

## MINUTES

### Interior Designers of Canada 50<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting Friday, Nov. 4, 2022 @ 2 p.m. CST

#### *Location:*

Online via Zoom, and in person at  
Concept3 Business Interiors (C3BI)  
235 Wheeler Street Saskatoon, SK

#### **1. Call to Order**

Ian Rolston, IDC President 2021 - 2022, called the annual meeting to order at 2:17 p.m. CST.

#### **2. Approval of Minutes from 2021 Annual Meeting**

Motion: To approve the minutes of last year's Annual Meeting, held Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2021.

Moved: Deborah Rutherford

Seconded: Lucienne Van Langen

Passed

#### **3. President's Report**

Ian Rolston reported on his year as IDC President with the following highlights:

- Ian Rolston expressed his honour of serving on the 2021-2022 Board of Directors. He reflected on his goal as President to create an open dialogue on important and timely topics in a way that was meaningful and helpful.
- Ian thanked members who participated in IDC's webinars, discussions, and events; he noted that he enjoyed learning more about the importance of IDC from different individuals through the lens of IDC's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary campaign.
- IDC was able to connect design professionals across the industry, including designers, students, interns, and underrepresented designers, to come together and discuss important issues.
- To ensure that members continued to receive the full benefits of their membership IDC presented a series of webinars, all of which were free for members. This includes 12 CEUS in total, six of which were IDCEC approved and three of which qualified as Health, Safety and Welfare CEUs. The total attendance was 894 members.

- In 2021, IDC virtually hosted several events including the Design Symposium, which featured a keynote presentation by Bruce Mau. Zahra Ebrahim delivered the Propel Emerging Leaders keynote presentation. Attendees dived deeper into design thinking to learn about empathy in our post-pandemic world.
- In 2022 more events, including the Design Symposium, were held in person.
- Ian Rolston recognized the 2022 IDC/IIDA Leaders Breakfast honouree, Marilyn Donoghue and Ian McCallum, the event's keynote speaker.
- Ian recognized the various sister associations that IDC was able to collaborate with throughout the year.
- Ian mentioned IDC's Mentorship Program, a growing database of mentors and mentees and a way for mentors to share knowledge and mentees to learn and grow in the profession; the Mentorship Program is a response to the needs of IDC members.
- Ian Rolston recognized IDC's 2021-2022 Board of Directors: Keshia Caplette, Deborah Rutherford, Lori Arnold, Glen Brewer, Sean Crawford, Jennifer Greene, Carol Jones, and Jennifer Wiwchar-Fast. This will be Lori Arnold and Carol Jones' final year on the IDC Board.
- Ian mentioned the IDC College of Fellows which consists of inducted members who have had distinguished impact on the betterment of IDC and interior design in Canada; the 2022 Fellow is Sally Mills.
- Ian Rolston encouraged members to submit their projects to be featured on IDC's communication channels. He also encouraged members to seek opportunities to volunteer to give back to the community.
- Ian's remarked that he looks forward to continuing to work with IDC's Board of Directors as Past President.

#### **4. CEO's Report**

Trevor Kruse presented his report as CEO of IDC with the following highlights:

- Despite another year marked by the pandemic, IDC was still able to connect with members and partners across the country through important programs, conversations, and initiatives. This year was one of challenges, successes, and celebration for both the organization and its membership.
- Trevor Kruse went on to say that whether be it planning the programming for the 50th Anniversary Celebration campaign, connecting with speakers for panel discussions, contributing to new initiatives, and leading committees and task forces, IDC's Board and staff stepped up to the plate.

- He thanked members for continuing to support IDC and ensure advocacy for future generations.
- Trevor recognized Michele Guest, a founding member of IDC and former IDC, who passed away on September 21, 2022. Michele worked tremendously to promote the profession of interior design in Canada. Claude Bérubé, who died in May of this year, was also recognized for his involvement in many organizations bettering the interior design community.
- The IDC Design Symposium was held in-person on October 19 and 20, 2022 at the Cosentino City Toronto showroom. The theme was Legacy of Design: Past, Present, and Future. The itinerary included two design tours of VODA-winning projects, Lutron and Benjamin Moore's Colour and Light Experience showcase, presentations on different aspects of the future of design, two panel discussions, and keynote presentations by Michael Ford and Nora Young.
- The second day of the Design Symposium included the IDC Awards Celebration at the TIFF Bell Lightbox in Toronto. The IDC Awards Celebration honoured winners of the Innovation in Design Thinking – Student Competition, IDC Fellows, the Legacy Award of Distinguished Service, and the Value of Design Awards.
- Trevor Kruse thanked the sponsors of the Design Symposium: Cosentino, Benjamin Moore, Lutron, 3M, Euro Tile and Stone, Global, Grohe, Keilhauer, Levey, MillerKnoll, Prolink, Samsung, Teknion, Blum, Crown Surface Solutions, Fisher and Paykel, the Toronto International Design Centre, Schluter Systems, Metro Wallcoverings, Arcadis IBI Group, Zeidler Architecture and Figure3.
- He also thanked the Awards Celebration sponsors: Benjamin Moore, Cosentino, 3M, Grohe, Keilhauer, Lutron, Prolink, Teknion, Crown Surface Solutions, Fisher & Paykel, Euro Tile and Stone, and Azure.
- The 2022 Legacy Award of Distinguished Service was awarded to Doris Hasell, an IDC founder member. Doris joined the Annual Meeting to accept the award.
- 2022 is an important milestone IDC, as it celebrates 50 years as a national association highlighting diverse perspectives through videos, quotes, and articles from the 1970s to the present date. A dedicated web page was created to celebrate IDC's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The sponsor of the campaign was Benjamin Moore. A timeline video was shown to in-person and virtual attendees.
- Trevor Kruse reminded IDC members to expect to see membership invoices and referenced materials published on IDC's website that speak to the value and benefits of IDC membership.

## 5. Financial Report – Audited Financials

Keshia Caplette, IDC Vice President, presented the summary of audited financial statements:

- IDC's audit review is done by the firm Kriens LaRose, who thoroughly review the year's accounting records and paper files with Diana Mohabir, IDC senior manager, finance, and programs.
- Kriens LaRose review the board minutes and decisions of the board to ensure that the financial records reflect those decisions. At the end of the review, Tom Kriens, Principal of the firm, prepares a full financial statement for the year end.
- Tom Kriens of Kriens-LaRose presented the audited financial statements, prepared by the association's auditors Kriens-LaRose, for the year ended June 30, 2022. The summary of audited financial statements will be posted on IDC's website and the full statements are available by request from the IDC office.

MOTION: To approve the audited financial statements for IDC for the year ended June 30, 2022.

Moved: Keshia Caplette

Seconded: Carol Jones

Passed

## **6. Appointment of Auditors for 2022/2023**

MOTION: To appoint Kriens LaRose as the auditor for IDC for the year 2022/2023.

Moved: Keshia Caplette

Seconded: Jennifer Wiwchar-Fast

Passed

## **7. Nominations Committee Report**

Deborah Rutherford, Chair of the IDC Nominations Committee, presented - as Past President - the slate of board members that the Interior Designers of Canada Nominations Committee and Board of Directors are endorsing for the voting members' vote for the 2022/2023 year:

Christine Craik from West Vancouver, British Columbia  
Jennifer Greene from Saint John, New Brunswick  
Tiiu Poldma from Montreal, Quebec

MOTION: To approve the proposed slate of candidates as IDC Directors for 2022/2023, for a three-year term.

Moved: Deborah Rutherford

Seconded: Jennifer Wiwchar-Fast

Passed

## **8. Introduction of 2022/2023 IDC Board**

Deborah Rutherford welcomed the new and returning board members to the IDC board of directors and wished them success in their upcoming term.

## **9. IDC Foundation**

Carol Jones provided an update on the recent activities of the Interior Designers of Canada Foundation (IDCF):

- The Interior Designers of Canada Foundation was founded in 1990. As a registered charitable organization, its mission is to contribute to the development of the interior design profession nationally.
- Carol thanked the board members who have contributed to the Foundation's growth - Deborah Rutherford, Linda Makins, Lori Arnold, Tiiu Poldma, and Theo West Parks. Carol will be retiring as Chair of the Foundation at the end of this year and the new Chair will be Deborah Rutherford.
- IDCF administers the IDC Foundation Legacy Fund (IDCF) at Toronto Metropolitan University (TMU), formerly Ryerson University, School of Graduate Studies, the Teknion/Global Fellowship at the University of Manitoba, Department of Interior Design along with three IDC scholarships and bursary programs – Wayne Thomson Scholarship, Robert Ledingham Scholarship, and the BYU Design Bursary.
- The IDCF Ryerson Legacy Fund was established in 2008 with a grant of \$30,000. Its purpose was to provide financial support for students in a future Master of Interior Design program at what is now TMU. The Master's program is now materializing, and it is intended that the first semester will be in the Fall of 2023. With matching funds and years of interest, the current value of this fund is almost \$250,000.
- The IDCF Teknion/Global Fellowship was established in 1997 with a generous grant from Teknion and Global of \$50,000 to the University of Manitoba. With the difficulty of attracting mid-career designers to a program that requires residency in Winnipeg, the IDCF board has proposed making the program a distance education opportunity available to candidates across Canada and beyond. In its current early development stage, the current value of this fund is \$356,011.
- This year, IDCF added a new research grant to its roster of grants available to members:
  - o The IDC Foundation Research and Development grant (for conducting research by a practitioner)
  - o The IDC Foundation Research Grant (for conducting research by a practitioner or an academic)
  - o The IDC Foundation Research Bursary (for students in masters and PhD programs who submit research projects – for their work on a thesis or for research).
  - o The IDC Foundation Project Grant, for support for a stakeholder project.

- Member donations, which can be made all year round, through IDC's website, aid in the Foundation's ability to continue to fund research and educational opportunities and are tax deductible.
- Starting this year, when IDC members pay their dues, there will be an option to make a tax-deductible donation to the work of the Foundation.
- An in-depth annual report for the IDC Foundation will be published in early 2023.

#### **10. Adjournment**

Ian Rolston concluded the 2022 Annual Meeting at 3:13 p.m. CST.