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HELENE COMBS DREILING TO STEP DOWN AS NAAB INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IN 2019

Helene Dreiling has announced her intention to depart her role as interim executive director of the National Architectural Accrediting Board (NAAB) in November 2019. "I cannot say enough about the positive nature of my interim experience with the NAAB. However, I wish to remain true to my initial commitment of what I considered a temporary position," Helene stated. "It has been a great privilege to work with our dedicated board members and devoted staff team, all of whom are profoundly committed to supporting and strengthening architectural education and the successful transition of graduates into the profession." During her tenure, Dreiling has guided a significant cultural and organizational transformation.

"I speak for the entire Board of Directors in expressing our gratitude to Helene for stepping in to lead the NAAB at a crucial moment in its history," said NAAB President Judith Kinnard. "Under her leadership, the organization has reinvented itself. She has assembled a staff team that is exceptionally well positioned to move the NAAB forward. As we search for the NAAB's next executive director, we look forward to building upon Helene's legacy of forging lasting relationships among the volunteer leadership, visiting teams, and our collateral partners. She will be sorely missed."

Dreiling will stay through November 2019 to allow time for the executive search and ensure a smooth transition to new staff leadership. She will continue to manage the organization through the upcoming Accreditation Review Forum in July 2019.

About the NAAB:

The NAAB develops and maintains a system of accreditation in professional architecture education that is responsive to the needs of society and allows institutions with varying resources and circumstances to evolve according to their individual needs. It aspires to be the leader in establishing educational quality assurance standards to enhance the value, relevance, and effectiveness of the architectural profession.

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