



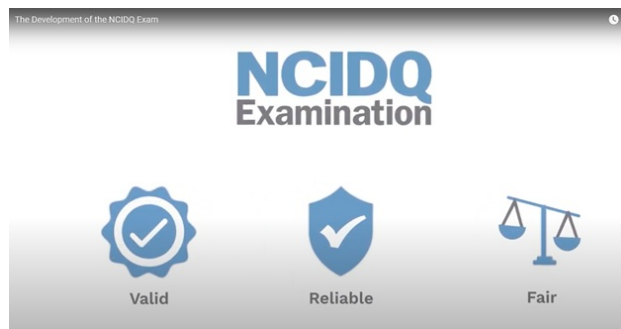
### REMOTE PROCTORING - NEW THIS SPRING

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[Explore this exam delivery method](#)

### NCIDQ EXAM DEVELOPMENT

This [NCIDQ Exam Development video](#) conveys the rigorous steps behind developing a fair, valid, reliable, and legally defensible exam and should provide stakeholders added confidence in the caliber of work performed by NCIDQ Certified interior designers.



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### GIVE BACK BY LEADING THE PROFESSION!

Being a board member gives you the opportunity to expand your professional network and be an advocate for the interior design profession.

CIDQ is committed to evolving the thinking, approaches, professional development, and engagement of talented and experienced leaders to continue the momentum and advocate for public health, safety, and welfare through certification. We are not able to accomplish this without a strong governing body and the CIDQ Board of Directors is the pinnacle.

We are seeking diverse, talented, and passionate leaders for the organization's **2023 Board of Directors**. Self-nominations are enthusiastically welcomed!

Take the next step in growing the leadership of CIDQ by completing a nomination for the **Director, President-Elect or Public Member** positions and submit it to [Kelly Nelson](#) by **May 13, 2022**. All interested candidates will be vetted by the Nominating Committee and **final interviews will be conducted via video on Saturday, June 11, 2022**.

[Review the eligibility requirements](#)

## ON REGULATION (ICOR)

ICOR met after the Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards (FARB) Annual Meeting in Fort Worth, Texas on January 30th, 2022. This group, consisting of leadership from all the credentialing organizations for the design professions, meets annually to discuss collaborative ways to support reasonable regulation.



## NOMINATE A VOLUNTEER FOR THE 2022 TREGRE AWARD!

Candidates for the **Tregre Award** must have demonstrated grassroots-level volunteer work that exceeds typical volunteer service to CIDQ, and includes work that represents contributions in more than one area of service; as well as an extensive background working towards the advancement of the interior design profession. Candidates may be nominated by another person or be self-nominated. Send completed nomination forms to [Kimberly Woods](#) by **Friday, May 13, 2022**.

[Nominate a Volunteer](#)



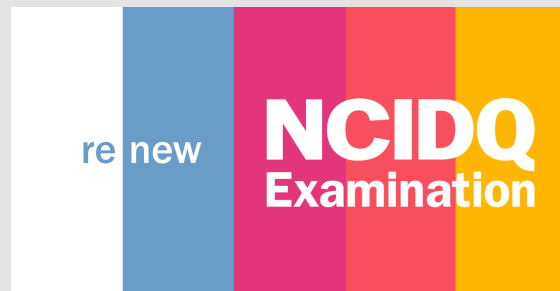
## ADVOCACY UPDATE

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[Learn more about the advancements](#)

## STAY ACTIVE!

- To use the NCIDQ appellation to display your professionalism, expertise, and commitment. Example: Amy Smith, NCIDQ, FASID, LEED AP
- To be included in a searchable public directory of NCIDQ Certified interior designers, available to prospective clients and employers.
- To 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.

[Renew Your NCIDQ Certificate](#)



**Thom Banks**  
CIDQ Chief  
Executive Officer

### CEO's Message

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Like many credentialing organizations, CIDQ has been exploring this testing modality option for a while. We have been thoughtful in its implementation, learning from the experiences of others, working closely with our testing vendors, and communicating extensively with our candidates to anticipate questions and provide as much transparency as possible. Remote proctoring does require some special arrangements and exam sequencing adjustments. Prior to being permitted to test, remote candidates must confirm the compatibility of their computer system and submit to a thorough visual review of their testing environment by the proctor.

To provide similar exam experiences for both those testing remotely and those in test centers, CIDQ has instituted a scheduled *optional* 10-minute break for both the IDFX and IDPX sections. This is the **ONLY** break permitted unless candidates have been pre-approved for testing accommodations. IDFX candidates will be alerted to this optional break after the first sixty-five questions; IDPX candidates after the first 90, reflecting the differing number of questions on each exam section. Candidates should make sure they have answered and reviewed all the questions **prior** to the offered break as they will not be able to go back and access those questions once they have moved on. Test Center candidates will need to notify the Test Center Administrator if they wish to take a break. Likewise, if testing remotely, candidates must notify the proctor before leaving the view of the camera. Additional information and details can be found in our [Remote Proctoring FAQ's](#).

In other news, I look forward to sharing feedback on this inaugural remote proctoring effort in future editions of Q Connection. In other news, CIDQ continues to collaborate closely with the regulatory community through the

**CEO's Message Continued**

Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards (FARB) and our design specific credentialing organizations (CLARB, NCARB, and NCEES) comprising the Interorganizational Council on Regulation (ICOR), attending a co-located meeting of both at the end of January.

Best of luck to all our spring examination candidates!

## Advocacy Update

The first quarter of 2022 has been an eventful one for advancing reasonable regulation in interior design. Building upon the 2021 success in North Carolina, legislation establishing interior design practice rights and modernizing scope of practice has made significant progress in several states. Most significantly, these bills have been amended with language agreed upon by state components of the International Interior Design Association (IIDA), the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID), and state and national components of the American Institute of Architects (AIA).

In Iowa, members of IIDA, ASID, and AIA met for several negotiation sessions to examine and amend the language of [H.F. 781](#). Agreed upon changes included a more defined scope of the practice of registered interior design, which built upon the North Carolina language passed last year, and the inclusion of several new ethics provisions. An amendment incorporating these changes has been drafted and passed in a recent subcommittee hearing in the House by a unanimous vote.

Practitioners in Wisconsin took a similar approach to [SB 344](#), which was agreed upon by AIA and the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC). After years of setbacks due to the pandemic and opposition, this bill passed the House and Senate in quick succession and has been signed by Governor Tony Evers on March 17. The bill establishes a modernized scope of practice, grants permitting privileges to Wisconsin Registered Interior Designers (WRIDs), who must be NCIDQ Certificate holders, and establishes a joint oversight board that now oversees all the design professions, including interior design.

In Illinois, practitioners pursuing their own practice rights have made significant progress. [HB 4715](#), which grants permitting privileges to NCIDQ Certificate holders in the state, has already passed the House by a unanimous vote. This bill, sponsored by Representative Margaret Croke (D), was amended with the support of AIA-IL to incorporate language from the Wisconsin legislation and now awaits consideration in the Senate.

Other legislation yet to be considered by state lawmakers remains pending in Alaska, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts. CIDQ applauds the hard work of these groups in advocating for reasonable regulation and we look forward to working with these groups towards our shared goal of protecting the public. If you have any questions about developments in interior design regulation or if you are interested in getting involved with interior design advocacy efforts, contact [Matt Barusch](#).