

2020 - A YEAR OF IMPORTANT MILESTONES AHEAD

Caren Martin, NCIDQ No. 2216, CIDQ President

As the work of CIDQ has always been an essential, important touchstone in my professional life (and my family would say my personal life), I cannot fully express the honor I feel to serve as CIDQ's 2020 President.

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LOOKING BACK TO LOOK FORWARD

Thom Banks, Chief Executive Officer

I am pleased to report that 2019 was another very positive year for CIDQ. We conducted an audit of our item bank (exam questions), updated the definition of the profession, conducted a practice analysis, enhanced the graphic quality of our examination, translated the NCIDQ exam into French, and digitized and uploaded 22,000 hard copy documents to certificate holders' records.

[See What's Ahead](#)

NCIDQ EXAM UPDATES

Fall 2019 Statistics

With the release of the official fall 2019 score results, CIDQ announced the addition of 531 new NCIDQ certificate holders! **NEW CERTIFICATE HOLDERS:** Remember to proudly use the NCIDQ appellation that you worked so hard to achieve!

Total New NCIDQ Certificates 2019: 1117



Overall 2019 Pass Rates

IDFX – 65% | IDPX – 61% | PRAC – 63%

EXAM DEVELOPMENT





IDFX & IDPX Item Writing & Review Committees

October 27, 2019



CIDQ Codes Task Force

December 6, 2019

CIDQ BOARD NEWS & UPDATES

Newly Elected Board Members

Jason Kasper, NCIDQ No. 17709

Jason is a proud Canadian interior design practitioner and advocate, based in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, and has been in practice for the past 25 years. He has spent his career focused on the belief that you get out what you put into something - and this has driven his passion to volunteer his time to organizations that he believes in. He is currently Principal of IDEATE Design Consulting Inc., a design firm that he began in 2002.



Founded on the principle that good design should be accessible to all, IDEATE has continued to honor its mandate around attracting a diverse roster of clients with individual and specialized needs. He is committed to the Education, Examination, and Experience model of professional development and has done all he can to walk it and breathe it, living up to the excellent example set by the mentors that surround him, and working to be the same kind of mentor for those who are coming up all around him.

Jessie (Santini) Shappell, NCIDQ No. 26859

IIDA, NCARB, WELL AP, LEED AP, BD+C

Jessie has more than sixteen years of experience working in the fields of interior design and architecture, focusing her career on holistic integration of interior design, architecture, and building systems to support and enhance the building user's experience. She is currently a Senior Interior Designer at RLPS Architects in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, working primarily in the senior living market sector.



Jessie possesses a Bachelor of Science in Interior Design from the Art Institute of Pittsburgh and a Master of Science in Interior Architecture degree from Chatham University in Pittsburgh. While attending Chatham, she focused her academic research on the perceptions of the term "interior architecture" by architects and interior designers and the term's impact on the respective professions.



CIDQ ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2019 RECAP

CIDQ's member board delegates, staff, allied organization leadership, and guests from across the US and Canada came together in November in San Antonio, TX for the 2019 Annual Conference.

Attendees heard from two dynamic keynote speakers during this two-day event. Bill Bouchey,

Principal/Director of Design, Interiors at HOK, gave a thought-provoking presentation on moving beyond design core competencies. Dave Roberts of the Nortelus Roberts Group, the lobbying group for the interior design profession in Florida, spoke about lessons learned from the 2019 Florida deregulation bill, presented case studies, and shared perspectives on the future.

CIDQ was pleased to recognize Michael Wirtz as the 2019 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. You can reach Michael at mwirtz345@gmail.com. Congratulations!

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 2020.

