



(WASHINGTON, D.C., Sept. 19, 2005) — The American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) is pleased to announce its fiscal year 2006 board of directors. Robert Wright, FASID, will lead the Society as president and Suzan Globus, FASID, will serve as president-elect, succeeding Wright as president in fiscal year 2007. The new directors are Deborah Griffin, ASID; James Lothrop, Jr., ASID, AIA, CID, NCARB; Alan Smith, Steelcase, Inc., Industry Partner of ASID, ASID Industry Partner representative to the board; Christine Suzuki, ASID, ASID Chapter Services Team (CST) representative to the board; and Michael Thomas, FASID, CAPS. The new board members will take office on Oct. 1 and will serve two-year terms.

Anita Baltimore, FASID, will remain on the board as past president. Bruce Brigham, FASID; Tama Duffy Day, ASID, LEED®-AP; and BJ Miller, ASID, will continue as directors at large.

Wright is principal of Bast/Wright Interiors, Inc., in San Diego, which offers both commercial and residential design services for clients in Southern California. He has been a consummate ASID volunteer for more than 10 years and was honored as an ASID fellow in 2004. Prior to being elected as Society president, Wright was president-elect, member of the ASID Board of Directors, as well as member of the ASID National Examiners Committee, and chair and two-term member of the ASID National Nominating Committee. He also has been a leader in the ASID San Diego Chapter, serving as president. Active in community affairs, Wright is chair of the Interior Design Advisory Council at San Diego State University and has been involved with the Design Industries Foundation Fighting AIDS. A widely published designer, he has received numerous awards, including the ASID San Diego Chapter Design Excellence Award and the Ethel M. Siegelman Memorial Award for Outstanding Chapter Member. Wright is a graduate of Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos with a bachelor's degree in interior design.

Globus is principal of Globus Design Associates, a Red Bank, N.J., consultancy specializing in libraries and select residential interiors. Named an ASID fellow in 2004, Globus was a member of the ASID Board of Directors; chair of the ASID Education, Training and Advisory Council and the ASID Legislative Advisory Council; member of the ASID Professional Development Task Force; and Society representative to the NCIDQ Model Legislation Task Force. She also has been active in the ASID New Jersey chapter, serving as president and in various other capacities. Beyond ASID, Globus is involved in a number of professional associations and advisory boards, including the Advisory Board for the Interior Design Program at Brookdale College, Lincroft, N.J.,

where she is a former adjunct instructor; the New Jersey Coalition for Interior Design Legislation; and the InformeDesign® Advisory Board. After serving as NJCIDL past-president, the governor appointed Globus to the state's first interior design examination and evaluation committee. She received her bachelor's degree in journalism and public relations from the University of Maryland at College Park and her post-baccalaureate degree in interior design from Kean University, Union, N.J.

Griffin is president of Griffin Design Group, based in Franklin, Tenn., where she also is an associate professor of interior design at O'More College of Design. She has served in a number of ASID leadership positions, notably as chair of the ASID Codes and Legislative Council, ASID Referral Committee, ASID Ethics Committee and the ASID Student Advisory Council. At the chapter level, Griffin has been active in both the Florida North and Tennessee chapters, including serving as president of the ASID Florida North Chapter. An award-winning designer, she holds a bachelor's degree in interior design from Florida State University at Tallahassee and master's degree in interior design from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

Lothrop is a partner with Lothrop Associates LLP, an award-winning architecture and interior design firm in Valhalla, N.Y. A long-time ASID leader, Lothrop was member of the ASID National Nominating Committee, ASID Industry Advisory Council and ASID Professional Qualifications Task Force. Lothrop also was president of the ASID New York Metro Chapter. Active in legislative affairs, he is the current president of the Interior Designers for Legislation in New York and past chair of the Westport (CT.) Architectural Review Board. Lothrop also is a sought-after speaker, guest instructor and scholarship juror at the university level. He received his bachelor's degree in architecture from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where he was distinguished for design excellence.

Smith is director of North America Marketing, communications and environmental strategy, for Steelcase, Inc., the global leader in the office furniture industry. Appointed to this role in June 2004, he is responsible for developing a comprehensive environmental strategy, implementing environmental programs globally and aligning the company's business and marketing strategies to achieve aggressive environmental goals. Since November 2002, Smith has also been responsible for all of the company's marketing communications, knowledge and service marketing, advanced marketing, and branding. Previously, he was director of Global Corporate Marketing & Communications. Smith holds a bachelor's degree in art history from the University of Virginia in Charlottesville and is a native of Richmond, Va.

Suzuki is principal of Christine S. Suzuki & Associates, a Seattle-based firm specializing in residential and commercial remodeling, space planning, design development and project management. At the Society level, she most recently was chair of the ASID CST and a former CST advisor. Suzuki also is a leader in the ASID Washington State Chapter, serving as president and member of its board of directors. Suzuki is an award-winning designer and recently received first runner-up, bathroom category, honors in the 2005 Southern Accents/ASID National Residential Interior Design Competition. She is active

in community affairs, and is a member of the Greater University Chamber of Commerce. Suzuki graduated from Cornish College of the Arts with a bachelor's degree in interior design.

Thomas is president of The Design Collective Group, Inc., based in Jupiter, Fla., a multifaceted design/build firm focusing on residential remodeling, corporate design and product development. Currently chair of the ASID Council on Aging in Place and Society spokesperson on aging in place and universal design, Thomas is committed to designing spaces that are accessible to anyone, no matter the age or abilities, and with environmental sensibilities. A widely published and award-winning designer, he also is a member of NAHB and NKBA, and has presented a variety of peer-to-peer workshops on ethics, time and business management. Thomas is a former president of the Florida South Chapter.

The new board members will replace retiring board members Linda Elliott Smith (past-president); Chip DeGrace, InterfaceFLOR, Industry Partner of ASID, Industry Partner representative to the board; Janice Carleen Linster, ASID; Sue Markham, ASID; Phyllis Moore, FASID; and Sherry Ruggieri, ASID, CST representative to the board.