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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Louise Nicholson Carter, IIDA

Dear TAID Members,

Happy New Year! With the close of 2003, let us reflect upon our accomplishments:

- TAID was far more **VISIBLE in the Texas legislature** than ever in its 20-year history.
- TAID **created AWARENESS** of the political issues facing Texas interior designers.
- TAID captured the **full ATTENTION of the architectural community**, setting the stage for greater cooperation and dialogue in the 2005 legislative year.

During this past legislative session, a \$200 professional fee on interior designers was passed, so many of you have received your TBAE license renewal notice which reflects this significant increase. TAID has received numerous phone calls from our members who are mistakenly contacting TAID instead of TBAE with their complaint over the significant fee increase. Please understand that:

- TAID lobbied against the tax. We agreed with the professional tax only if we received the legislature's approval of an Interior Design practice act.
- TBAE did not raise these professional taxes; our state government did in order to assist with the state's budget deficit.
- TBAE receives nothing from these professional

taxes. \$150.00 is allocated to the state's General Revenue Fund and \$50.00 is allocated to the Foundation School Fund.

- Architects have been paying this \$200 fee since 1991. The fee increase for interior designers and landscape architects takes effect on September 1, 2003 and will first be reflected in the renewal fees for the December 1, 2003, renewal period.

TAID suggests that you write to your Senator and Representative to register your complaint against this new professional tax, citing that it is "taxation without representation". We don't mind being taxed the same as the architects and the landscape architects, who have a practice act, if we had our practice act.

On a different note, I am pleased to announce the presentation of the "John Tryon Robinson Award" to **Mary Ann Bryan, FASID** for all her years of serving on the TAID Board and giving so selflessly of her time. Mary Ann served as the VP of Legislative Affairs for 8 years, attending all TBAE Board meetings, numerous other events, and coordinating TAID efforts with our lobbyists. She is completing her term at the end of this year and the Board felt that Mary Ann was an exemplary recipient of this award. If you see Mary Ann, please congratulate and thank her for her tireless efforts.

2004 promises to be an exciting year of preparation for the 2005 legislative year. Your continued support of TAID is absolutely crucial to the future of the interior design industry in Texas. Our next task involves fighting a sales tax on interior design services, so please help us to represent you by renewing your membership.

On behalf of the TAID Board, may I extend our best wishes for a prosperous new year!

Sincerely,

Louise Nicholson Carter, IIDA

TAID President



Gwen Redman, Andrea Freeman, Mary Ann Bryan and Louise Nicholson Carter.



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Happy New Year! Yes, it is already 2004 and the annual dues notices have been sent. I am pleased to announce we are receiving a lot of your dues checks and PAC donations. Thank you, thank you!! We could never carry on the work without your support. If you have not received your notice, we may not have your correct address. Please feel free to call Pearl at 281-257-3523 or email us at supporttaid@aol.com with your new address. Many of you are giving us your home address so that we can look up your state Senator and Representative – again, thank you, thank you; this is very valuable information for us. Even if we had your information before, with the redistricting, many of you have changed districts and we need this valuable information as we enter the next session.

If any of you know your State Senator and or Representative personally, please let us know – they listen to their constituents!!!

As we say goodbye to 2003, we also say goodbye to board members **Cynthia Branch Mills**, Tyler; **Mary Ann Bryan**, Houston; **Debra Cesaro**, and **Rick Kenney**; both from San Antonio. They did an amazing job for you and we wish them well in their future endeavors. Also leaving our team in 2003, was one of our lobbying teams – **Charles** and **Kay Finnell**. We would also like to thank them for their guidance and support the past few years. We have made great strides with them on our team.

And we say Welcome to 2004 and incoming board members, **Brad Alford**, Fort Worth; **Mary Jane Hollowell**, Grand Saline; **Jill Lung**, Austin; **Gwen Redman**, Houston; and **Robin Black**, San Antonio.

We will have more information on the new board members in our next newsletter.

We are also giving our website a much needed facelift – so you can expect a new look for the New Year. www.supporttaid.org. Most of our basic information can be found here.

Another exciting news item for 2004, the Dallas Market Center has asked TAID to hold six days of CEU's at the World Trade Center. Please mark your calendar and plan on joining us. February 13, April 30, May 21, July 23, September 24 and November 19. Remember when you attend TAID classes the money stays with TAID and further supports our legislative efforts.

Please let Pearl or I know if we can do anything to assist you.

Happy New Year!

Donna Vining, FASID
Executive Director

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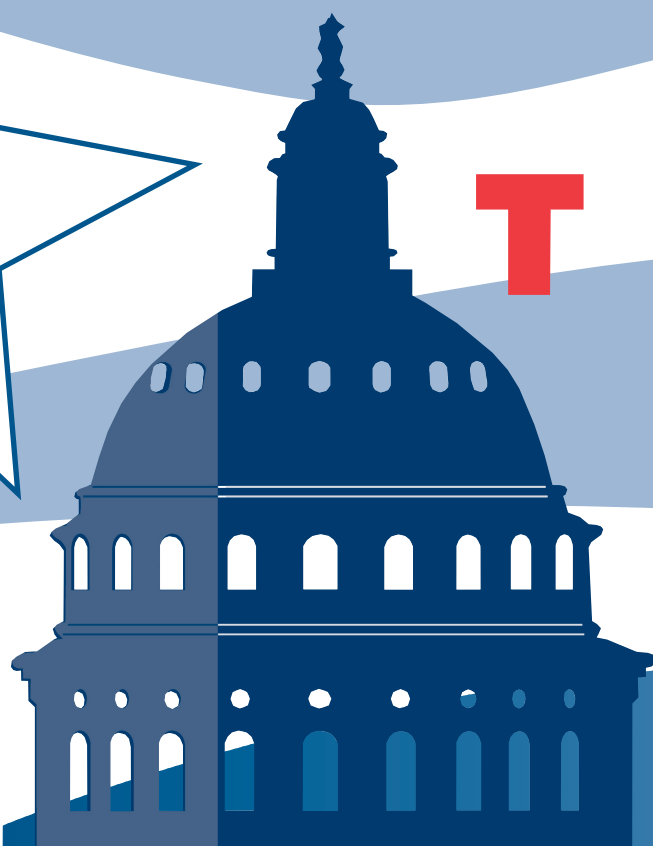
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