## **Surveying the Membership**

The IDEC membership is a resource of great information for the discipline of Interior Design. At times, the Board of Directors will tap into this knowledge base for purposes of advancing IDEC as an organization. Only surveys approved by the Board of Directors may be submitted to the entire membership via the master IDEC email list.

In the event that the IDEC Board of Directors surveys the entire membership and intends to make public some or all of the findings, the information will be owned by IDEC and not usable by any individual for personal reasons. Once the information is disseminated and made public, then anyone may access the information and use it as long as they credit the organization (i.e., Interior Design Educators Council, Inc.).

The IDEC listserv is an IDEC membership benefit to which members can subscribe. It is available to all members who may wish to poll or survey the membership. It is understood that this is an appropriate use of the listserv. However, some members may wish to control their individual level of participation. Unsubscribing from the listserv is one such option IDEC members who wish to survey the entire membership have three options. First, they can purchase the ground mail mailing labels from IDEC HQ; second, they have access to all members' contact information via the IDEC Directory; third, they can put a survey (or link to a survey) on the listserv with the understanding that not all IDEC members subscribe to the listserv; if a member's research project will advance IDEC as an organization, the member can request board approval to be given access (through IDEC headquarters) to send an email to the membership. IDEC members may not, however, be given access to the master email list to carry out personal projects.