



Association of Registered Interior Designers of Ontario Nomination for position of Director

Candidate's name: Bryan Wiens

Bio:

One of three Principals at LWG Architectural Interiors, Bryan has over thirty years of experience as an award-winning Interior Designer with a focus on Workplace Design. As a lead designer, Bryan focuses on relationship building, team building and communications as cornerstones of a successful project. As a business leader, Bryan has spent the last 30 years working with his partners to build a diverse, talented team of Interior Designers that has become Ottawa's largest Interior Design firm. One of his roles at LWG includes human resources where he leads in talent acquisition and mentoring. Bryan is an active advocate for the Interior Design profession and has voluntary leadership roles with ARIDO (Board of Directors), Algonquin College (Chair of the Interior Design Advisory Committee) and Interior Designers of Canada (BGIS Industry Engagement Representative). Bryan has also been an educator, having taught courses in Professional Practice and Ethics as well as Budgeting at Algonquin College's CIDA accredited Bachelor of Interior Design Program.

Statement:

I bring 30 years of Interior Design experience in both the public and private sector, with a very good understanding of the industry, particularly issues and challenges facing interior design business owners. I've followed the professionalization efforts of ARIDO closely and feel this is a watershed issue for our membership that has been a long time coming. I'm looking to continue to contribute to the work of ARIDO for another three-year term on the Board of Directors. I'm particularly interested in continuing to see through some of the initiatives I've been personally involved with, including the Exam Alternative project and some other confidential activities that relate to the evolution of ARIDO in the immediate future.

Education: Bachelor of Interior Design, Faculty of Architecture, University of Manitoba, 1990

Professional Experience:

LWG Architectural Interiors, Principal | Interior Designer, 1998 – Present
Ottawa, Ontario

PWGSC (now called PSPC), Senior Design Manager, Architectural and Engineering Services, Accommodation Planning and Interior Design, 1990 – 1997
Gatineau, Quebec

The Number Ten Design Group, Intern Designer, 1989-1990
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Professional Affiliations: ARIDO, APDIQ, NCIDQ, IDC, IFMA

Volunteering:

Director, Association of Registered Interior Designers of Ontario (2021-2023)
Secretary (2022-2023)

Chair of the Algonquin College Advisory Committee for the Interior Design Program
(2020 – present)

Member of the Algonquin College Advisory Committee for the Interior Design Program
(2007 – 2020)

Interior Designers of Canada: Representative on the AFD Brookfield Global Integrated Solutions Industry Engagement Committee (2016 – present)

Secretary, Association of Registered Interior Designers of Ontario, Eastern Ontario Chapter (2011-2014)

Director, Ottawa Alternative Trade Corporation (2000 – 2015)