' Monitoring Case Management System at: https://dspsmonitoring.wi.gov/.

- 5. In the event Respondent violates any term of this Order, Respondent's credential (number 9186-5), or Respondent's right to renew his credential, may, in the discretion of the Section or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of the Order. The Section may, in addition and/or in the alternative, refer any violation of this Order to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further investigation and action.
 - 6. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

ARCHITECT SECTION OF THE WISCONSIN EXAMINING BOARD OF ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, DESIGNERS AND PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS

by:		14 April 2021
	A Member of the Section	Date

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STATE OF WISCONSIN

BEFORE THE ARCHITECT SECTION OF THE WISCONSIN EXAMINING BOARD OF ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, DESIGNERS AND PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

STIPULATION

HAMIDREZA NOUGHANI MOGHADDAM, RESPONDENT.

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 18 ARC 021

Respondent Hamidreza Noughani Moghaddam and the Division of Legal Services and Compliance, Department of Safety and Professional Services stipulate as follows:

- 1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation by the Division of Legal Services and Compliance. Respondent consents to the resolution of this investigation by Stipulation.
- 2. Respondent understands that by signing this Stipulation, Respondent voluntarily and knowingly waives the following rights:
 - the right to a hearing on the allegations against Respondent, at which time the State has the burden of proving those allegations by a preponderance of the evidence;
 - the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against Respondent;
 - the right to call witnesses on Respondent's behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena;
 - the right to testify on Respondent's own behalf;
 - the right to file objections to any proposed decision and to present briefs or oral arguments to the officials who are to render the final decision;
 - · the right to petition for rehearing; and
 - all other applicable rights afforded to Respondent under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and other provisions of state or federal law.
- 3. Respondent is aware of Respondent's right to seek legal representation and has been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation. Respondent is represented by Attorney Eli Woyke.
- 4. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Architect Section of the Wisconsin Examining Board of Architects, Landscape Architects, Professional Engineers, Designers and Professional Land Surveyors (Section). The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Final Decision and Order without further notice.

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pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Respondent waives all rights to any appeal of the Section's order, if adopted in the form as attached.

- 5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Section, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall then be returned to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further proceedings. In the event that the Stipulation is not accepted by the Section, the parties agree not to contend that the Section has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.
- 6. The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Legal Services and Compliance and any member of the Section ever assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Section in open or closed session, without the presence of Respondent, for purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that any member of the Section may have in connection with deliberations on the Stipulation. Additionally, any such advisor may vote on whether the Section should accept this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.
- 7. Respondent is informed that should the Section adopt this Stipulation, the Section's Final Decision and Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.
- 8. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Respondent in recommending the Section adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

Hamid Noughani	3-19-2021
Hamidreza Noughani Moghaddam, Respondent	Date
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Credential No. 9186-5	
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