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ASTTBC Speaks Out for Members Registered in BUILDING DESIGN

"ASTTBC has been tracking the AIBC decision made a few years ago to register residential and building designers as 'Associates' within AIBC," observes ASTTBC Executive Director, John Leech, who stresses that this action was taken without the agreement of ASTTBC. "ASTTBC has been working for decades to achieve enhanced professional practice rights for BC's architectural / building technology graduates and we are now about to 'ramp up' our effort once again."

There are many architects within AIBC who are not pleased with the decision to embrace residential and building designers within AIBC. Decisions by the AIBC Council regarding titles have been disputed and subsequently changed by Council. It is unclear today as to whether proposed new titles have been implemented.

This issue consumed a great deal of time at the AIBC 2011 AGM. *"I attended and observed firsthand the concerns of some members, including a few on the AIBC Council. While I am not sure where this is all headed, ASTTBC remains resolute in its role in providing professional certification, registration and recognition of ASTTBC members practicing in residential and building design,"* concluded John Leech.

The AIBC Council has called a SPECIAL MEETING for May 12 in response to a petition of members who want the issue of 'Associates' addressed. Information on the purpose of the meeting and background documents has been posted to the AIBC web site and is available here:

<http://aibcnews.files.wordpress.com/2012/04/2012-special-general-meeting-booklet.pdf>

ASTTBC will continue to press the BC Government for appropriate recognition of the competencies of ASTTBC-registered designers and for rights to practice commensurate with these competencies. ASTTBC has long held that the Architects Act is out of date and out of touch with reality insofar as practice restrictions are concerned. The BC Architects Act is one of the most restrictive of the Architects statutes in Canada and must be changed if we are to realize the full potential of BC college and university grads in architectural / building technology.

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