

MINUTES  
BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE AND INTERIOR DESIGN

TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL  
September 25, 2012  
2:00 p.m. Eastern Time

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**Call to Order**

Mr. Ehrig, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

Board Members Present:

John Ehrig, Chair

Miguel Rodriguez

Francisco Costoya, Jr., arrived at 2:08 p.m.

Warren Emo

Jonathan Toppe

Aida Bao-Garciga

J. Emory Johnson, Vice-Chair

Wanda Gozdz, arrived at 2:35 p.m.

Board Member Absent:

Kenan Fishburne, excused

Others Present:

Mary Ellen Clark, Board Counsel

David Minacci, Prosecuting Attorney

Anthony Spivey, Executive Director

Terri McEwen, Government Analyst

Vicki Long, Florida AIA

Paul Cooper

David Butler, Licensed Interior Designer

**Discussion**

The National Council for Interior Design Qualifications (NCIDQ)  
Action Required, Articles Amendment

Mr. Johnson reported that the amendment changed the requirement that a certificate holder publish the acronym NCIDQ with their certificate number after their name to only require the publication of the acronym NCIDQ after their name. The Articles Amendment required a majority of the delegates approve the change. Mr. Johnson requested that the board approve the change.

Ms. Clark reminded the board that the NCIDQ change does not change the requirements for Florida interior design licensure or advertising in Florida. The board supports NCIDQ's amendments but the changes do not affect Florida's requirements. The board requested that the information be placed on the renewal notices.

Motion: Ms. Bao-Garciga moved that Mr. Johnson vote on the board's behalf to support or approve NCIDQ's amendment change.

Second: Mr. Costoya seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Request for Board approved curricula per Rule 61G1-22.003, F.A.C.

David Butler's recommendation for the following programs:

Miami International University of Art and Design

Art Institute of Jacksonville

Art Institute of Tampa

Mr. Butler requested that the board approve the programs as presented. He commented that the Art Institute of Jacksonville and Art Institute of Tampa were sister programs to the Miami International University of Art and Design which is Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA) approved. The Art Institute of Jacksonville and the Art Institute of Tampa were seeking CIDA accreditation. The curriculum was identical but there was not a blanket approval for both campuses.

Mr. Rodriguez commented that he had a concern with approving the programs based on the curricula because during the CIDA process the environment and program budget were considered. Mr. Butler confirmed that approval of the programs is not an accreditation of the program, CIDA, NSAD, and other accrediting entities determine accreditation using more in depth standards and analysis involving aspects of the degree granting program and the institution. Board approval must not be used in conjunction with the official accreditation process.

Mr. Johnson commented that he was concerned with recommendations from CIDA to the Miami program about deficiencies and interim visit required to address those deficiencies. He commented that board disciplinary actions reflect the areas of deficiencies in the program. He commented that the Jacksonville and Tampa programs were equal to the Miami program that had deficiencies. Mr. Butler commented that the CIDA provides guidance through the deficiencies or weakness in the program and interim visits but the Miami program is currently accredited by CIDA.

Ms. Bao-Garciga asked if there were other programs the board had approved in the same manner. Mr. Butler replied none with the exception of the International Academy of Design and Technologies in Tampa and Orlando, with identical curricula statements. The Orlando program has closed and the Tampa program is now CIDA accredited. He confirmed that the Art Institute of Jacksonville and the Art Institute of Tampa were seeking CIDA accreditation.

Mr. Butler confirmed that he was reviewing the program's curriculum and matrix of courses for compliance with the rule. Ms. Clark commented that Mr. Butler was the board's consultant not

the school or program's consultant. She commented that for many years the board has used Mr. Butler because they trust and appreciate his recommendations. Ms. McEwen confirmed for the board that they have 12 programs (associate and bachelor) approved in the same manner that were listed on the board's web page.

Mr. Rodriguez commented that he was concerned that the programs were looking for an avenue to avoid CIDA review and accreditation. He commented that he had concerns with the program because it was not reviewed in its entirety but solely on the curriculum.

Mr. Ehrig commented that the rule does not require CIDA accreditation. Mr. Butler commented that he reviews the curriculum in depth and if he is not satisfied with the information provided he requests the institution provide additional information and a statement that they meet the rule requirements.

Mr. Costoya commented that the programs are in line with the rule requirement, he understood the other board members concerns, but felt the programs should be given an opportunity.

Mr. Rodriguez commented that paragraph four of the rule was not considered in the review of the programs. Ms. Clark commented that the board relied upon Mr. Butler's recommendation for compliance to the rule and he recommended approval of the programs. She commented that if the board chose to deny the programs that they should outline the reasons and ask for additional information.

Motion: Ms. Bao-Garciga moved to approve the programs as presented.

Second: Mr. Costoya seconded the motion; it passed with Mr. Rodriguez and Mr. Johnson opposed.

### **New Business**

Mr. Rodriguez requested that Rule 61G1-22.003, F.A.C., be placed on the October agenda for discussion.

### **Old Business**

No old business.

### **Adjourn**

Motion: Mr. Johnson moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Second: Ms. Bao-Garciga seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.