Hello, fellow TAID members! I hope everyone is enjoying the warmer weather! As I sit here, trying to think of something “inspirational” to write in this letter, I can’t help but be reminded of how blessed we are to live in such an amazing country. A country where we have freedoms and choices to do and be what we want.

You see … a year ago, this weekend of April 22nd, my family lost a young brave soldier in the war against terrorism. On that horrible morning of September 11, my then 15 year old cousin decided he would not allow anyone else to threaten our country and jeopardize our precious way of life. So he joined the army as soon as he turned 18 and he never looked back. He was passionate and dedicated to this personal mission and probably never realized how many lives he was changing and saving along the way. I know this because I had the awesome opportunity to speak to his “Band of Brothers” as he called them, when they returned to Ft. Campbell, KY. As you can imagine, we exchanged some pretty amazing stories. I left there feeling inspired to do more … to make a difference … to live a life worth fighting for so these young men and women’s sacrifices are not made in vain.

So will you join me? Do you have the passion, drive and dedication to face another legislative session like the last one? Yes, we ended strong, but not without a hard-fought battle by persons dedicated to the TAID mission. But that’s not enough. We need YOU! We need more “boots on the ground” to help ensure that our future and way of life are protected. Otherwise, we may find ourselves looking back and wondering how we lost our freedom. Our freedom to earn a living doing what we were educated to do … our freedom to choose or not choose the licensure path … our freedom to set a higher standard for our profession, so that students and designers of all stages have something worth moving toward.

We must work together so that we can be proactive and able to speak in a single voice. Our opponents are always working behind the scenes, so we cannot sit idle waiting for them to strike against us. I assure you, they are often better equipped and better funded than we are.

Now that brings me to my next point … Fundraising!! Which you were probably expecting out of me, right? The easiest thing you can do to help raise money for our cause is to renew your membership if you haven’t done so already and encourage others to join also. The next thing you can do is buy one of the 2012 TAS Handbooks. You will probably find them available at your local association events. Plus you can order them online at www.supporttaid.org. When you buy your copy, then show it off! So others will see and want the benefit of having one too. I would love to see TAID become the most recognizable source for these books. We can do this!!

I’ll leave you with this final thought. My cousin, John Paul, only lived to be 25 but in that short life he earned the nickname “Hurricane” because that’s how he faced challenges … head on, without fear and at full force. That’s the attitude I believe TAID should adopt. Our challenges ahead are uncertain and unpredictable so we must prepare now by increasing our membership and raising funds. When the next legislative session comes around, we will be ready to face our challenges … head on, without fear and at full force. I hope you will consider what commitments and sacrifices YOU are able to make for OUR mission. Please visit the website or contact us to find out what you can do to help.

Sincerely,

Rosa G. Salazar, RID, IIDA, ASID
Executive Director News

It is so hard to believe it is already Spring but I am enjoying this glorious weather and very happy to do so. I hope all of you are enjoying a good business climate. I want to discuss a few topics with you that also spell out our work for the coming months. First is Sunset, then redistricting and finally our agenda.

The work for TAID never ends even when the legislature is not in session. During the last session, it was determined that this would be the year for the Sunset review of the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners (TBAE). What does this mean? It means that TBAE is required to file a self evaluation report which they did on September 1, 2011. One of the main questions they answer is -

Do your key functions continue to serve a clear and ongoing objective? Explain why each of these functions is still needed. What harm would come from no longer performing these functions?

You can read the agency report on their website, www.tbae.state.tx.us

The Sunset Advisory Commission will hold it’s public hearings for TBAE on November 13 and 14th. The Commission will hand down it’s decision on December 18th and 19th, 2012. Then a legislator serving on the commission will become the author of the bill and it will be filed for the session.

With each new census, comes redistricting and with redistricting come new legislative races. Here are the new numbers -

**Texas 2010 census population = 25,145,561**

**Ideal district population:**

698,488 Texas Congress (36 districts)

811,147 State Senate (31 districts)

167,637 State House of Representatives (150 districts)

1,676,371 State Board of Education (15 districts)

Could your district have changed? Absolutely. You can look it up at www.tlc.state.tx.us/redist/redist.htm to see if you are in a new district. If you voted in the last election you should have also received your new voter registration card and you can check it and see if your district changed. Texas saw a 20.6% increase in the last decade and most of that growth was suburban communities around large metropolitan areas, the I-35 corridor and south Texas counties. Another result of redistricting is all seats of the Texas legislature will be up for election this November. Over the last ten years, TAID, has made many strong relationships with legislators and with approximately one third of the legislature being new or having only one term, there are many we need to educate about Registered Interior Designers.

Our agenda includes preserving our registration, educating the legislators and pursuing lien rights for registered interior designers in Texas.

We need you for all of these things – it is so easy to support us. Our membership is still the best deal going, $75.00 for one year! Please join us or renew your membership today!

Best,

Donna Vining, FASID, IIDA, RID, CAPS
Executive Director
Spotlight on our Board Members

Sally Dinsmoor, ASID, RID, LEED AP
VP - West

After graduating with my BA degree in Interior Environment from Brigham Young University in 1976, I returned home to Los Angeles California to begin my career as a hospitality interior designer. Ten years later, with my then husband and three (now four) children in tow, we moved to Salt Lake City Utah for 4 years where I did hospital and corporate design. Next stop on my life adventure was El Paso, TX for a supposed 5 year stay. Twenty three years later I still call beautiful El Paso home (where you can’t walk to the mailbox without stumbling into a mountain). The four children have flown the coop now but with a phenomenally new husband and six incredible grandchildren, life couldn’t get much better.

Sally Dinsmoor Design was established more than twelve years ago to meet the commercial, corporate, hospitality and healthcare design needs of the ever growing and changing city of El Paso and surrounding areas. I became a LEED AP in 2008 to be available for the sustainable needs in and around my community. I am a member of the United States Building Council (USGBC) Chihuahuan Desert Chapter.

Having stayed home with the children for a few years after first moving to El Paso, and having missed the grandfathering for designers in the early 1990’s, I saw the need to take (and pass!) the NCIDQ exam and register with TBAE to become a professional registered interior designer. These steps then led me to join ASID and become involved on the local ASID design community board and on the state ASID board.

I have previously served for two years as the ASID El Paso Design Community Chair and been the local communications chair for the last 5 years. I am currently finishing my second year as the ASID Texas chapter At- Large Board Member.

I have a strong commitment to community service. For the last 7 years I have held a board position in the Public Relations service committee in El Paso for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. I am also a member of the largest and oldest women’s organization in the world, The Relief Society of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

I am committed to my family, friends, Jesus Christ and service. TΛID is an important part of my profession. I am grateful that I can contribute in some small way.
The Texas Association for Interior Design was thrilled and honored to present Representative Eddie Lucio III with the prestigious Virginia Roberts award on April 26, 2012 at The Art Institute of Austin.
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The sale of the Texas Accessibility Standards Field Reference Manual 2012 Edition supports the work of Texas Association for Interior Design. TAID is an advocacy group speaking as a single unified voice on legislative issues which affect the business of interior design in Texas.

The updated 2012 Texas Accessibility Standards for Accessible Design align with the federal standards

Examples of Changes you will see in the Updated TAS
Reach ranges have changed for the seated user. There are detailed explanations with diagrams. Change in the number of days to file paperwork with TDLR.
Continuing Education

TAID Days of Education at the Dallas Market Center
Exciting new HSW topics getting Great reviews!

“Where DID you find these knowledgeable and professional speakers? I learned a lot of new information and easily took notes.” Helen Erdman, ASID, RID

“Very informative, efficient and I can get it done in one day.” Holly Farrell, RID

June 26th Half Day Education Event starts in Room 9065. Fun way to get those few CEU’s you need.

Scott Oldner, Energy Saving Lighting with LED’s. Have you seen the OMNI Hotel LED light show wrapping the entire building? Learn the principles of LED lighting and control.

Danielle Hunsicker, Ardex Concrete Products | Sustainable methods for preserving concrete floors through innovative chemistry.
The End Result: beautiful, durable slip resistant surfaces without the expense of tearout and replacement.

Bonnie Anderson answers the BIG question about Texas Accessibility Standards! What ARE the new changes?

Savory Italian lunch at Undici’s on 11. Trends Walking TOUR starts at 1:30 with more snacks and cocktails in Featured Showrooms on 9, 10 and 11.

July 27th FULL Day of Education  8 Hours to satisfy your TBAE registration requirements.

Specifying a Range Hood in your Future? Must know IBC CODE Change for how you meet Fresh Air requirement in a home. ASHRAE experts Dan Leising, Advent Air and Jerry Finchel, Fox Energy present.

Any of your clients in pain? Dane Hickerson, Occupational Therapist, shares 30 year career experience about best designs to prevent further injuries while healing, provide best reach ranges and location of controls.

From Houston, Tom Schwenk returns for 4 hours. Green Revival House: A LEED Platinum preservation and Aging in the Place of Your Choice.

September 7th FULL Day of Education | Mark your calendars

Transparency: An Ingredients List for Healthy Homes. Perkins+Will architect, Sean Garman, AIA and Lindsey Townsend, Editor of Su Casa Magazine | Finally the definitive research on chemicals in FFE plus Lindsey’s personal story of becoming chemically sensitive.

Deborah Fuller, HOK, LEED, returns with ReGreen Sustainable design solutions.
Continuing Education

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Earn .3 CEPH today in your own home

Rules and Regulations for Interior Designers in Texas
Course #7463

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Send your name, address, and check for $65.00 to
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www.supporttaid.org

Remember...
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DALLAS

June 26
July 27
September 7
November 9

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

Texas Legislative Update - What You Need to Know

DATE & TIME - to be announced

Presenter: Donna Vining FASID, IIDA, RID, CAPS
Company: Texas Association for Interior Design
Course Description:
Learn what happened at the Texas Capitol this past legislative session.
Course Coding: C,R, HSW
Course Level: Basic
Location: Room - to be announced
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The Interior Design Rules & Regulations Handbook requires that the information on this stamp be provided to clients.

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