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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello! I am excited to be writing this letter as your new TAID President. I hope to provide the same great leadership that you received from Julie Reynolds and the other Past Presidents. With that said... Where do we go from here? That's the question I've been asking myself more often these days regarding our profession of Interior Design. I can't help but feel that our profession is stuck in a whirlwind of evolution and trying to find its way out. So much has happened since the early days of "decoration and ornamentation." Our profession has become or evolved into a more technical industry, evident by the daily use of words such as computer aided drafting, 3D modeling, sustainability, ergonomics, biomimicry, indoor air quality, color psychology, universal adaptability, evidenced based design to satisfy the needs of the human condition. This is a long way from the "color-pickin' and pillow-fluffin'" decisions that filled the minds of the decorator long ago. The need to become specialized and diversified in our knowledge has lead the profession to where it is now ... a world full of options ... residential designers and decorators, commercial designers, furniture designers and dealers, registered and unregistered designers, healthcare designers, aging-in-place specialists, sustainability leaders, celebrity designers, interior architects ... and the list goes on.

There are so many different paths a person can take in our industry. Is one better or more important than the other? Is there a right path? Or a wrong path? I don't think so. I believe all paths are relevant and necessary parts of the same industry. Lately, it seems that the tricky part is learning to play in the same sandbox.

The past few years and especially these past few months have shown the importance of working together. Thanks to so many of you that wrote letters

and made personal phone calls to the legislators, we were able to save our profession. We came so close to losing what so many worked so hard to obtain and the fight is probably not over. It's certainly difficult to decipher the fact from the fiction, so I ask that you use TAID as a resource for credible information. One goal during my term is to make our website a reliable tool for you and utilize technology and social media as a more effective way to get information out to you. With that said, I ask that you take some time to visit the website at [www.supporttaid.org](http://www.supporttaid.org) and give us some feedback. We want to hear your ideas. How can we make TAID the organization for you?

I encourage you to join me and the TAID Board during this evolutionary change and help us build upon what we already have ... the option for a person to earn a degree and become a registered design professional. That is what our students and future designers want. They want to add value to a degree they worked hard to earn and have a career path that sets a higher standard of accountability. I understand this may not be the career path of choice for everyone but we must continue to work in unison to allow the industry and profession to evolve. In doing so, I truly believe we will design a healthier, safer and better world for all.

I hope you can tell that I have a passion for what I do. I ask that you join me and our amazing board members in that passion by joining TAID and getting involved in the various events in your areas. I look forward to serving you during my term!

Sincerely,

Rosa G. Salazar, RID, IIDA, ASID

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# Executive Director News

The Happy Hot days of summer are upon us and as you know, the 82nd session of the Texas Legislature recently came to a close. Although we had a special session called by the governor, none of the bills being considered were of direct concern to TAID.

Every legislative session is unique. This was a strange session because of the budget shortfall and redistricting consuming much of legislators' time and energy. TAID's primary goals this session were to kill bills that negatively impacted interior design. Those goals were aided by the legislature focusing on the budget and redistricting. While four of the bills TAID was tracking were signed into law by the governor, none passed containing harmful language. We were successful in not letting the harmful provisions emerge out of a single committee. You will find an update on the final status of the bills of interest that TAID was watching this session on pages 4-5.

Once again the Gulf Coast Region did a great job with the art show and sale. It was bigger and better than ever. As all things do, this has evolved into a must attend event. We are changing the date to the Fall so that we will not have conflicts with the legislative sessions. Please watch for our upcoming date and mark it on your calendar. A big THANKS to all of our sponsors and volunteers.

Please mark your calendars and save the date, October 20th. We will be having a wine tasting and legislative update in Austin. It will be a fun way to earn a ceu, meet your legislators and support TAID.

Senate Bill 652 which passed and was signed by the Governor is the bill that identifies which state agencies will be up for Sunset during the next legislative session. Both the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners and the Texas Board of Professional

Engineers (and others) will be under Sunset review during the coming biennium. Unfortunately, no specific timeline or schedule of meetings has been released yet. Sunset staff will be reviewing these agencies over the summer, and will likely report back to the Sunset members in August. A final schedule of meetings and hearings for the upcoming biennium should be released in early September.

For those of you that may not know what Sunset means it is the regular assessment of the continuing need for a state agency to exist. While standard legislative oversight is concerned with agency compliance with legislative policies, Sunset asks a more basic question: "Do the agency's functions continue to be needed?" The Sunset process works by setting a date on which an agency will be abolished unless legislation is passed to continue its functions. This creates a unique opportunity for the Legislature to look closely at each agency and make fundamental changes to an agency's mission or operations if needed.

The Sunset process is guided by a 12-member body appointed by the Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Assisting the Commission is a staff whose reports provide an assessment of an agency's programs, giving the Legislature the information needed to draw conclusions about program necessity and workability.

TAID will have to work through the sunset process to defend the existence of the title act. The Institute for Justice and their allies will be arguing for its elimination. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to email me at [Donna@SupportTAID.org](mailto:Donna@SupportTAID.org).



**Donna Vining, FASID, IIDA, RID, CAPS**  
**Executive Director**



# Spotlight on our Board Members

## **Marilyn Roberts, RID, ASID, CAPS**

### **VP of Legislation**

I am a Texas Registered interior Designer and have had an interior design practice for over 35 years. I have focused mainly on residential design, but have been involved with the design of several long term healthcare facilities. From my experience with doing these facilities I developed a greater interest in making all living environments easier for everyday use. I became determined to encourage my residential clients to incorporate the elements of universal design in their new construction and remodeling projects. I am a Certified Aging-In-Place Specialist, which I think is becoming an important specialization for interior designers.



During the 2009 Texas legislative session one of the modifications to the interior design title act was for the wording to clearly state that residential interior designers are exempt from having to be registered in the state of Texas. I would encourage any interior designer who guides their clients through the construction process for their home, whether it is new construction or a remodeling project, to go ahead and fulfill the requirements to be a Texas Registered Interior Designer. The continuing education, specifically pertaining to the health, safety and welfare of the public, which we are required to take each year, will assure that the designer will have armed himself/herself with valuable knowledge to help make their client's living environment safe and livable according to their physical abilities currently and in the future.

This year, in addition to my interior design practice, I have become the representative to residential interior designers for Stone Solutions, a major tile and stone source for a large part of Texas with showrooms in Austin, San Antonio and Dallas. I am enjoying this new challenge of helping designers find the right tile for their projects and to advise them on things such as the appropriate tiles to meet ADA requirements.

In addition to my various jobs within the design field, I am in my 10th year of being on the TAID board. I highly recommend all registered interior designers become a member of TAID and to become involved with the very organization that protects the interior design profession in Texas. The 2011 legislative session was positive proof of the importance of TAID and of our need for the support and involvement from more designers.

Please contact me if I can be of service on your next tile or stone project -  
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# Status of 82nd Texas Legislative Session Bills

Bills that passed both houses and were signed by the governor:

**HB 51 by Rep. Eddie Lucio III (D-San Benito)** - Relating to energy efficiency standards for certain buildings and to high-performance design, construction, and renovation standards for certain government buildings and facilities.

This bill was signed by Gov. Perry on June 17, and goes into effect on September 1 of this year.

**HB 628 by Rep. Bill Callegari (R-Katy)** - Relating to contracts by governmental entities and related professional services and to public works performance and payment bonds.

This bill was signed by Gov. Perry on June 17, and goes into effect on September 1 of this year.

**HB 2284 by Rep. Rick Hardcastle (R-Vernon)** - Relating to the practice of architecture and engineering.

This was the “peace treaty” between the architects and engineers. This bill was signed by Gov. Perry on June 17, and goes into effect on September 1 of this year.

**HB 3167 by Rep. Bill Callegari (R-Katy)** - Relating to the repeal of occupational licensing requirements.

The original draft of this bill repealed the interior design title act. After the hearing where TAID did a great job, Rep. Callegari removed that portion of the bill. His committee members were not interested in voting for this bill with the repealer in it. The bill as it passed dealt only with talent agencies and personnel services. This bill was signed by Gov. Perry on June 17, and goes into effect on September 1 of this year.

Bills that didn't pass:

**HB 775 by Rep. Rafael Anchia (D-Dallas)** - Relating to the adoption of energy efficiency, conservation, and indoor air quality standards for the design, construction, and renovation of public school instructional facilities.

This bill was considered in the House Energy Resources Committee on March 16, but was left pending.

**HB 1465 by Rep. Bill Callegari (R-Katy)** - Relating to the abolition of the Joint Advisory Committee on the Practice of Engineering and Architecture.

This bill was introduced and referred to the House Licensing and Administrative Procedure Committee on March 2, but was never given a hearing.

**HB 1698 by Rep. Wayne Smith (R-Baytown)** - Relating to representation of certain state agencies by the office of the attorney general in certain law suits.

This bill was introduced and referred to the House Licensing and Administrative Procedure Committee on March 3, but was never given a hearing.

**HB 1876 by Rep. Vicki Truitt (R-Southlake)** - Relating to the authority of certain municipalities to require fire protection sprinkler systems in certain residences.

This bill was considered in the House Urban Affairs Committee on March 30, but was left pending. The builders opposed the bill and secured sufficient votes to prevent the bill from moving.

**HB 2142 by Rep. Bill Callegari (R-Katy)** - Relating to abolishing the regulation of the practice of interior design.

This bill was introduced and referred to the House Licensing and Administrative Procedure Committee on March 8, but was never given a hearing.

**HB 2291 by Rep. Bill Callegari (R-Katy)** - Relating to government regulation of an individual's occupation.

This bill was reported as substituted from the House Government Efficiency and Reform Committee on May 5, but was never set on the House Calendar by the Calendars Committee.

**HB 2480 by Rep. Charlie Geren (R-Fort Worth)** - Relating to the licensing and regulation of geoscientists, the regulation and licensing of land surveyors by the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners, and the abolition of the Texas Board of Professional Land Surveying.

This bill was referred to the House Licensing and Administrative Procedures Committee and was scheduled for a public hearing on April 5, but was ultimately not heard in committee.

**HB 2522 by Rep. John Otto (R-Dayton)** - Relating to the ability of certain state agencies to seek injunctions against certain individuals.

This bill was introduced and referred to the House Licensing and Administrative Procedures Committee on March 14, but was never heard in committee.



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**HB 2543 by Rep. Wayne Smith (R-Baytown)** - Relating to the licensing and regulation of architecture, engineering, landscape architecture, and land surveying by the Texas Board of Professional Services, and the deregulation of interior design.

This bill was introduced and referred to the House Licensing and Administrative Procedures Committee on March 15, but was never heard in committee.

**HB 2550 by Rep. Gary Elkins (R-Houston)** - Relating to the process under which state agencies and other entities are periodically reviewed under the Texas Sunset Act.

This bill was introduced and referred to the House State Affairs Committee on March 15, but was never heard in committee.

**HB 2658 by Rep. George Lavender (R-Texarkana)** - Relating to architectural barriers standards.

This bill was introduced and referred to the House Government Efficiency and Reform Committee on March 16, but was never heard in committee.

**HB 3166 by Rep. Bill Callegari (R-Katy)** - Relating to the abolition and consolidation of state agencies.

This bill originally repealed the interior design statutes and combined the engineers, architects, landscape architects, and surveyors into a new agency. TAID did a great job presenting evidence at the hearing as to why these were bad ideas. Callegari eliminated the provisions that repealed the interior design statutes and included interior designers in the new agency. This bill was reported as substituted from the House Government Efficiency and Reform Committee on May 6, but was never set by the Calendars Committee.

**HB 3441 by Rep. Warren Chisum (R-Pampa)** - Relating to the practice of professions regulated under the Occupations Code.

This bill was considered in a public hearing in the House Licensing and Administrative Procedures Committee on April 12, but was left pending in committee.

**HB 3607 by Rep. John Kuempel (R-Seguin)** - Relating to construction managers-at-risk used by local governments.

This bill was reported favorably from the House Urban Affairs Committee on May 9, but was never set by the Calendars Committee.

**HB 3756 by Rep. Stefani Carter (R-Dallas)** - Relating to imposing liens for labor and materials provided by interior designers.

The title association was opposed to creating a new section in the lien laws. In the bill hearing, Chairman Deshotel instructed Rep. Carter that she should redraft the bill so as to add “interior designers” to the sections that deal with architects and engineers. Rep. Carter wanted to allow designers to impose a lien, but only on commercial spaces. The statute for architects and engineers deals with both residential and commercial spaces. Carter did not want to put this new provision in a section that applied to residences, so the bill died. This bill was considered in a public hearing by the House Business and Industry Committee on April 4, but was left pending in committee.

**SB 829 by Sen. Dan Patrick (R-Houston)** - Relating to the provision of certain professional services by certain governmental entities.

This bill was introduced and referred to the Senate State Affairs Committee on April 6, but was never considered by the committee.

**SB 1101 by Sen. Jeff Wentworth (R-San Antonio)** - Relating to the provision of certain professional services by certain governmental entities.

This bill was introduced and referred to the Senate State Affairs Committee on March 16, but was never considered by the committee.

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## Texas Legislative Update - What You Need to Know

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Presenter: Donna Vining FASID, IIDA, RID, CAPS

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