

Wakefield Beasley Office Manager Renews SDA Certification

ATLANTA, Ga. - Gloria Boden, SDA/C, office manager for Wakefield Beasley & Associates Architects Inc., has successfully completed renewal of her Certified Design Administrator status.

Gloria Boden is very active in the Society for Design Administration, which grants the Certified Design Administrator designation (SDA/C), and is affiliated with the American Institute of Architects. At the national level, she has served as SDA National Southeast Regional Director and has participated in numerous committees, including the SDA Handbook Rewrite and SDA National Public Relations committees. At the local level, Boden has served as secretary, vice-president and president, as well as chair of the Membership, Program, CANstruction, and Job Bank committees. She has also written articles for the SDA National White Pages, SDA/Atlanta Design Exchange, AIA and AIA Georgia. She currently serves as the Atlanta SDA chapter's historian.

Employed with Wakefield Beasley & Associates since 1993, Boden has been certified since May 2000 through academic education, work experience, leadership experience and continuing education. Certification lasts seven years and is achieved by mastering a common body of knowledge in the areas of finance, office administration, human resources, marketing, project management and information technology.

Boden is in an elite group within SDA's membership. Less than eight percent of SDA's membership is certified.

SDA's mission statement says that it exists "to promote the exchange of ideas and to educate its members in the related disciplines of design firm administration." In a recent letter to Wakefield Beasley &

Associates, Pamela J. Loomis, Chair of SDA's national Certification Committee, said "Gloria has embraced this mission on many levels through her professional service activities and through her own education process."

"Having trained individuals of Gloria's caliber who are available to serve as mentors helps establish a strong source of competent personnel within the design industry," added Loomis.

Boden looks toward the future within SDA and Wakefield Beasley & Associates, and she shows no signs of resting on her laurels. "My goal is to continue to focus on setting an example to our administrators and to the SDA Chapter's membership, encouraging new ideas and opportunities for growth," said Boden. "I will continue my affiliation with the SDA Atlanta Chapter and grow in experience and industry knowledge, enhancing my professional development and professional growth."

Headquartered in suburban Atlanta with offices in Jacksonville, Wakefield Beasley & Associates Architects Inc. is an award winning architectural and interior design firm. Founded in 1980 by R. Lamar Wakefield and John B. Beasley, Jr., the firm provides master planning, architecture, interior design, program management, construction management, furniture procurement and facilities management services.

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