



**Association  
of Registered  
Interior Designers  
of Ontario**

Dear ARIDO Member,

As the ARIDO Board of Management prepares for the Special Meeting of Members, taking place on June 18, 2018, we have been receiving and reviewing member responses from the Discussion Paper and Survey.

We are pleased that many of you are engaged in this discussion at this very exciting time for the profession. Our goal is to hear from as many members as possible to ensure that the path moving forward is the one desired by the majority. If you have not yet had a chance to read the discussion paper, there is still time to do so.

Click [here](#) to access the discussion paper.

On **June 18, 2018**, a motion will be presented for a vote by the Registered Membership. The motion will be presented as follows:

*To mandate the ARIDO Board of Management to negotiate an agreement with the Ontario Association of Architects (OAA) wherein the scope of practice for interior design is protected and regulated within the Architects Act, consistent with Model #1 set out in the ARIDO / OAA Joint Task Force membership consultation paper titled "Regulating a scope of practice in interior design".*

Through our continuous engagement, government provided direction on a preferred model that they will support. Their support is not only critical, but is required for us to move forward, regardless of any path we choose. New legislation cannot be introduced and existing legislation cannot be amended, without the support and approval of Ontario Government.

Although ARIDO and the OAA presented and supported two models, we were given direction and specific support from Government that we must consider. Through thorough review, legal opinions, and various discussions, the ARIDO Board of Management believes that Model #1- Direct Regulation is a viable path for the profession in Ontario. The precedent of self-regulation (Practice Act) has been out of favour by Government since 2008 and the political landscape demonstrates that. Even with a possible new government post Provincial elections, government (regardless of party or leadership) have not indicated support for revitalizing self-regulation in Ontario.

The Board believes that the approach of being regulated through the Architect's Act, will secure the future of the profession and provide us with self-regulation through an existing piece of legislation.

The motion that will be presented at the June 18th meeting is requesting approval for the ARIDO Board of Management to continue to negotiate with the OAA on your behalf and work with government to move self-regulation through the Architect's Act forward. Approval and a subsequent vote toward a specific model, including Model #1, at this time cannot take place. Any introduction of new legislation or amendments to existing ones, such as the Architect's Act is outside of ARIDO and the OAA's legal mandate or authority. The

Government of Ontario is the only body that holds such authority.

Our member vote is specific to the direction of Registered Members of ARIDO and their support for the ARIDO Board of Management to continue to negotiate with the OAA and Government for the self-regulation of interior design through the Architect's Act. A vote in support will solidify ARIDO's ability to collaborate on designing this model, together with the OAA and Government, and on your behalf.

We encourage all ARIDO members to attend this Special Meeting of Members in person and for those Registered members who cannot, please submit your proxy and direct your proxy holder as to how you would like your vote cast.

Have your voice heard. Make your vote count. Click [here](#) to understand the importance of this vote.

Our Board of Management looks forward to collaborating with you and jointly contributing to a prosperous future for our profession.



Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sheri'.

Sheri Crawford  
2018 ARIDO President  
On behalf of the ARIDO Board of Management

