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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members;

The 81st Session of the Texas Legislature was full of behind the scenes work by members of TAID. We are indebted to the dedicated work of our Past President, Marilyn Roberts, ASID, of Austin. Her three year tenure through two legislative sessions made it possible to have continuity from an unpredictable loss of the Practice act with the slam of a gavel on a Point of Order at the last minute of the 80th session and through HB1484 this year in which the word "Registered" was added to our title in response to the lawsuit filed by the Institute for Justice.

As the incoming President of TAID, I am able to have the appellation, Texas Registered Interior Designer 2289, due to the continual efforts and vigilance of the Texas Association for Interior Design members who have preceded me for many years and, especially, those who were active during the 81st Legislative Session. Without the TAID Board members' dedication to learn about the issues that faced us, the frequent communication with our lobbyists, The Graydon Group, and contacts with our legislators, we would not have had the information to assist in keeping our home district legislators informed with the correct information.

The Successes we achieved:

- The Attorney General of Texas wrote the legislation that added "Registered" to the title Interior Designer and therefore preserved our Title Act and our place at the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners table.
- The legislators of the 81st Legislative Session worked diligently to modify our Title Act.
- We did not lose the Practice Act because it was not presented. Our lobbyists advised against creating confusion by having a Title Act revision and a Practice Act proposal on the table at the same time. We concurred and the preservation of the Title Act with the revision became the single focus and passed both Houses unanimously and was signed by the Governor.
- Registered Interior Designers must display Texas Registered Interior Designer (and your number) on all forms of communication and advertising. (See p. 6) Please add this to the following: Email signatures and directories, websites, advertising, telephone directories, newspaper, documents produced in the course of your work. These additions to our appellations will increase the opportunities for us to explain the services and mission of Registered Interior Designers to clients who are seeking the services of a knowledgeable professional to guide them through the myriad decisions that must be made when building, remodeling or furnishing a home.
- We developed stronger identification of TAID by continually helping with Legislators local campaigns.

Successes to be achieved:

- Future issues that will be considered will revolve around supporting ways that Registered Interior Designers can continue to protect the public's safety and health in spaces in which we specify finishes as well as millwork and furniture.
- Awareness by the public that Registered Interior Designers have accepted the challenge to create working and living spaces for persons of all abilities that are visitable by persons of all abilities.
- Supporting our experienced members and recent graduates of Interior Design programs to achieve NCIDQ certification and Registration in Texas.

If you have questions about Interior Design Legislation, you can always go to the TAID website www.supporttaid.org

Julie Reynolds
Texas Association for Interior Design, President

www.supporttaid.org

Visit our website for additional information

Executive Director News

HB1484, Pitts, was signed by the Governor on May 12, 2009, effective immediately. This bill changed the restricted title for interior designers to “Registered Interior Designers”. What does this mean? This means that anyone make call themselves an interior designer but only those that are registered with the state of Texas may call themselves a “Registered Interior Designer”.

What does this mean for you and me? It means that we will be the ones to educate our clients, our employees and the public about what a “Registered Interior Designer” means. The public interchanges the words ‘interior decorator’ and ‘interior designer’ all the time but when you call yourself a “Registered Interior Designer” they should understand the difference or ask questions.

You have done everything to be a REGISTERED INTERIOR DESIGNER. You have the EDUCATION, the EXPERIENCE, the EXAMINATION. You abide by a code of ETHICS. You take continuing EDUCATION so that you can stay current with what is happening in your field. You are held to a high standard of care by the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners. I assume you did all this because you wanted to be the best. It is time to shout it out to the world. Congratulate yourself! It is time to celebrate! If you are at Metrocon, please stop by our booth and pick up a new sticker that says you are a RID!! Put it on your business card, website, and stationary – educate everyone so they know the differences and can select a professional.

HB 431, Lucio III, established a commission comprised of seven individuals, one of which is a Registered Interior Designer, to serve on an advisory committee to advise the commission in determining which high-performance building standards to approve for use. (Please see www.house.state.tx.us, HB431, to review the complete bill). Please let us know if you would like to be considered for this position.



Megan Ebert
and Octavia
Battles

Many thanks to all the volunteers and sponsors of our Annual Art Gala held on May 14th in Houston.

I hope to see you at the TALA conference in San Antonio on Sept 16-18th or in El Paso on September 10th where I will be presenting the CEU.

INTERIOR DESIGN LEGISLATION

What it is and why it's important to you

Course Number 8124

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
September 10, 2009

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Students free

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Louise
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SAVE THE DATE

November 13, 2009

EMPIRE THEATRE

San Antonio, Texas

We hope you can join us for a legislative update and
A celebration of NCIDQ's 35th year
Details to follow

The TAID board has just completed it's annual strategic planning meeting. I want to let all of our members know that you have a Board that you can be very proud of. They work tirelessly for this profession and if you have an opportunity to talk with any of them, join me in saying THANKS for all their volunteer work on your behalf.

THANK YOU BOARD!!!

Never forget we are here for you. If you need us in anyway, please feel free to contact me, Donna@SupportTAID.org

Thanks,



Donna Vining, FASID, IIDA, RID, CAPS



Spotlight on our Board Members

Pamela Krisan, ASID, IIDA, CKD, RID

VP South

Currently, Pamela Krisan is the president and owner of Apela Krisado, a custom workroom that is to the trade only. The workroom was developed out of what Pamela saw as a need in Austin for Interior Designers. It was her experience that it was difficult to find a workroom that was a clean, professional place that under-stands the need of the Professional Interior Designer and their clients.



Pamela attended The Institute of Design and Construction of Brooklyn, and the Parson's School of Design in New York. She has received her Registration as an Interior Designer in the State of Texas, the State of New Jersey and is Certified by Harvard University's Graduate School of Design in Universal Design.

Previously, Pamela operated Kitchens by Chris Anne a residential kitchens firm and 0,0...Defining Space a commercial Interior Design firm. She has extensive design expertise in Building Codes, Fire Codes, Accessible Space Planning and adheres to A.D.A. and T.A.S. policy and standards.

Shortly after her relocation to Texas in 2000, Pamela learned of TAID and be-came a member. The decision to become a member was based upon her passion and belief that Interior Design is a Profession as opposed to a hobby. Pamela was elected a Board Member of TAID in 2005.

While Pamela has enjoyed many aspects of the Interior Design Profession, she has made a commitment to focus her Professional life on the growth of Apela Krisado. She greatly enjoys working with the textiles and the process of manu-facturing drapes, slip covers, upholstery and etc...stay tuned to hear more about Apela Krisado as it grows and becomes an industry staple.

Apela Krisado

Pamela Krisan, President

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New Customers to receive 5% off first order; TAID members to receive 10% off first order!

Offer expires 10/31/2009

NCIDQ News

NCIDQ Releases Spring 2009 Exam Results

NCIDQ has released its spring 2009 Examination results.

The pass rates for the three sections are as follows:

- Section I (Principles and Practices of Interior Design): 73%
- Section II (Contract Documents and Administration): 71%
- Section III (Schematics and Design Development): 84%

The next NCIDQ Exam will be offered October 2-3, 2009 in more than 60 locations across the United States and Canada. Registration is now open to eligible exam candidates.

NCIDQ Releases Additional Information about 2010 Exam Changes

NCIDQ announced that the NCIDQ Examination will be modified in 2010. These modifications are necessary to ensure that the examination continues to test the knowledge and skills interior designers use in the course of their daily practice.

The structure of the NCIDQ Examination will not change. The exam will continue to include two half-day multiple-choice sections and a full-day drawing practicum. The multiple-choice sections are Section 1, which tests codes, building systems, construction standards and contract administration; and Section 2, which tests design application, project coordination and professional practice. We took our existing questions and re-categorized and reorganized them. NCIDQ is still testing the same health, safety and welfare concepts it always has. Section 1 and 2 will each be 3 ½ hours long and contain 150 questions.

Section 3, the Interior Design Practicum, will now be an eight-hour exam consisting of seven independent exercises. Beginning in 2010, the practicum exam will be a series of unique exercises rather than a scenario that threads through the entire section. For example, the space planning exercise will not be based on the same scenario as the millwork exercise. Each exercise will be independent of the others.

NCIDQ is preparing new preparatory materials for the 2010 exam, which will be available this fall. The NCIDQ Examination is given twice a year in more than 60 locations in the United States and Canada.

The examination dates for 2010 are April 9-10 and October 1-2. Complete applications and supporting materials are due to NCIDQ by December 1, 2009 for the April administration and by June 1, 2010 for the October 2010 administration.

NCIDQ Launches New Web Site Portal

NCIDQ has launched a new feature on its Web site - the Health, Safety & Welfare (HSW) Education Portal.

Public health, safety and welfare are an interior designer's first priorities. NCIDQ Certificate holders are trained to create spaces that meet local, state and provincial building codes and the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, as well as the needs of the intended users.

To show consumers, code officials and allied professionals exactly what that means, NCIDQ has created a three-dimensional, interactive floor plan of an office that shows design features that meet typical regulatory requirements, from fire-rated doors to wheelchair-accessible lavatory sinks. Scrolling over areas of the plan, the user encounters numbers that correspond to the various design requirements.

Certificate holders can use this feature to educate their clients on the value of their services and to further explain how interior designers protect the safety of the users of a space.

To begin the tour, simply log on to NCIDQ's home page at www.ncidq.org.

If you have comments or suggestions on ways to improve the HSW portal, please e-mail hsw@ncidq.org. For more information on the HSW portal or any of NCIDQ's services, visit the NCIDQ Web site.





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Employee Health Insurance – Here Are Two Reasons to Start!
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About The Two Specific Options That We Offer
TAID Members:**



Limited Income Medical Plan: This plan is designed to provide coverage for the regular use of a medical plan up to a limited amount. These plans can be used in coordination with an individual high deductible plan to assist in medical needs up to the deductible amount.



Preferred Provider Group Health Plan for TAID Members: For groups interested in implementing a group plan, there are many options varying in deductibles, co pays, and maximum out of pockets for the participants. These plans can be customized to meet the needs of your employees within your location.

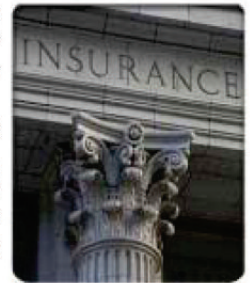
About INA Professional Services Group



Interior Design

We recognize your insurance needs, because we are business insurance designers. We are lawyers, consultants, and former underwriters working together to service the insurance needs of other professionals.

Let's face it; everybody wants reliable health insurance coverage, at affordable prices. TAID members can benefit significantly from this offer. In today's economy, people are cutting back on "wants" and focusing on "needs", but Health Insurance is not a "Want" it's a "Need" — A "Need", so you can keep yourself and your employees healthy — so you can keep your business healthy and growing — in good times, and tough times too.



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TBAE News

(TEXAS BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS)

Continuing Education: Record-keeping, audits, and enforcement

Q: Do I need to send TBAE all my continuing education (CE) documentation?

A: Not at all. Just keep your documentation and have it ready if we request it. If you do get such a request, that means you've been selected for an audit. We understand nobody likes to be scrutinized by the IRS, TBAE, or your 6th grade science teacher. But if you've got your documentation in order, the process is quite painless.

Q: How does TBAE select registrants for auditing?

A: It's a completely random selection. A certain percentage of registrants are selected at random each year, so that means (in theory) you could go your entire career without an audit, or your number could be drawn half a dozen times.

Q: What types of documentation should I keep?

A: Frequently, CE providers will give you a course completion certificate indicating proof of attendance. Definitely keep those, since they will have all the relevant information on them. It's also a great idea to retain a course program or outline, a sheet on which you took notes from the course, or anything else that serves to indicate you were present and paying attention. In the case of self-study (three of your required eight

hours can be self-study), be sure to print out materials you found online, or photocopy any written materials, and keep those.

Q: How long should I keep my CE documentation?

A: Keep your documents for five years; it's required by rule. TBAE won't audit more than five registration periods in the past. (A registration period is the same as your renewal period—remember, the period ends on the last day of your birth month!)

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Q: What happens if I don't comply?

A: TBAE uses a penalty matrix to determine the severity of an infraction before determining an enforcement recommendation. (The full Board must approve all enforcement matters.) To get a sense of what a typical CE violation will cost a registrant, see the Enforcement Actions section of each issue of TBAE's Licensing News.

TBAE rule mentioned from page 1

Julie mentioned in her President's letter on the preceding page a rule that Registered Interior Designer's must abide by. Here is the TBAE rule in its entirety.

5.154 DISHONEST PRACTICE

(a) An Interior Designer may not directly or indirectly perform an act, omit an act or allow an omission, make an assertion, or otherwise engage in a practice with the intent to:

- (1) defraud,
- (2) deceive, or
- (3) create a misleading impression.

(b) An Interior Designer may not advertise in a manner which is false, misleading, or deceptive. Each advertisement that offers the services of an Interior Designer in Texas and is found in a

telephone directory, email directory, web site, or newspaper must clearly display that Interior Designer's Texas interior design registration number. If an advertisement is for a business that employs more than one Interior Designer, only the Texas interior design registration number for one Interior Designer employed by the firm or associated with the firm pursuant to section 5.132 is required to be displayed.

(c) An Interior Designer may not directly or indirectly solicit, offer, give, or receive anything or any service of significant value as an inducement or reward to secure any specific publicly funded interior design work. An Interior Designer may not give Interior Design plans, design services, prebond referendum services, or any other goods or services to a governmental entity in response to a request for qualifications, a request for proposals, or otherwise during the process to select an Interior Designer to render publicly funded interior design work.



Continuing Education



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DALLAS

Sept 11

Nov 20

All classes will be held at the
World Trade Center, Room 9065

Check our website for more details.

www.supporttaid.org

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

TAID Day of Education - - - September 11, 2009

Sept 11th is a date we will never forget and this year we have a great day of CEU's tailor made for Sept 11, 2009. The list of CEU's includes:

- Update your knowledge about 2009 residential sprinkler laws.
- Intumescent Paint and Fire Protection Coatings: New codes regarding fire protection that grew out of the 9/11 experience.
- Photoluminescence and Life Safety Egress Lessons Learned from 9/11.
- New Barrier Free Changes from TDLR and the new ADAAG

published in December 2008 may have more changes.

- CODE GREEN: Green Building and the Dallas City Code. Phase 1 goes into effect October 1, 2009.
- VOC Regulations: The Alphabet Soup of Clean Air Laws.
- Reducing emissions and monitoring the outdoor air quality
- Specifying the Proper Wood Floor and LEED related wood products.

Look for our mailer soon and we will see you there.

Julie



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has jurisdiction over complaints regarding the professional practices of persons registered as interior designers in Texas.

Interior Designer Seal

Stamp # **201** Rubber Stamp \$28.00
202 Self-Inking \$38.50
203 Embosser \$42.00

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Name to be on Seal

TBAE certificate number

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301	Rubber Stamp	\$20.00	_____
302	Self-Inking	\$35.00	_____

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	\$6.00

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Not a member of TAID?

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Name _____ Business Name _____

Address/Phone & Fax # _____ Business Address, if different _____