TIME TO PLAN
Jason Kasper, NCIDQ No. 17709, CIDQ President

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CIDQ TREGRE AWARD RECIPIENT 2023

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**MEET KIM**

State and provincial regulatory board staff, their Delegates, and representatives from interior design professional organizations, will meet in Louisville, KY, **Nov. 10-11** for the **CIDQ Annual Meeting 2023**. There, discussions will center around CIDQ, the NCIDQ Exam, and issues related to interior design regulation.

**VIEW THE UPDATED AGENDA AND MEET THE KEYNOTE**. Let’s build for the future!

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**REMEMBERING JAN BAST**

Jan Bast, a celebrated interior designer, winner of CIDQ’s Tregre Award in 1997, and President of NCIDQ in 2007, has passed.

Jan had an amazing career in interior design. She co-founded Bast/Wright Interiors with Robert Wright, FASID, which is now McCormick & Wright, and her award-winning interiors have graced the pages of San Diego’s home and design magazines.

Jan led the BFA Program at the Design Institute of San Diego from 2000 to 2007 and served not only as a mentor to DI faculty and students, but to the design community at large. A strong believer in the power of interior design to have a positive impact on people’s lives, she contributed many hours of pro bono design work to the San Diego Rescue Mission, Catholic Charities, and the Interfaith Shelter Network, among other organizations.

Jan touched many lives in the interior design community and will be greatly missed.

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**REMEMBERING DEB STEINMETZ**

Deborah Steinmetz, an award-winning interior designer, and President of NCIDQ in 2009, has passed away.
CIDQ is so grateful to Deborah for her years of service; she will be deeply missed.

Deborah was the founder and Principal of Steinmetz and Associates, a space planning, interior design, and architectural firm since 1984.

Deborah worked tirelessly throughout her almost 50-year career to improve and promote the profession. She was a long-standing member of ASID and IIDA, for which she was named a Fellow of both. For decades, she sat on the Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Interior Designers, a CIDQ member board, and served as the Chair of the Board in recent years, where she worked extensively on legislative and regulatory issues.

The Interorganizational Council on Regulation (ICOR), comprised of four regulatory organizations for the design professions (NCEES, NCARB, CLARB, and CIDQ), was formed almost two decades ago to share best practices and discuss our complementary focus on advocating on behalf of the public protection role our regulatory boards play. This group continues to collaborate to find new ways to support reasonable regulation of the design professions. In May 2023, the ICOR organizations signed a Joint Statement of Support for Regulation of all ICOR professions. The statement, signed by all four ICOR CEOs, reads:

“Due to the commonalities in regulation and practice, as well as the profound impact on the public and environments, we unequivocally support the continued licensure of architecture, engineering, interior design, landscape architecture and surveying.

This resource is one of many ways that ICOR is collaborating to support member boards. For more information about ICOR, please contact Matt Barusch.

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ASID AWARDS

CIDQ would like to extend HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to all NCIDQ Certificate holders recently recognized by ASID, especially our active volunteers, including:

ASID COLLEGE OF FELLOWS:
Susan Ballard-Gribble, NCIDQ, FASID
ICOR Practice Overlap Task Force member and former CIDQ Tennessee Delegate

Shundra Harris, NCIDQ, FASID
IDPX Item Writing Committee member, CIDQ DEI My Design Journey participant, and CIDQ Model Legislation Task Force member

Melissa Moseley, NCIDQ
NCIDQ Ambassador

ASID LEGACY AWARD WINNER: DESIGNER OF DISTINCTION
Charisse Johnston, NCIDQ, FASID, WELL AP, LEED AP ID+C
IDPX Item Writing Committee member, and CIDQ Board of Director 2024 nominee

ASID ANNUAL AWARD WINNER: ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR
Emmy Williams, NCIDQ, ASID, NC RID
CIDQ North Carolina Member Board Delegate

Renewal payments are due annually in APRIL or OCTOBER depending upon the certificate holder’s expiration date. Be sure to stay active! Thank you for your continued support of CIDQ and the NCIDQ Exam.
As the leaves begin to turn in my part of the world, it always brings me back to the warm feeling of returning to school, no matter what my age. Autumn is about planning — for the winter, for the upcoming year ahead, and for some projects that we no doubt all have on the horizon. A substantial number of you have registered for the upcoming fall NCIDQ Exam administration and you are in great company! We continue to attract a wide variety of practitioners and educators in pursuit of self-improvement and career advancement — and successful completion of the NCIDQ Exams is the gateway to a solid professional development route. Our league of very qualified, competent, and generous volunteers is continually at work reviewing and refining the exam to ensure that it most accurately reflects our evolving profession and the elevated level of standards that we are all proud of pursuing. There has never been a better time to consider adding to your professional toolbox and we are here to help in a vast number of ways. We have also been busy behind the scenes making improvements to numerous processes including launching a new database that improves and streamlines the interface between members and staff. We are always moving forward and working to improve the customer experience and make the process of sitting for the exams more accessible to all.

Your board and staff have also been hard at work planning the upcoming Annual Meeting — this year being held November 10–11 in beautiful Louisville, Kentucky. This event is an opportunity for our member regulatory board delegates, staff, and invited guests from the professional and credentialing organization community to come together to discuss issues related to interior design regulation. It’s an amazing opportunity for our attendees to exchange ideas and tools and collaborate with their peers.
Hope everyone is experiencing some cooler weather as summer turns to fall. Fall is one of the busiest times at CIDQ as operational activities and organizational events converge.

CIDQ is right in the middle of our October exam administration. Both exam registrations and candidate applications have been strong this year, and we are pleased to see the turnout. Whether at a test center or through remote proctoring, we expect to administer nearly 3,000 exams this month!

In addition, CIDQ’s engagement and outreach has been on the upswing as well. In recent weeks, President Elect Erin Jennings and I have represented CIDQ at the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB) Annual Meeting (photo below) in Henderson, Nevada, and the International Code Council’s (ICC) Annual Conference in St. Louis, Missouri. The opportunity to engage with our credentialing counterparts and share information and perspectives at these meetings is indispensable in forming the resilient relationships that enable CIDQ to continue Building for the Future (this year’s annual meeting theme).

On the regulatory front, CIDQ’s Director of Advocacy and Government Relations, Matt Barusch, was very active this summer in supporting our member boards. Since June, he has worked with the Iowa Board to develop rules to implement recently passed legislation, attended a meeting of the New York Board of Interior Design to discuss eligibility requirements and potential advocacy.

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CIDQ Chief
Executive Officer
efforts, and worked with our fellow Interorganizational Council on Regulation (ICOR) organizations to provide a new member board member orientation. He has also testified in support of pending legislation in Massachusetts and worked with ASID and IIDA to educate Illinois certificate holders on their new independent practice rights.

CIDQ is fortunate to have a sizeable group of committed NCIDQ Ambassadors trained to present and educate groups on the NCIDQ Exam. In addition to supporting the Ambassadors, CIDQ’s Governance, Engagement, and Meetings (GEM) Manager, Kayla Karpp, also gives numerous exam orientation presentations (both in person and virtually) to various groups. With school back in session, those requests have grown considerably, and over the past few weeks, she’s presented to interior design students at the University of Kentucky, Syracuse, Minnesota, Auburn, Southern Mississippi, Purdue, and Northern Iowa, to name just a few.

Lastly, next year marks CIDQ’s/NCIDQ’s 50th anniversary! It’s not every day that an organization reaches a monumental half-century of service, dedication, and innovation. While much work remains, that’s quite an achievement for any organization and one that we intend to appropriately celebrate. I look forward to sharing more with you about how we will mark that milestone in the coming months!
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Victoria Horobin, another CIDQ past president, nominated Kim for this year’s Tregre Award, having worked on volunteer initiatives with her for over 12 years. Victoria spoke highly of Kim’s tireless grassroots volunteerism, including her 12 years served with the Nevada State Board of Architecture and Interior Design, as a board member and CIDQ Delegate. Victoria stated, “Kim has given a series of talks at NCARB regional meetings to promote the NCIDQ Examination and the profession of interior design. These have been very positively received and will surely go a long way in our goal of being well understood and well-regulated not only by legislators, but also by our peers and the general public. Kim has been contacted by and has reached out to many state coalitions who are seeking legislation, and she gives tirelessly of her time to assist with information, strategies, and advice.”

Victoria continues, “Kim truly exemplifies the qualities of leadership and dedication to enhance the profession of interior design as exhibited by Louis S. Tregre and would be an extremely worthy recipient of this honor.”

Kim Ciesynski, had this to say about the acknowledgment, “I am filled with gratitude to be selected for the 2023 Tregre Award. Throughout my years volunteering for CIDQ, there have been so many amazing people who have encouraged me and influenced my work in all aspects of my life. I am forever impressed by the remarkable power of teamwork and dedication that the CIDQ staff and volunteers continually show to the interior design community. I am honored to be part of the collaborative spirit that helps make our profession thrive.”
As reasonable regulation of the interior design profession continues to modernize and expand in the United States, we recognize that jurisdictions considering such policies need resources that provide guidance on how to regulate the interior design profession effectively and efficiently. To that end, CIDQ has convened the **Model Legislation Task Force**, with the goal of providing the resource of model legislative and regulatory language to regulated and unregulated jurisdictions alike.

The members of the Task Force are as follows:

- Jessie Shappell, Task Force Chair, former member of the CIDQ Board of Directors
- Rose Mary Botti-Salitsky, Ph.D., FASID, IIDA, IDEC, NCIDQ
- Stacey Crumbaker, IIDA, Assoc. AIA, NCIDQ
- Michael Daly, NCARB, AIA, NCIDQ, LEED AP BD+C, RS, MBA
- Shundra Harris, FASID, RID, NCIDQ
- Cathe Evans, Executive Director, NC Board of Architecture & Registered Interior Designers
- Cameron Stiles, CID, NCIDQ, FASID, LEED AP
- David Minacci, Esq.

The Task Force’s charges are to update the NCIDQ Model Legislation, originally developed in 2010, to reflect the current state of the interior design profession and regulation nationwide. The Task Force will also work to develop model regulations with the assistance of legal counsel, and to incorporate anticipated guidance from the Interorganizational Council on Regulation’s Practice Overlap Task Force.

The Task Force was convened in June 2023 and will provide an update on its progress to CIDQ’s Assembly of Delegates at the Annual Meeting in Louisville, KY from November 10–11. As a part of the updating process, CIDQ’s member boards will be afforded the opportunity to provide input on proposed language through a public comment period to be opened in 2024. Further updates from CIDQ’s Model Legislation Task Force will be provided in the coming months. If you have any questions, contact Matt Barusch.