

MINUTES
INTERIOR DESIGNER EVALUATION
AND EXAMINATION COMMITTEE
April 6, 2005
Public Session

I CALL TO ORDER

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee was called to order at 9:35 am in the Union Conference Room on the third (3rd) floor at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey.

PARTICIPANTS	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Chair Diane Goté	(X)	()	()
Committee Member Patricia Blaser	(X)	()	()
Committee Member Suzan Globus	(X)	()	()
Committee Member James R. Cline	(X)	()	()
Committee Member Vacant	()	()	()

OTHERS PRESENT: James S. Hsu, Executive Director, NJ Board of Architects; Michelle Albertson, Deputy Attorney General; and Margaret Hinkley, Secretary to the Executive Director.

ALSO PRESENT: Albert Zaccone, Architect board member.

II OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

The statement required by Chapter 231, public laws of 1975, the "Open Public Meetings Act," was read and it was announced that notice of this meeting was prepared in the office of the Board of Architects and mailed to the Secretary of State, the Newark Star-Ledger, the Trenton Times, the Camden Courier-Post, the Record and the Atlantic City Press.

III APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 2, 2005

ACTION: Ms. Globus motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Blaser seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

IV OLD BUSINESS

A. Home Improvement Contractor Registration

Attached is a copy of the statutes and regulations as well as frequently asked questions from the Division of Consumer Affairs website.

ACTION: DAG advised the committee that its regulations may not be published prior to the commencement of the Home Improvement contractor regulations, which goes into effect December 31, 2005. In reviewing the regulations, it was interpreted to imply that if an individual is not certified, the definition of home improvement contractor is broad enough to encompass interior designers, who do primarily residential projects or who convert a commercial building into residential building, and would require a home improvement contractor registration. A certified interior designer would be exempt from the Act unless the work performed was outside the scope of the profession.

The issue was raised whether interior designers, who have already expressed interest in obtaining an application for certification, could somehow be exempt from registering under the Contractor Registration Act prior to deadline. The Committee determined to express its concerns about this Act to Anthony Miragliotta, Deputy Director, Division of Consumer Affairs.

B Application form review

1 Attached is a revised grandfather clause application form for Committee's review.

ACTION: Some changes were noted to clarify the information needed for certification. Staff will incorporate the changes for review at the next meeting.

2 Sample professional reference form for Committee's review.

ACTION: Changes were noted to tighten up the reference form. Staff will incorporate the changes for review at the next meeting.

3 Sample personal reference form for Committee's review.

ACTION: Changes were noted to mirror, in format, the professional reference. Staff will incorporate the changes for review at the next meeting.

4 Interior Design Project sheet which will be in the application packet is attached for Committee's review.

ACTION: Changes were noted to clarify the information needed for certification. Staff will incorporate the changes for review at the next meeting.

V NEW BUSINESS

A Information

1 NCIDQ Press Release dated March 9, 2005 announcing the publication of all new examination study guide for the NCIDQ examination is attached for Committee information.

ACTION: Duly noted.

2 Copy of an article that appeared in the ASID Fall 2004 magazine entitled "A Look Inside Small Design Firms" is attached for Committee information.

ACTION: Duly noted.

3 NCIDQ Press Release dated March 15, 2005 announcing NCIDQ's newest self-study monograph focuses on ADA Guidelines offers continuing education credits at your convenience is attached for Committee information.

ACTION: Duly noted.

VI PUBLIC COMMENTS

Seeing no one from the public present, Ms. Goté proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

VII NEXT MEETINGS

May 4, 2005 Regular Meeting Union Room - 3rd Flr.

June 1, 2005 Regular Meeting Union Room - 3rd Flr.

VIII ADJOURNMENT

At 1 pm, Ms. Globus motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Blaser seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.