

STRATEGIC DIRECTION

Caren Martin, NCIDQ Certificate No. 2216, CIDQ President

I would like to send my best wishes to you and your loved ones. I hope you are doing everything you can to stay safe and healthy during this challenging time. You are part of the CIDQ community and right now, we are thinking of you.

[See what's ahead.](#)



SPRING POSTPONEMENT

Thom Banks, Chief Executive Officer

I am writing this to you during a time of great uncertainty and anxiety for all of us. We are bombarded with COVID-19 related messages and trying to adapt to living our lives very differently. I will leave the guidance to medical professionals but wish you all health and well-being.

[Learn more about CIDQ's operational decisions.](#)

TRANSCRIPT GRADING DUE TO COVID-19

With many colleges and universities moving their classes online due to COVID-19, schools are also evaluating different grading options as students complete this academic year. Many are looking at giving grades of Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory or Pass/Fail as opposed to a standard grading scale of A-F. In terms of qualifying for the NCIDQ Exam, CIDQ reviews each candidate's transcript to confirm that eligibility requirements have been met – including that credit was received for courses taken. The letter grade received is not relevant as long as credit is awarded.



EXAM DEVELOPMENT



NCIDQ Exam Practicum Item Writing and Review Committees
March 6 - 8, 2020



#whyNCIDQmatters

Kia Weatherspoon, ASID
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Kia Weatherspoon, design advocate at Determined by Design, spoke with CIDQ about her **seven-year journey** to NCIDQ Certification.

Follow Kia's journey.

CIDQ OUTREACH

Jan 23-26 | **Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards (FARB) Forum** | Colorado Springs, CO

CIDQ President Caren Martin and CEO Thom Banks attended and were joined in Palm Springs by Past-President Jim Klawiter for the **Interorganizational Council on Regulation (ICOR)** meeting on Jan. 27.

Jan 29 - 31 | **IIDA SHIFT Student Conference** | Dallas, TX
CIDQ's Data and Program Manager Kimberly Woods attended this 20th Anniversary meeting to share all things NCIDQ Exam with students from all over the country.



Feb 12-14 | **ICOR's Joint Member Board Executive Orientation** | Washington, DC

Along with the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB), the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES), and the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB), CIDQ presented to staff and board members of jurisdictional boards.

Feb 21-23 | **ASID SCALE** | Seattle, WA
Kimberly Woods, CIDQ Data & Program Manager, participated in this 5th annual national student conference. While there, she also spoke to

students and faculty at **Bellevue College, Seattle Pacific University, and Cornish College of the Arts.**



March 4-7 | **IDEC Annual Conference** | Tulsa, OK
CIDQ President Caren Martin and Data and Program Manager Kimberly Woods presented and had a booth during the exhibitor trade show. Maximizing their time in Oklahoma, Kimberly also spoke to students and faculty at four colleges (**Oklahoma Christian University, University of Oklahoma, University of Central Oklahoma, Tulsa Community College**) and two chapter events (**IIDA Oklahoma City Center and IIDA Tulsa City Center**).

March 9 | CIDQ CEO Thom Banks traveled to **Raleigh, NC**, along with others, to testify about the NCIDQ Exam on a current bill.

IMPACT VIDEOS

CIDQ launched two videos in March (covered in Thom's CEO letter above) on the impact of interior design on the health, safety, and welfare of the public. If you're an NCIDQ Certificate holder involved with a project that you believe illustrates the health, safety and welfare impact of interior design, please reach out to us at inquiries@cidq.org. Perhaps your story is one we might feature in a future video project.

