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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

The board members of the Texas Association for Interior Design have been hard at work to protect the interests of interior designers in Texas. Since our big reception for the state legislature in late January, members of the TAID board have made trips to the Capitol a number of times in order to visit with legislators about our bill. The Interior Design Practice Act (House bill, HB 1985 and Senate bill, SB 832) has been moving slowly, but steadily, through the legislative process. We have experienced both frustration and elation while watching our bill make its progress. We are happy to report that the bill should soon be going to the House of Representatives for a vote, carrying a grandfathering clause that will be good for all currently registered interior designers. Although we can not know how the wording of the bill might change as it moves through different legislative committees, it now acknowledges designers with long experience in our profession. The bill states that an interior designer who has not passed the NCIDQ exam must:

1. Pass section one of the NCIDQ (Building & Barrier Free Codes section) AND complete, in addition to the 8 hours of yearly required continuing education, 15 hours of board approved continuing education classes relating to building and barrier free codes and regulations.

Or 2. Demonstrate 25 years of board approved interior design experience AND complete, in addition to the 8 hours of yearly required continuing education, 15 hours of board approved continuing education classes relating to building and barrier free codes and regulations

Or 3. Have passed the examination required for registration as an architect

Designers would have until September 1, 2011 to fulfill these requirements.

There are other bills affecting interior designers that TAID has been watching during this legislative session. One of the bills is HB 1038 relating to the TRCC (Texas Residential Construction Commission). A number of designers have been caught in the middle of doing work as an interior designer and being labeled as a builder/contractor, thus having to pay fees to another agency in addition to paying fees to the agency that regulates interior designers, the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners (TBAE). TAID was successful with having an amendment added to this bill that exempts interior designers, if they are doing interior design work as defined by the TBAE. This amendment has passed the vote in the House and now will go to the Senate for consideration.

Many designers have been helping during this legislative session by emailing to their legislators and asking them to support our Practice Act bill. By the time you are reading this newsletter, I hope our bill has made it to the Senate. To know the status of our bill, go to www.legis.state.tx.us and then you put in the bill number (HB 1985 or SB 832). Just email them with a simple request to support our bill (in the House it is HB1985 and in the Senate it is SB832).

Marilyn Roberts, ASID, RID
President, Texas Association for Interior Design

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Executive Director News

It is that time of year again when TAID is working round the clock. We are watching many bills this year that might have an impact on the interior design industry in Texas.

The House spent many hours debating the best way to reform the controversial Texas Residential Construction Commission (TRCC). Created four years ago, the agency is meant to help the buyers of new homes resolve differences with home builders. This session, Rep. Allan Ritter (D-Nederland) is carrying H.B. 1038 to give the TRCC more "teeth."

This legislation gives the TRCC the authority to discipline builders who do not register as required with the agency, if they repeatedly fail to make an offer to repair a home, or if they do not "reasonable perform on an accepted offer to repair a building defect based on a third-party's recommendation or an appeal." Builders would also have to take five hours of continuing education courses each year.

If passed, the TRCC would also have the ability to issue cease and desist orders against builders violating the Act.

We were successful in having "registered interior designers" listed as an exemption.*

Sen. Troy Fraser (R-Marble Falls) is expected to sponsor the legislation in the Senate.

**Now to clarify what this exemption means. It does not mean that a registered interior designer can do residential construction. It does mean that you will be exempted from performing services that are done by interior designers in the normal routine daily practice of an interior designer. Examples are replacing carpet, wallpaper, draperies, etc.*

A summary of other bills we are watching follows:

HB 861	Eissler	Relating to carbon monoxide alarms and smoke detectors in certain residential dwellings.
	<i>Companions:</i>	SB 338 (Identical)
	<i>Bill History:</i>	04-24-07 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Business and Industry
HB 999	Anchia	Related to the adoption of energy efficiency and conservation standards for the design, construction, and renovation of public school instructional facilities.
	<i>Bill History:</i>	03-08-07 H Committee action pending House Energy Resources
HB 1567	Goolsby	Relating to the requirement to hold a certificate of registration as a landscape architect.
	<i>Bill History:</i>	05-02-07 H Set on the Local Calendar
HB 1568	Goolsby	Relating to the selection by certain governmental entities of providers of landscape architectural services.
	<i>Bill History:</i>	03-26-07 H Not heard in committee House Government Reform
HB 1963	Solomons	Relating to rules and policies adopted by state agencies regarding engineering or architectural errors or omissions.
	<i>Companions:</i>	SB 924 (Identical)
	<i>Bill History:</i>	03-26-07 H Committee action pending House Government Reform
HB 1985	Thompson	Relating to the regulation of interior designers.
	<i>Companions:</i>	SB 832 (Identical)
	<i>Bill History:</i>	04-24-07 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted Licensing and Administrative Procedures
HB 2060	Geren	Relating to the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners.
	<i>Bill History:</i>	05-02-07 H Set on the Local Calendar
HB 2284	Naishtat	Relating to an energy-efficient building accreditation program.
	<i>Companions:</i>	SB 658 (Identical)
	<i>Bill History:</i>	03-19-07 H Committee action pending House Government Reform



Spotlight on our Board Members

Pat Campbell McLaughlin, ASID, RID

Past President & VP of Practice
Texas Interior Design Registration #460
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Pat Campbell McLaughlin, ASID, RID is a licensed interior designer in the State of Texas; NCIDQ certificate holder; a past president of the Texas Chapter of ASID; current Past President of the Texas Association for Interior Design (TAID) 2007-2008; she also serves on the 2006-2007 ASID national Legislative & Codes Advisory Council committee. But her volunteer hours don't stop in her profession. She is also a member of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra League Board currently serving as the First Vice-President of Fund Raising for 2007-2008; Member at Large on the Kidney Texas Board 2007; plus, wife, mother and award winning furniture designer. She is the owner of the McLaughlin Collection...clear design solutions™ a furniture manufacturing company that specializes in acrylic furniture, drapery hardware and accessories sold through "to the trade" showrooms. McLaughlin Collection, formerly Steel Magnolia, has continually been recognized for its classically based approach to contemporary furniture design and is represented in Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Dania Beach, Houston, Scottsdale, San Francisco, Southampton, Washington, DC and Westport.

Along with my fellow board members I have a passion for the legislative process; that has translated into actions to help the Practice Act reach fruition. We are not against any other organization or profession; we are for the Profession of Interior Design...we want the consumer to have a clear understanding when they prepare to do any project whether it is residential, healthcare, hospitality or commercial in nature, with interior design defined with a practice act as architecture and landscape architecture are; the consumer can make an "informed decision" whether an architect, building designer, contractor, interior designer, landscape architect, homebuilder or interior decorator is needed to complete the project. The interior design practice act eliminates confusion and miscommunication. It has been my pleasure to serve TAID in many roles and I am honored to continue to serve.

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HB 2336	Bonnen	Relating to authorizing certain public junior colleges to offer baccalaureate degree programs.
	<i>Bill History:</i>	03-26-07 H Committee action pending House Higher Education
HB 3240	Straus	Relating to building energy performance standards.
	<i>Bill History:</i>	03-20-07 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Regulated Industries
SB 238	Shapiro	Relating to authorizing certain community colleges to offer a baccalaureate program in interior design.
	<i>Bill History:</i>	01-30-07 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Subcommittee on Higher Education
SB 338	Van de Putte	Relating to carbon monoxide alarms and smoke detectors in certain residential dwellings.
	<i>Companions:</i>	HB 861 (Identical)
	<i>Bill History:</i>	04-27-07 H Received in the House - Not referred
SB 445	Hinojosa	Relating to design and construction standards for newly constructed state buildings.
	<i>Bill History:</i>	04-24-07 H Referred to House Committee on House Government Reform
SB 541	West, Royce	Relating to continuing education in sustainable and energy-efficient design standards for a person licensed by the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners.
	<i>Bill History:</i>	03-30-07 H Referred to House Committee on Licensing and Administrative Procedures
SB 658	Seliger	Relating to an energy-efficient building accreditation program.
	<i>Companions:</i>	HB 2284 (Identical)
	<i>Bill History:</i>	04-24-07 H Referred to House Committee on House Government Reform
SB 717	Ellis, Rodney	Relating to the selection by certain governmental entities of providers of landscape architectural services.
	<i>Bill History:</i>	03-13-07 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar
SB 832	Lucio	Relating to the regulation of interior designers.
	<i>Companions:</i>	HB 1985 (Identical)
	<i>Bill History:</i>	03-07-07 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce
SB 924	Brime	Relating to the rules and policies adopted by state agencies regarding engineering or architectural errors or omissions.
	<i>Companions:</i>	HB 1963 (Identical)
	<i>Bill History:</i>	04-26-07 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Government Reform

With our newsletter production schedule I realize most of these bills will have moved forward by the time you read this but there is no other way that I can give you a snapshot of what we are doing.

We appreciate your support and your membership. We could never do what we do without you!!



Donna Vining, FASID, IIDA, RID, CAPS
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D A T E S O F I N T E R E S T

Wednesday, May 9, 2007 (121st day)

Deadline for house to print and distribute last House Local and Consent Calendar with consent house bills

[relates to House Rule 6, Sec. 13, requiring 48-hour layout of local and consent calendars prior to consideration]

Thursday, May 10, 2007 (122nd day)

Last day for house to consider nonlocal house bills and joint resolutions on second reading

[House Rule 8, Sec. 13(b)]

Friday, May 11, 2007 (123rd day)

Last day for house to consider nonlocal house bills and joint resolutions on third reading and to consider consent house bills on second and third reading

[House Rule 8, Sec. 13(b)]

Wednesday, May 16, 2007 (128th day)

Deadline for house to print and distribute last House Local and Consent Calendar with local house bills

[relates to House Rule 6, Sec. 13, requiring 48-hour layout of local and consent calendars prior to consideration]

Friday, May 18, 2007 (130th day)

Last day for house to consider local house bills

[House Rule 8, Sec. 13(a)]

First day senate can consider bills and resolutions the first day they are posted on the Intent Calendar

[Senate Rules 5.14(b)]

Sunday, May 20, 2007 (132nd day)

Deadline for house to print and distribute last House Daily Calendar with senate bills and joint resolutions

[relates to House Rule 6, Sec. 16(a), requiring 36-hour layout of daily calendars prior to consideration]

Monday, May 21, 2007 (133rd day)

Deadline for house to print and distribute last House Local and Consent Calendar with senate bills

[relates to House Rule 6, Sec. 13, requiring 48-hour layout of local and consent calendars prior to consideration]

Tuesday, May 22, 2007 (134th day)

Last day for house to consider senate bills and joint resolutions, other than local or consent, on second reading

[House Rule 8, Sec. 13(c)]

Wednesday, May 23, 2007 (135th day)

Last day for house to consider local and consent senate bills on second reading or any senate bills or joint resolutions on third reading

[House Rule 8, Sec. 13(c)]

Last day for senate to consider any bills or joint resolutions on third reading

[Senate Rule 7.25]

Thursday, May 24, 2007 (136th day)

Midnight deadline for house to print and distribute senate amendments

[relates to House Rule 13, Sec. 5(a), requiring 24-hour layout of senate amendments prior to consideration]

Friday, May 25, 2007 (137th day)

Last day for house to consider senate amendments

[House Rule 8, Sec. 13(d)]

Midnight deadline for senate to print and distribute senate copies of conference committee reports on tax, general appropriations, and reapportionment bills

[relates to Senate Rule 12.09(a), requiring 48-hour layout of certain conference committee reports in regular session]

Last day for senate committees to report all bills

[relates to Senate Rule 7.24(b), but note that the 135th day (two days earlier) is the last day for second or third reading in the senate; practical deadline for senate committees is before the 135th day]

Saturday, May 26, 2007 (138th day)

Midnight deadline for house to print and distribute house copies of all conference committee reports

[relates to House Rule 13, Sec. 10(a), requiring 24-hour layout of all conference committee reports]

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Midnight deadline for senate to print and distribute all conference committee reports on bills other than tax, general appropriations, and reapportionment bills and all house amendments to Senate bills that did not go to a conference committee

[relates to Senate Rule 12.09(b) and Senate Rule 7.21, requiring 24-hour layout of certain conference committee reports and house amendments to senate bills during the last 72 hours of a regular session]

Sunday, May 27, 2007 (139th day)

Last day for house to adopt conference committee reports
[House Rule 8, Sec. 13(e)]

Last day for senate to concur in house amendments or adopt conference committee reports

[relates to Senate Rule 7.25, limiting a vote on the passage of any bill during the last 24 hours of the session to correct an error in the bill]

Monday, May 28, 2007 (140th day)

Last day of 80th Regular Session; corrections only in house and senate

[Sec. 24(b), Art. III, Texas Constitution]

Sunday, June 17, 2007 (20th day following final adjournment)

Last day governor can sign or veto bills passed during the previous legislative session

[Sec. 14, Art. IV, Texas Constitution]

Monday, August 27, 2007 (91st day following final adjournment)

Date that bills without specific effective dates (that could not be effective immediately) become law

[Sec. 39, Art. III, Texas Constitution]



TBAE News

(TEXAS BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS)

Q&A with TBAE

By – Glenn Garry, Communications Specialist

Q: I heard that the process for renewing my TBAE registration will be different. Is that true?

A: It's true, and renewal will be easier and quicker than ever. Later this year, TBAE will no longer mail out the printed renewal notice you probably received in past years. There's nothing to fill out, no need to write out a check, no stamps, and no trip out to the mailbox or Post Office.

Q: So how do I renew my registration, then?

A: Renew online at www.tbae.state.tx.us. Just log in to your account and click "Renew My Registration." Then it's quick and simple to renew online with your credit card or an automatic draft from your checking account.

And while you're at it, you can check to ensure your mailing address, email address, and other information is still valid. (We need your contact information to deliver news, updates, and important information about your registration.)

Q: Is there anything else changing about my registration?

A: Yes—your registration fee will be reduced! Because TBAE has become more efficient and effective in its operations, the board was able to vote to reduce registration fees, effective September 1 of this year. It is precisely such efficiency-enhancing developments as online renewals that allow TBAE to reduce registration fees.

The fee reduction will weigh in at about \$5 per registration, and must be finally adopted during the board's meeting in June.



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