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“Meet the Board”

Welcome to the first Newsletter for the Alabama Board for Registered Interior Designers. The decision for a newsletter was made at the last board meeting; since we your board serve you, please give us your feedback on the newsletter.

I always think that the best place to start is with introductions, so that's the premise of this issue. I hope you enjoy learning more about your board and colleagues as much as I did! I'm amazed by the diversity of the field of Interior Design and the different directions one can go in the profession and you will see several examples in our board members. For future issues I'd like to include introductions of other designers around the state so please send me a brief biography of yourself with a photograph and your contact information.

My hope is that you are inspired, you've learned something new and enjoyed reading this newsletter. Many thanks for the opportunity to serve you!

January Williams



**Registration Renewal:
September 30, 2012**

The Alabama Board for Registered Interior Designers licenses and regulates qualified individuals to practice as Registered Interior Designers in the State of Alabama.



Wallace Williams, Chair Western District

Wallace possesses nearly 30 years of diverse experience providing interior and industrial design services to clients across a range of market sectors. While his contributions to a project team are many, his specialty of bringing quick conceptual design ideas to the table has proved invaluable. In 1990 he joined a smaller architectural firm to pursue the dream of ownership and more direct client interaction. Currently, Mr. Williams brings that desire and intensity to Kahn. Today, Mr. Williams serves as a Vice President of the firm and Regional Director of Interior Design, where he continues to deliver clients creative, sustainable, cost effective solutions for their projects. Outside of the office, Mr. Williams is currently Chairman of the Alabama State Board of Registration for Interior Design and works closely with the Alabama Interior Design Coalition to further efforts in interior design legislation. He also previously served on IIDA Alabama's Board of Directors and as Vice President of Government and Regulatory Affairs. In recognition to his contributions to the interior design industry, Mr. Williams was awarded the Alabama Chapter of the International Interior Design Association 2009 Idie Award for Lifetime Achievement. This award honors those who have made significant contributions to the profession and have been actively involved within their community and the association. Mr. Williams' significant experience, dedication and accomplishments would make him a great asset to the State of Alabama's legislative body.



Minnie Finley is a native of Birmingham, Alabama and has served on the Alabama Board for Registered Interior Designers since 2006. She received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Tuskegee Institute, now Tuskegee University, a Master of Arts Degree from Tennessee State University and Alabama "A" Certification from The University of Alabama in Birmingham. She is a retired educator from The Birmingham Public School System, a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church and serves on the Members Board of Directors with the Birmingham Museum of Art. Mrs. Finley is married and has two daughters.

Minnie Finley Consumer Member

Barbara Warnes, ASID, IIDA Northern District



Barbara received her degree from The University of Alabama. She has 33 years of experience in residential, healthcare, and commercial design, and has been a National Council for Interior Design Qualification certificate holder since 1997. She is an Alabama State Licensed Interior Designer, RID #264. In October of 2009, she was appointed by Governor Bob Riley to serve on the Alabama Interior Design Board of Registration for the Northern District of the state. For the Board, she represents the state as delegate to the National Council for Interior Design Qualifications and serves on their Agenda Task Force. Barbara also serves the City of Guntersville on the Historic Preservation Commission and Errol Allan Park Committee. Barbara enjoys antique auctions, hiking, boating, snow skiing, camping, and gardening in her free time. She is a member of Epiphany Episcopal Church, and has served on their Vestry, Building Committee, and other volunteer services. Her husband, Dan, is an attorney, and they have two children, Paul and Rachel. Barbara is the owner and senior designer of Barbara Warnes Interiors.



January transforms hospital interiors into warm, inviting environments that convey a healing effect on patients and their families. Her unique design perspective is reflected throughout Thomas Hospital and Mobile Infirmary, where she incorporates such natural elements as local art and history to unify the healthcare facility with the surrounding region. As the Interior Designer on staff for Infirmary Health, January creates spaces inspired by compassionate caregivers and devoted healing.

January is honored to have served on the Alabama Board for Registered Interior Designers since 2008 and is pleased to be serving a second term. She is Rules and Regulations Chair and is now heading the Quarterly Newsletter for the board. She is very proud of her profession, career and community. While studying Interior Design at the University of Alabama she first learned of the importance of Interior Design and has made a commitment to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public.

She is dedicated to serving others and has been in the Junior League of Mobile since 2007 and has served on the HandsOn South Alabama Board since 2008. Along with volunteering and community involvement she also enjoys playing tennis, playing bunko, spending quality time with her family, friends and dog.

January Williams, ASID Southern District

*Phillip Rawlings, ASID, IIDA
Eastern District*



Mr. Rawlings has specialized experience in Comprehensive Interior Design (CID) and Structural Interior Design. He has extensive experience on projects requiring CID including space planning, preparation of the required order forms, systems furniture layouts, matrix and isometrics, and all related artwork selections. Phillip also has experience in pre-wired modular workstations, furniture specifications and knowledge of the acquisition process including applicable FAR and funding limitations. Mr. Rawlings served four years with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, while stationed in Frankfurt, Germany. He was an ROTC graduate from Auburn University, and entered military service in 1970 and served until 1974. He was an Officer, and supervised military construction projects throughout Germany, Italy, and Great Britain. Phillip is currently President elect of the State Board of Interior Design Registration- he was appointed in 2008 and his term ends in 2012.



Kristin represents the Central District of our State which includes Blount, Jefferson, St. Clair, and Talladega Counties. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Interiors and Housing and a Master of Business Administration degree, both from Auburn University. She is a Registered Interior Designer in Alabama since 1996 (#229) and also has completed NCIDQ certification (#012502) and LEED, AP designation for sustainable design.

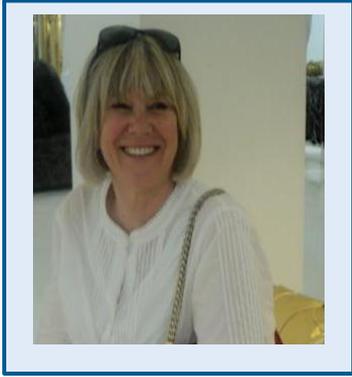
She is currently a project manager and senior interior designer with TurnerBatson managing tenant fit out projects and lead on interior design projects. TurnerBatson specializes in educational and religious facilities throughout the Southeast. Past experience also includes a first career in Store Planning with Parisian retail stores and Southern Nuclear in facility design.

She has served as president of IIDA, Alabama Chapter and has served on the Alabama State Board of Registration for Interior Design since 2008, as Treasurer/Secretary. She also serves on the Design Review Committee for the City of Trussville and participates in advisory boards for Auburn University, University of Alabama and Virginia College.

*Kristin Corley
Central District*

Shari Park-Gates, Ph. D.

Educator Member



Shari has been a member of the faculty in the interior design program at Auburn University for five years. She teaches studios on the work environment and hospitality design. She also teaches professional practices and history of interiors. Shari has a BA degree in Psychology from West Virginia University, and a BID degree in interior design from the Interior Design Institute in Denver, Colorado. She also has a Masters of Science, Master of Business Administration from University of Charleston in Charleston West Virginia and a Doctor of Philosophy in Interior Design from Virginia Tech, in Blacksburg Virginia.

Shari practiced for over twenty years and headed up her own commercial design firm called Space 3 incorporated, (Systems Planning And Commercial Environments) before beginning a teaching career. She is also nine hours away from a fine arts degree and she is an artist who does pen and ink drawings of vernacular architecture as an expression of our culture. She has exhibited her work regionally, nationally and internationally. Her area of research is creativity and her artwork serves as creative scholarship.

She is dedicated to the advancement of the profession of interior design and considers it an honor and privilege to serve on the Board of Registration for Interior Design in the state of Alabama.

Shari has two children, Jane-Kelli Turner and Brian Gates who live in Denver Colorado. She also has three grandchildren, Caroline Rose, Cadey Grace, and Tavin Gates Turner.



Bryant G. Williams, Allied ASID; has been Office Administrator to the Board since 2005. He has three college degrees and attended Auburn University, Southern Institute, and Virginia College where he earned a Bachelor of Applied Arts in Interior Design. He is also the Chapter Administrator for the Alabama Chapter of ASID since 2005; has served as State Conference Chairperson, Daisy Bond Student Portfolio Competition Chairperson, Student Affairs Chairperson, has served on the Strategic Planning Committee, Nominations Committee, and their Board of Directors as Director of Communication.

Prior to his career in the Alabama Interior Design community Bryant spent 13 years working in Geriatric Physical Rehabilitation. His prior career, having a nephew with Muscular Dystrophy and both grandmother and mother with Rheumatoid arthritis was instrumental in his decision to return to school to obtain his degree in Interior Design. He specializes in Aging in Place and Universal Design and has seen and lived first hand how difficult everyday life can be without the proper design elements.

Along with Bryant's involvement in the Interior Design Community in Alabama he is an avid animal lover and has two dogs, a miniature poodle, CiCi and a rescue Doberman Pincher, Aubie.

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