

Interior Design Educators Council

Proposed changes to November 2008 Bylaws

ARTICLE 2 PURPOSE

“The Interior Design Educators Council, Inc. is dedicated to the advancement of education and research in Interior Design. IDEC fosters exchange of information, improvement of educational standards and development of the body of knowledge relative to the quality of life and human performance in the interior environment. IDEC concentrates on the establishment and strengthening of lines of communication among educators, practitioners, educational institutions and other organizations concerned with Interior Design education. IDEC serves primarily Interior Design educators in North America, but highly values perspectives offered by peers from the global community.”

Proposed amendment to the Bylaws brought by IDEC professional member Denise Guerin:

I am concerned that this wording to the first statement regarding IDEC membership reduces the likelihood that international educators will think IDEC membership is for them: “IDEC serves primarily Interior Design educators in North America, but highly values perspectives offered by peers from the global community.”

I don't think that language is inviting. I propose that this wording is substituted in its place:

“IDEC welcomes members from across North America and the broader global community to foster an international perspective within IDEC.”

Further discussion on this point provided by IDEC President John Turpin (from 10/19/08 IDEC blog):

The board originally added this final statement to the purpose in order to communicate two important messages. The first was, in fact, to embrace the international community. We do want our global peers to view IDEC as an organization that values differing perspectives on interior design education and issues. We would also hope that they would see IDEC as being relevant to their development as design educators. The second message was to be realistic about IDEC's focus on North American issues. Our business meetings continue to emphasize issues that are affecting the discipline, especially within the United States. This certainly is a result of our origins and the conception of our organization alongside CIDA and NCIDQ. While the Board believes strongly that we need to be a part of the international community, we also believe that we should be forthcoming about primarily serving the interests of North America. Otherwise, international members may think we are ignoring their concerns and monopolizing the meetings.