

The attached Position Paper on Graduate Education in Interior Design was prepared as a starting point for discussion by a Task Force led by IDEC members, John Weigand and Buie Harwood. Graduate education will be the focus of the 2007 Fellows Forum at the IDEC Conference in Houston. To help facilitate a meaningful discussion on this important issue, we would like to ask the IDEC membership to:

a. Read the paper prior to attending the Fellows Forum (This makes great travel reading!).

b. Reflect on the position and ask yourself a few questions:

- 1. What are points where you find yourself in agreement?**
- 2. What are issues of concern and points for which you want more clarity?**
- 3. How does the position advance scholarship in our field?**
- 4.. What are the next steps that we need to take?**
- 5. What part of the position do you see as most critical?**
 - Master's professional degree**
 - Terminal degree**
 - Degree for a teaching position and is this different than a general faculty hire situation?**
 - Accreditation at the graduate level**

For those of you unable to attend the 2007 Conference, we would like to hear your opinions as well. Please send your thoughts/comments/concerns about the issue of graduate education to jvincent@idec.org at IDEC. We would like to receive as much feedback as possible as we tackle this issue so critical to the profession.

The College of Fellows looks forward to seeing you in Austin!

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