

**MINUTES**  
**INTERIOR DESIGN EXAMINATION AND EVALUATION COMMITTEE**  
**November 7, 2007**  
**Public Session**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee was called to order at 9:05 a.m. 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 James R. Cline	(X)	( )	( )
Committee Member Susan Mauro	(X)	( )	( )
Committee Member Suzan Santiago	( )	( )	(X)

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

ALSO PRESENT: Paul DeMassi, 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**

September 12, 2007

ACTION: Ms. Mauro motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Cline seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

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October 3, 2007 ACTION: Mr. Cline motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Mauro seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

**IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Goté announced the following:

- A meeting has been scheduled for December 11, 2007 with the Lawrence powers, Esq. Attorney for AIA-NJ, to discuss the intent behind the Petition for Rulemaking. Representatives from NCIDQ, CIDA, IIDA, and ASID-NJ for information purposes.
- She has been re-appointed to the Interior Design examination and Evaluation Committee until 2011.
- She will be attending the NCIDQ Annual meeting in Seattle Washington.

- Suzan L. Santiago has been appointed by Governor Corzine to serve on the Interior Design examination and Evaluation Committee.

Executive Director Hsu announced that copies of the October 18, 2007 Press Release from the Attorney General and a copy of the October 19, 2007 Star Ledger article pertaining to the improvements scheduled for the Professional and Occupational Boards in the Division of Consumer Affairs were distributed to all committee members. Committee members are advised that if approached by a member of the public pertaining to the article to refer the individuals to contact Jeff Lamm at the Division of Consumer Affairs for more information.

In response to the Attorney General's press release, Mr. Cline stated that the Committee is working diligently to review all applications.

## **V. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Grandfather applicants approved by the Committee at the October 3rd meeting which are submitted for a vote.

Bekiarides, Theodore Crawford, David Debski, Ivonne Dieser, Janet Drake, Elizabeth Giambri, Philip Johnson, Neil Matis, Joseph Wolk, Vincent

**ACTION:** Mr. Cline motioned to approve the above individuals for certification without written examination as Certified Interior Designers. Ms. Mauro seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Grandfather applicants who submitted additional documentation which the Committee reviewed at the October 3rd meeting and are submitted for approval.

Bryant, Jeffrey Knauss, Virginia Trevino, Alfredo

**ACTION:** Subsequent to reviewing additional information requested, Ms. Mauro motioned to approve the above individuals for certification without written examination as Certified Interior Designers. Mr. Cline seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Re-organization

Ms. Mauro motioned to have Ms. Goté remain as Chair for the next year. Mr. Cline seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Information

1 Memo dated August 30, 2007, from Ken Baker, Program Manager of NCIDQ, reporting Qsource Updates is attached for Committee's information.

**ACTION:** Duly noted.

2 Memo dated September 13, 2007, from Jeffrey E. Kenney, Executive Director of NCIDQ, regarding petition from Commonwealth of Puerto Rico Board of Examiners of Interior Designers-Decorators; and Ballot is attached for Committee's information.

**ACTION:** Duly noted.

3 Memo dated October 24, 2007, from Jeffrey F. Kenney, Executive Director of NCIDQ, regarding Amendment to Resolution 1 is attached for Committee's information.

**ACTION:** Ms. Mauro motioned to support NCIDQ's amendment to resolution 1. Mr. Cline seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

### C. Correspondence

1 Copy of email dated October 5, 2007, from Jenna M. Cook asking does a "home improvement contract" as defined in the Contractor's Registration Act and Home Improvement Practices Act include a person who designs kitchens or performs interior design work is attached for the Committee's review.

**ACTION:** The Committee decided to advise Ms. Cook that the Interior Design Examination and Evaluation Committee administers the Interior Certification Act and forward her original "ask consumer affairs e-mail" to the Home Improvement Contractor's unit to respond.

2 Copy of email dated October 9, 2007, from Judy Miller in response to the Committee's request of additional documentation to support her grandfather application for certification is attached for the Committee's review.

**ACTION:** The additional information submitted was duly noted by the Committee, however, it does not satisfy the Committee's request for documentation. The Committee requested that the applicant submit further documentation in support of her application and advise that until she provides the requested documentation her application cannot be further processed.

3 Letter dated November 5, 2007, from Scott Abramowitz in response to the Committee's request of additional documentation is attached for the Committee's review.

**ACTION:** The Committee requested that the applicant submit further documentation in support of his application and advise that until he provides the requested documentation his application cannot be further processed.

4 Letter dated October 2, 2007, from Bridget Soyka-Smith responding to the Committee in regards to the determination of her grandfather application for interior design certification is attached for the Committee's review.

**ACTION:** The additional information submitted was duly noted by the Committee, however, it does not satisfy the Committee's request for documentation. The Committee requested that the applicant submit further documentation in support of her application and advise that until she provides the requested documentation her application cannot be further processed.

## **VII. APPLICATION REVIEW**

### A. Grandfather applicants

King, Christine Weiner, Adam Zukas, Marion

**ACTION:** Mr. Cline motioned to approve the above individuals for certification without written examination as Certified Interior Designers. Ms. Mauro seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### B. Grandfather applicants who submit further documentation

Babb, Karen Bocchino, Dorothy Cobucci, Mark  
Goomas, Laura Klenk, Fred Melesurgo, Michael  
Pofsky, Norma Sonnenfeld, Greg Sweig, Hillary  
Vincentsen, Barbara Wozny, Michael Zampieri, Maria

**ACTION:** Subsequent to reviewing additional information requested, Mr. Cline motioned to approve the above individuals for certification without written examination as Certified Interior Designers. Ms. Mauro seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

## **IX. NEXT MEETINGS**

January 9, 2008 Regular Meeting Union Room - 3rd Flr.

February 6, 2008 Regular Meeting Union Room - 3rd Flr.

## **X. ADJOURNMENT**

At 3:00 p.m., Mr. Cline motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Mauro seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.