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An Act to Incorporate The Registered Interior Designers Institute of Alberta

(Assented to April 11, 1960)

WHEREAS The Interior Designers' Institute of Alberta <sup>Preamble</sup> is presently incorporated under *The Societies Act* of the Province of Alberta, and has by its petition represented that it is desirous of being incorporated under the name: "The Registered Interior Designers Institute of Alberta", with the objects and purposes hereinafter set out;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition:

THEREFORE HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as "*The Registered Interior Designers Institute of Alberta Act*". <sup>Short title</sup>

2. In this Act,
- (a) "by-laws" means by-laws of the corporation; <sup>Interpretation "by-laws"</sup>
  - (b) "corporation" means The Registered Interior Designers Institute of Alberta incorporated by this Act; <sup>"corporation"</sup>
  - (c) "council" means the council of the corporation as provided for in section 6; <sup>"council"</sup>
  - (d) "Registrar" means the registrar of the corporation elected by the council as provided in section 11. <sup>"Registrar"</sup>

3. (1) The members of The Interior Designers Institute of Alberta, heretofore constituted (hereinafter called "the first members") are hereby constituted a corporation having perpetual succession, and a common seal under the name "The Registered Interior Designers Institute of Alberta" with power, <sup>Incorporation</sup>

- (a) to acquire, hold, mortgage, lease, sell, otherwise charge or dispose of real and personal property for the purposes of the corporation,
- (b) to borrow money for the purposes of the corporation, and to secure the repayment thereof by mortgage on its real and personal property, and
- (c) to sue and be sued.

(2) The corporation may invest in any securities specified in section 3 of *The Trustee Act* such portion of its funds as is not required for its immediate purposes.

(3) The funds of the corporation shall be deposited in a chartered bank to the credit of the corporation, and the expenses of the corporation shall be paid therefrom.

Objects

4. The general objects of the corporation are to increase the knowledge, skill, efficiency, and proficiency of its members in all things relating to the profession of interior decoration and designing, business organization, administration, and ethics, to encourage, promote, and extend the profession of interior designing and to maintain, disseminate, and advance ethical concepts of artistic knowledge in that profession.

Members

5. (1) The Corporation consists of the persons who are the first members of the corporation and all persons who, after the coming into force of this Act are admitted to membership in the corporation and hold a registration certificate under this Act.

(2) Membership in the corporation may be granted to any duly qualified person who is engaged for hire, gain, or hope of reward in the designing, planning and arranging of elements or details utilized in order to decorate or beautify the interior appearance of buildings or other structures or in the designing, planning, and arranging of furniture, fixtures, or ornamentations, for incorporation into buildings or structures or in the supervision of artisans or tradesmen employed in the execution of the plans, designs, and arrangements aforementioned and who complies with any other requirements that may be prescribed by by-law.

Council

6. (1) The affairs and business of the corporation shall be controlled, managed, and regulated by a council which shall consist of at least seven members, five of whom shall constitute a quorum, and who shall hold office for a term of one year and until their successors are elected.

(2) When a vacancy occurs in the council from any cause, the council shall appoint any member of the corporation to fill the vacancy until the next annual meeting of the corporation.

Meetings

7. (1) A general meeting of the members of the corporation shall be held annually for the purpose of electing the council and for such other business as may be brought before the meeting.

(2) A general meeting of the corporation shall be held at such time and place, upon such notice, and otherwise, as is provided by the by-laws of the corporation.

Voters' Qualifications

8. The persons qualified to vote at elections of members of the council are members of the corporation holding registration certificates and resident in Alberta.

9. The first members are hereby constituted a provisional council with power to call the first annual general meeting of the corporation at such time and place, upon such notice, and otherwise, as to them appears advisable; but the meeting shall be called within three months after the day upon which this Act comes into force.

Provisional  
council

10. Retiring members of the council, if otherwise qualified, shall be eligible for re-election.

Re-election  
of retiring  
members

11. The council shall elect from its members a president, a treasurer, and a Registrar who shall also be the secretary; and the council may elect or appoint such other officers and employees as may be provided for in the by-laws, of the corporation.

Officers

12. (1) The corporation may pass by-laws,

By-laws

(a) governing

- (i) the discipline and welfare of the members,
  - (ii) the management of its property,
  - (iii) banking and finance,
  - (iv) the election of members to the council,
  - (v) the procedure to be adopted at meetings of the corporation and meetings of the council,
  - (vi) the registration of members and the issue of registration certificates,
  - (vii) the removal of names from the register and the cancellation of registration certificates,
  - (viii) the investigation of complaints of unprofessional conduct,
  - (ix) the expulsion or suspension of any member for unprofessional conduct or non-payment of fees, and
  - (x) the reinstatement of any member who has been expelled or suspended,
- (b) prescribing qualifications for and the rights of active members, associate members and other classes of membership,
- (c) prescribing examinations for applicants to qualify as members,
- (d) prescribing rules of professional conduct,
- (e) prescribing annual fees and fees payable by a person applying for membership,
- (f) providing for affiliation with any University in Canada,
- (g) fixing the location of the head office of the corporation, and
- (h) providing for such other matters or things as are necessary to carry on the affairs and business of the corporation.

(2) No by-law or amendment to a by-law shall come into force until it has been ratified by the Association at

an annual general meeting or at a general meeting called for that purpose or at such later date as the by-law may provide.

(3) Any by-law may be annulled by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

**13.** The head office of the corporation shall be in the Province of Alberta at such place as may be determined by by-law.

**14.**(1) The Registrar shall keep a register of members.

(2) The Registrar shall enter in the register the names and business addresses of the first members and all persons who are admitted to membership in the corporation showing the class of membership to which each member belongs.

(3) Only those persons whose names are inscribed on the register as active or associate members shall be entitled to receive a registration certificate.

**15.** Every person who applies to have his name entered in the register may appeal to the council from any decision of the Registrar thereon, and the council shall hear the appeal and determine the matter in question.

**16.** Each registration certificate shall expire on the thirty-first day of December next following the issue thereof; and every person who holds a registration certificate as a member of the corporation may annually, on or before the fifteenth day of December, apply to the Registrar for a renewal thereof for the next ensuing year, and the renewal shall be granted upon payment of the prescribed fee.

**17.** Each member of the corporation holding a registration certificate may have a seal, the impression of which must contain the name of the member, his place of business, the words "Member—The Registered Interior Designers Institute of Alberta" and with which the member may stamp all writing, drawings, and specifications issued for the use in the Province of Alberta.

**18.** No person shall represent himself as being a member of The Registered Interior Designers' Institute of Alberta unless he holds a valid and subsisting registration certificate for the purpose issued to him.

**19.** Any person who contravenes section 18, is guilty of an offence and liable, upon summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars for each such offence.

**20.** This Act comes into force on the day upon which it is assented to.