

FAQ re: Proposed merge of IDIBC and AIBC

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- **What are the benefits to interior designers?**

- part of a much larger and stronger association
- recognition at governmental levels
- professional status

- **What is the timeline for action?**

It is anticipated that the new act will be put forward to legislation for the Spring 2007 session.

- **What will this cost?**

It is not known at this time what the costs will be, but will be shared proportionately among the groups associated.

- **Where will the money come from?**

Money has been designated for legal costs in the IDIBC budget. Additional funds, as required would be generated by special assessments.

- **What would our new fees be?**

It is not known what the new fees would be at this time – but it is expected that there would not be a significant increase. We would have a separate fee structure from architectural members.

- **What would be the structure of the new board and how many board seats would be ID members?**

At a minimum 1 board position would be designated for an interior designer.

- **What happens to non-members?**

They will have the opportunity to apply to the new organization if they meet the educational requirements.

- **What educational levels are required?**

NCIDQ educational levels will be used.

- **Will we still be members of IDC?**

Yes – we will maintain all current affiliations.

- **How will this affect my insurance?**

It may affect the rates, but it should not be a significant change. Interior designers will retain insurance separate from architects.

- **What titles would we use?**

The act would protect the term “interior design”, “interior designer” and/or “interior architect” to those persons who are qualified and registered under the Act.

- **Will we be able to issue letters of assurance?**

Yes it is anticipated they will be able to issue letters of assurance for low risk areas.

- **Will designers be able to stamp drawings?**

Yes it is expected that designers will be able to sign drawings to address accessibility issues.

- **How does this benefit the public?**

It will make it much easier for the public to differentiate between professional interior designers and interior decorators.