

THANK YOU

Aandra Currie Shearer, NCIDQ No. 17159, CIDQ President

The final quarter of 2021 has snuck up on me. I have missed the typical meeting travels that mark the passing of time, and find days still seem to knit together in our work-from-home household.

[Learn more about how we've stayed engaged](#)

**PUSHING FORWARD**

Thom Banks, Chief Executive Officer

As we begin the last quarter of 2021, CIDQ remains focused on elevating the NCIDQ Exam, serving our member boards, and assisting our candidates.

[See how we're evolving and improving](#)

NCIDQ



Total number of
Active NCIDQ
Certificate Holders



Number of Approved
Applications
(Fall 2021)



Number of Exam
Registrations
(Fall 2021)

The [CIDQ Annual Meeting 2021](#) will now take place **virtually** on November 11th & 12th. During the conference, **state and provincial regulatory board staff, their Delegates, representatives from interior design professional organizations, and invited guests** will come together virtually to discuss CIDQ, the NCIDQ Exam, and issues related to interior design regulation. Attendees will be able to learn key strategic initiatives for CIDQ, exchange ideas and tools, and collaborate with their peers through a reimagined digital experience.



CIDQ 2021 TREGRE AWARD RECIPIENT KARI FRONTERA

The Council for Interior Design Qualification (CIDQ) is pleased to recognize Kari Frontera as the 2021 Louis S. Tregre Award winner. Kari oversees program and project management for multiple design and construction projects for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Kari is an interior designer and architect who previously worked with Gensler.

[Meet Kari](#)

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT Corinn Soro, NCIDQ, CID, CHID, EDAC, SEGD NCIDQ Certificate No. 29302

Corinn Soro, Associate/Senior Interior Designer with Kideney Architects, speaks to why she became NCIDQ Certified and why she volunteers her time with CIDQ. Plus, get a peak into her self-published children's book on interior design.

[Get to Know Corinn](#)



ADVOCACY UPDATE

In this last edition of the Q for 2021, CIDQ takes a look back at how we've amplified our advocacy for the NCIDQ Exam and the health, safety, and welfare of the public in the built environment. As we all know, occupational regulation is under threat. CIDQ leadership believes that it's more important than ever that our member boards and certificate holders have the tools necessary to communicate the importance of reasonable regulation and public protection through responsible, regulated practice.

[Here's a look at recent advocacy news](#)

ATTENTION EDUCATORS!

For your students, the path to reaching their professional potential begins with the IDFX. Encourage them to start their interior design careers on the right foot. Help your students save with a discount voucher and practice questions and set them up for NCIDQ Certification!

[Request an IDFX discount voucher for your students](#)

[The Value of NCIDQ Certification:](#) [Set Your Students up for Success with the NCIDQ Exam](#)

This webinar is our second this year as part of our continued partnership with IDEC and will take place on Friday, October 22nd at 1pm EST. CIDQ's Director of Engagement Kimberly Woods will lead a panel discussion of educators to learn how they are preparing students for graduation, including talking about the NCIDQ Exam, incorporating internships into their curriculum, and guiding students as they begin their careers. While this webinar is open to all, if you do not have an IDEC account, you will need to [sign up for one](#) in order to complete the registration process.



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NCIDQ
Certification

above (and more) to take place.

Stay active to:

- Use the NCIDQ appellation to display your professionalism, expertise, and

commitment. Example: Amy Smith, NCIDQ, FASID, LEED AP

- Be included in a searchable **public** directory of NCIDQ Certified interior designers, available to prospective clients and employers.
- Have your verified information provided to any regulatory board you wish.

Renewal payments are due annually in April or October depending upon the certificate holder's expiration date. We thank you for your support and ask that you [renew your certificate](#) so we can continue building a stronger profession.

