

(The Agency of) The Architect of the Capitol as of July 2013

Note: This is a convoluted explanation of what and who arrested Rod Class back in June 2013.

The **Architect of the Capitol (AOC)** is the [federal agency](#) responsible for the maintenance, operation, development, and preservation of the [United States Capitol Complex](#), and also the head of that agency. **The Architect of the Capitol is in the [legislative branch](#) and is responsible to the [United States Congress](#).**

The current Architect of the Capitol is [Stephen T. Ayers](#). Ayers served as acting Architect of the Capitol since February 2007, and was unanimously confirmed by the Senate on May 12, 2010, becoming the 11th Architect of the Capitol

The Architect of the Capitol sits on the [Capitol Police Board](#), which has jurisdiction over the United States Capitol Police, and on the [United States Capitol Guide Board](#), which has jurisdiction over the [United States Capitol Guide Service](#).

Until 1989, the position of Architect of the Capitol was filled by appointment from the [President of the United States](#) for an indefinite term. Legislation enacted in 1989 provides that the Architect is to be appointed for a term of ten years by the President, with the [advice and consent](#) of the Senate, from a list of three candidates recommended by a congressional commission. Upon confirmation by the Senate, the Architect becomes an official of the legislative branch as an officer and agent of Congress; he is eligible for reappointment after completion of his term.

The **Capitol Police Board** is a group of three members who maintain jurisdiction over the [United States Capitol Police](#). The three members of this board are the [Architect of the Capitol](#), the [Sergeant at Arms of the United States Senate](#), and the [Sergeant at Arms of the United States House of Representatives](#). The [Chief of the Capitol Police](#) also serves as a member but in an [ex officio](#) status.

These same three individuals also make up the [United States Capitol Guide Board](#) which has jurisdiction over the [United States Capitol Guide Service](#). The position of Board Chairman is alternated between the House of Representatives Sergeant at Arms, who serves as the chairman during even years, and the Senate Sergeant at Arms, who serves during each odd year.

The U.S. Code pertaining to the Capitol Guide Service (*The Police Dept. of the Capitol*)

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(a) Establishment; designation; supervision of Capitol Guide Board; membership of Board

There is hereby established an organization under the Congress of the United States, to be designated the "Capitol Guide Service", which shall be subject to the direction, supervision, and

control of a Capitol Guide Board consisting of the Architect of the Capitol, the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate, and the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives.

(b) Guided tours; regulations

The Capitol Guide Service is authorized and directed to provide guided tours of the interior of the United States Capitol Building for the education and enlightenment of the general public, without charge for such tours. All such tours shall be conducted in compliance with regulations prescribed by the Capitol Guide Board.

(c) Duties of Capitol Guide Board; positions of Guide in Capitol Guide Service; establishment and revision; Chief, Deputy Chief, and Assistant Chief Guide and Guides: appointment, duties, pay, and termination of employment

The Capitol Guide Board is authorized -

(1) with the prior approval of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and the Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives, to establish and revise such number of positions of Guide in the Capitol Guide Service as the Board considers necessary to carry out effectively the activities of the Capitol Guide Service;

(2) to appoint, on a permanent basis, without regard to political affiliation, and solely on the basis of fitness to perform their duties, a Chief Guide, a Deputy Chief Guide, and an Assistant Chief Guide, and, in addition, such number of Guides as may be authorized under subparagraph

(1) of this subsection;

(3) to prescribe their duties and responsibilities;

(4) with the prior approval of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and the Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives, to fix, and adjust from time to time, their respective rates of pay at single per annum (gross) rates; and

(5) to terminate their employment as the Board considers appropriate.

(d) Uniforms

The Capitol Guide Board shall -

(1) prescribe a uniform dress, including appropriate insignia, which shall be worn by personnel of the Capitol Guide Service when on duty; and

(2) from time to time, as may be necessary, procure and furnish such uniforms to such personnel without charge to such personnel.

(e) Acceptance of fees; prohibition

An employee of the Capitol Guide Service shall not charge or accept any fee, or accept any gratuity, for or on account of his official services.

(f) Personnel detail

The Capitol Guide Board may detail personnel of the Capitol Guide Service to assist the United States Capitol Police by providing

ushering and informational services, and other services not directly involving law enforcement, in connection with the inauguration of the President and Vice President of the United States, the official reception of representatives of foreign nations and other persons by the Senate or House of Representatives, and other special or ceremonial occasions in the United States Capitol Building or on the United States Capitol Grounds which require the presence of additional Government personnel and which cause the temporary suspension of the performance of the regular duties of the Capitol Guide Service.

(g) Historical and educational information

The Capitol Guide Board may receive and consider advice and information from any private historical or educational organization, association, or society with respect to those operations of the Capitol Guide Service which involve the furnishing of historical and educational information to the general public.

(h) Regulations for operation of Service

With the prior approval of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and the Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives, the Capitol Guide Board shall prescribe such regulations as the Board considers necessary and appropriate for the operation of the Capitol Guide Service.

(i) Disciplinary action

The Capitol Guide Board may take appropriate disciplinary action, including, when circumstances warrant, suspension from duty without pay, reduction in pay, demotion, or removal from employment with the Capitol Guide Service, against any employee who violates any provision of this section or any regulations prescribed by the Board pursuant to this section.

(j) Volunteers

(1) Notwithstanding section 1342 of title 31, the Capitol Guide Service is authorized to accept voluntary personal services.

(2) No person shall be permitted to donate personal services under this subsection unless the person has first agreed, in writing, to waive any claim against the United States arising out of or in connection with such services, other than a claim under chapter 81 of title 5.

(3) No person donating personal services under this section shall be considered an employee of the United States for any purpose other than for purposes of chapter 81 of title 5.

(4) In no case shall the acceptance of personal services under this section result in the reduction of pay or displacement of any

employee of the Capitol Guide Service.