

Press Release

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The ASSOCIATION OF KNITWEAR DESIGNERS Meets Milestone

Boise, Idaho - The ASSOCIATION OF KNITWEAR DESIGNERS (AKD) filed Articles of Incorporation with the Idaho Secretary of State on Wednesday, September 26, 2007.

The Bylaws were amended in compliance with the Articles of Incorporation and the leadership restructured from Executive Committee to Board of Directors. Elections for the Board of Directors are scheduled for November 1, 2007.

AKD, Inc. will be filing for status as a 501(c) non profit organization and sees these steps as substantial progress toward improving its ability to provide resources for its members and act on their behalf within the industry.

Interim president, Jill Wolcott says: "We have seen the professional needs of knitwear designers grow along with our membership in the past few years. AKD wants to provide more services and professional support for our membership".

The ASSOCIATION OF KNITWEAR DESIGNERS was founded in May 1989 under the name PROFESSIONAL KNITWEAR DESIGNERS ORGANIZATION. In June 2006, the name was changed to ASSOCIATION OF KNITWEAR DESIGNERS.

The ASSOCIATION OF KNITWEAR DESIGNERS, Inc. (AKD) is dedicated to the promotion and accreditation of its professional members. AKD seeks to be the leading source of qualified professionals in all fields of the knitwear design industry and to provide appropriate member support to assist its members in remaining qualified and up-to-date according to industry needs. The goals of the organization are:

- provide a forum for the exchange of ideas, information and opportunities relevant to knitwear designers
- provide a recognized standard of skill of work and professionalism
- enhance the profile of knitwear designers with in the industry and the knitting public
- provide members with professional development and continuing education
- provide a voice for knitwear design professionals within the industry
- to liaise with other industry professionals to facilitate access to design talent and create opportunities for knitwear designers.

AKD publishes [Design Lines](#) - a bi-monthly newsletter available to members and the industry.

Further information can be found at www.knitwear-designers.org. The site offers in-depth information about AKD members, programs, and industry events, as well as membership application forms and procedures.