

COMMITMENT TO OUR PROFESSION

Aandra Currie Shearer, NCIDQ No. 17159, CIDQ President

A few years into my first design job, I registered to write the NCIDQ Exams. As with most candidates, I was terrified — worried that I didn't know the material, that I had been out of "studying shape" for too long. I hit the books, and several weeks later I sat for the exams.

[Discover the value of certification](#)

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Thom Banks, Chief Executive Officer

As we begin 2021, much remains unsettled and uncertain, but there is hope and a path forward. I am grateful to CIDQ's leadership, staff, volunteers, candidates, and partners who exhibited tremendous flexibility, patience, and grace as we all navigated an incredibly tumultuous year together.

[Learn about our renewed strategic focus](#)

NCIDQ EXAM UPDATES**Fall 2020 Statistics**

With the release of the official fall 2020 score results, CIDQ announced the addition of 872 new NCIDQ certificate holders! **REMEMBER** to proudly use the NCIDQ appellation that you worked so hard to achieve!

Total New NCIDQ Certificates 2020: 872

2020 Comparative Overall Exam Pass Rates:

IDFX: 69% | IDPX: 64% | PRAC: 73%



Conveying the impact of interior design on public health, safety, and welfare, as well as the value of NCIDQ certification, CIDQ shares the fourth video from our collaborative series with the [American Society of Interior Designers \(ASID\)](#) and the [International Interior Design Association \(IIDA\)](#): [Eliminating Marketplace Barriers](#).

Interior Design
**ELIMINATING
MARKETPLACE BARRIERS**

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MEET CIDQ'S NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

President-Elect

Scott MacMeekin

Scott is a Senior Designer and workplace design lead for the Charlotte, North Carolina based BB+M Architecture. With nearly 20 years of commercial design experience, Scott has built a portfolio of award-winning design work and grown the interior design practice for both regional and nationally recognized design firms. His work and thought leadership have led to numerous publications, speaking engagements, and competition jury selections. He is a strong advocate for the design industry and an active mentor to young designers. A native Virginian, Scott received his Interior Design degree from Virginia Tech and embraced the University motto 'That I May Serve' while dedicating himself to the industry.



Director

Erin Jennings

Erin is an Associate Partner with krM Architecture, a design studio committed to craft and quality with a concentration on progressively transforming communities. Based in Indianapolis, Erin continues to develop a strong love for the heart of the Midwest. She attended Ball State University, where she graduated with a double major in both architecture and interior design. After her time at BSU, she traveled to Buffalo, New York for two years to complete her Master of Architecture from The State University of New York at Buffalo.



Director

Kia Weatherspoon

Kia is the founder and President of Determined by Design, a minority and veteran-owned business located in Washington, DC. Providing full-service interior design, Kia's firm has brought Design Equity™ to multifamily affordable and supportive housing properties, and small businesses located in economically challenged and emerging communities since 2012. Her firm's practice focuses on making interior design a standard for all and not a luxury for a few. A native of Portsmouth, VA, Kia attended Corcoran College of Art & Design, where she earned her MFA in interior design. She also

holds a BFA in interior design from Moore College of Art & Design in Philadelphia.



Returning Public Member

David Minacci

David is a partner in the law firm of Manausa, Shaw & Minacci, P.A. and has served as the prosecuting attorney for the Florida Board of Architecture and Interior since November, 2002. In this capacity, Mr. Minacci has prosecuted hundreds of cases involving both licensed interior designers who violate the practice act and those individuals that engage in the practice of interior design without a license. His services have been critical in showing the importance of regulation and that such regulations protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Florida.

CIDQ ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2020 RECAP

On November 12th, more than 100 state and provincial board members, interior design professional and educational organization representatives, credentialing organization representatives, invited guests, and staff met virtually for the CIDQ Annual Conference.

Professor in the School of Architecture, Director of the Minnesota Design Center, and former Dean of the College of Design at the University of Minnesota, **Tom Fisher**, offered a thought-provoking keynote address on post-pandemic interior design opportunities. If you missed this relevant presentation or would simply like to revisit it, it's now available for you to [view](#).

CIDQ was pleased to recognize **David Hanson** as the 2020 Louis S. Tregre Award winner. This award, established in 1991 to honor one of CIDQ's founders, recognizes individuals who have made significant and ongoing contributions to both the organization and the profession on a grassroots level. Congratulations, David!

Ideas were exchanged, strategies shared and learned, and an abundance of collaborating amongst peers. We're looking forward to an even more impactful event in 2021.

SAVE-THE-DATE!

CIDQ Annual Conference
November 12 & 13, 2021
Minneapolis, MN

