

## 2013 Provisional RGD Committee Report

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The purpose of the Provisional Committee is to engage and connect Provisional RGDs not only with each other but with our RGD Members, Student RGD Members and the industry at large. We've helped develop RGD's Mentorship Program; RGD Exam Study Groups; Virtual Reviews, just to name a few. We also give Provisional RGDs a voice at the RGD Board level, and help ensure our voices, as the future of our industry and the Association, are heard.



***“I just wanted to wish those on the Study Group writing the RGD Exam Good Luck! I went through the process yesterday and found it to be long, but not that stressful at all – mainly thanks to this study group process!”***

**IFFAT JOKHIO RGD**

In 2013 we started a new RGD Study Group for RGD Exam candidates. The Group gave participants an opportunity to review study materials and jointly prepare for both the Written Test and Portfolio Interview. The program was very successful (with all 5 participants passing with flying colours!) and we are in the midst of planning another RGD Exam Study Group to begin in late May.

***“The virtual review offered me a chance to present my work to creative professionals and get critical feedback on my portfolio remotely, making it easier to fit into my work day.”***

**FARAZ AHMAD PROV RGD**

Also in 2013 we initiated the Welcome Wagon program. About once a month we invite new Provisional RGD Members to join a virtual meeting led by some on our Committee to discuss the benefits of Membership and discuss possible future initiatives. So far in 2014 three such meetings have taken place with an average of five participants and some great discussions.

One of the most important initiatives of the past year was recruiting new Committee Members. After reaching out to Provisional RGDs, we received an overwhelming response of enthusiasm and interest. As a result, we have had an influx of new blood on the Committee and I am excited about what ideas and suggestions we will come up with over the coming year.

***“RGD has been a great resource for me throughout my design career, and I am pleased to be involved in the Committee and giving back to the design community.”***

**EVELYN CSIZAR PROV RGD**

An exciting new initiative we will be advising on is a DesignThinker of the Future program to identify those Provisional and RGD Members under 30 years of age, who will drive our industry forward. In addition to providing cash awards, the honourees will be invited to attend DesignThinkers and participate on a panel of Future Creatives to discuss how design is changing and what skills, tools and thinking will drive success.

We've also recently proposed adding Provisional RGDs to all of RGD's other Committees to increase the opportunities for Provisional RGDs to get involved and also increase RGD's relevance to emerging designers. I am pleased to report that the RGD Board has confirmed that this will be happening over the next few months. We look forward to engaging with our Members and helping to build RGD for the future!