

SIGN OF THE TIMES

Caren Martin, NCIDQ No. 2216, CIDQ President

CIDQ presidents in past years have used this issue of Q Connection to inform CIDQ's stakeholders about experiences and new knowledge gleaned from representing CIDQ at meetings, conferences, and events thus far into the year—but then COVID-19 happened.

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THE IMPACTS OF COVID-19

Thom Banks, Chief Executive Officer

In addition to the enormous human toll COVID has exacted globally, it's also impacted the operations of virtually every business around the world. CIDQ is no different.

[Learn what's next](#)

NCIDQ Examination

NCIDQ FALL 2020 EXAM DETAILS

Applications for fall will be accepted thru **July 31st**.

The exam payment and scheduling period is **open thru September 30th**.

The fall exam administration window has been **extended to run October 1st - November 24th**.

The NCIDQ Exam is **offered globally in the fall**.

NCIDQ EXAM DEVELOPMENT

While we have not been able to meet in person, we are not allowing this to stop the important work of continuing to move our exam development process forward. We have and will continue to conduct virtual **Item Writing and Review** sessions. Specifically we conducted a virtual recoding exercise for the **IDFX** and **IDPX** exam items to match items up to the new exam blueprints which we will begin testing on in 2021. Additionally, we will be holding a virtual **Item Writing** session this month for the **Practicum** exam.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT
Marcus Appleby, AIA
NCIDQ Certificate No. 31482

Marcus Appleby, project manager with Acquilano, shared with us his experience of volunteering with CIDQ and talks about the impact that volunteerism has on the NCIDQ Exam and his career.

[Get to Know Marcus](#)

CIDQ Annual Conference 2020

We're Going Virtual!

Due to the public health impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, travel restrictions, and to support the health and well-being of our stakeholders, employees, and their families, CIDQ has made the decision not to move forward with an in-person meeting, but to hold a virtual version instead.

The CIDQ Annual Conference will take place on Thursday, November 12th, 2020, where CIDQ will present the meeting program in a shorter, virtual format.



During the conference, state and provincial regulatory board staff, their Delegates, and representatives from interior design professional organizations will come together virtually to discuss CIDQ, the NCIDQ Exam, and issues related to the interior design profession as a whole. Attendees will be able to learn key strategic initiatives for CIDQ, exchange ideas and tools, and collaborate with their peers.

[Additional details will be posted online soon!](#)



[Watch and share them all](#)

CIDQ collaborated with the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) and the International Interior Design Association (IIDA) on a three-part video initiative to demonstrate the value of interior design and its affects on the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

These videos can be used as strategic tools to engage people to create change.

