

NCIDQ Letter

For NCIDQ Active Certificate Holders

The core purpose of NCIDQ is to protect the health, life safety and welfare of the public by establishing standards of competence in the practice of interior design.

NCIDQ's 2006 Board

NCIDQ is governed by an eight-member Board of Directors, seven of whom are interior designers and one public member. Officers serve one-year terms, and directors serve two-year staggered terms. Beginning January 1, 2006, members of the 2006 Board are:

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You can find brief biographies of the Board on the NCIDQ Web site at www.ncidq.org in the Who We Are section.

Message From the President

Barbara Pallat



Adding Value for Our Certificate Holders

I'm a planner. I like to wake up every morning with a plan for what I need to accomplish that day. Without it, I often feel pulled in too many different directions, and I don't feel as productive at the end of the day. When I started envisioning my year as President of NCIDQ last fall, I knew that an organization as dynamic as ours needed a plan of action for the year.

The Board, staff and I developed a comprehensive work plan to guide our decisions and budget for the year, which we review each month when we meet. We've been fortunate to have strong leadership at NCIDQ—men and women who have set a high standard for what we should become. As NCIDQ has grown and as the profession has stepped into the spotlight in many ways, these standards have naturally evolved.

Our work plan enables us to plan for this evolution so that implementation is done in an orderly fashion after careful research and analysis, which are part of our core principles adopted last year. As a stakeholder in NCIDQ, you have the confidence of knowing that your Board is working in a deliberate, thoughtful way to guide NCIDQ in this period of extraordinary opportunity.

The "NCIDQ of 2006" is growing technologically nearly every day. We have the luxury of a full-time IT Director, Joshua Prentice, who is guided by our forward-thinking Executive Director, Jeff Kenney. They challenge the Board to harness the power of technology to make our office function more seamlessly, and our staff constantly works to upgrade our systems to make our services and programs more accessible.

Many of you have probably already experienced some of these technology upgrades. If you haven't I urge you to. One of the benefits of being an active Certificate holder is that you can now access our CE Registry to print transcripts and can access our database to update your personal information. Keeping us apprised of any changes to your mailing address or e-mail address means you will always receive your Certificate renewal notices, ensuring your ongoing access to the benefits active Certificate holders have.

If you are on the spring renewal cycle, you received a Personal Information Release Form with your Certificate renewal notice. NCIDQ has always maintained a very strict privacy policy;

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we do not release any information on our Certificate holders, except to a regulatory board or professional association at your request. Lately, however, many of you have told us that you would like NCIDQ to verify your status—for instance, to a client, prospective client or employer, and we now offer that service to you. You may choose to allow us to release limited information (name and Certificate status and number) or contact information (name, Certificate status and number and contact information). Of course, you always have the option to maintain the “no information release” policy. In fact, this “no information release” option is the default.

Please remember to return this form with your renewal fee. If you renew in October, we will send the form with your renewal notice then. Of course, you may log in to your NCIDQ account at any time and select or change your information release settings.

More technology enhancements are under way, and I look forward to sharing those with you as the year progresses.

You may remember reading then-President Janice Young’s column last year about our Ambassador outreach program that was begun under the

leadership of 2002 President Shirley Hammond. Ambassadors speak to students, emerging professionals and others about the NCIDQ Examination and how it relates to a professional career path. We have seen a 20% growth in exam-takers over the last two years, and we attribute part of this to the outreach begun through the ambassador program. More and more interior designers are discovering that the NCIDQ credential is the “mark of a professional.”

Part of our work plan for the year is to continue our outreach at NeoCon this year. We are especially grateful to the Merchandise Mart Properties, Inc., which has been generous enough to provide complimentary space for our booth on the seventh floor. The article on page 3 gives more information on how to find us. I was pleased to meet many of you last year and I hope you will stop by our booth if you are in Chicago next month.

If you cannot attend NeoCon, I hope you will continue to provide feedback on NCIDQ’s services and programs. Your input is essential as we continue our work for this year and plan for the future.



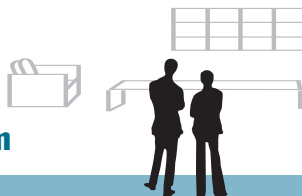
Barbara Pallat
NCIDQ President

Exam Center Changes

We have recently made some changes to the cities where the NCIDQ Exam is administered. Exam centers have been added in Washington, DC and Augusta, ME for this year, and we have closed the Normal, IL site for this year. We have added a number of other cities for 2007 and later years. Visit <http://www.ncidq.org/exam/examlocs.htm> for a complete list of exam centers.

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Visit NCIDQ at NeoCon in June!

NCIDQ has increased its presence at NeoCon this year, and we hope you will stop by our booth if you are attending the show next month.

Thanks to the generosity of the Merchandise Mart Properties, Inc., NCIDQ will have a large space on the seventh floor of the Merchandise Mart. Board members and staff will be on hand throughout the show to meet with attendees to promote the NCIDQ credential and the NCIDQ Examination as part of the career path for interior designers.

Certificate holders should stop by the booth for the popular "NCIDQ ribbon" that made its debut last year. You can attach this ribbon to your badge to let everyone know that you have achieved this impressive milestone.



If you're not an active Certificate holder, this is the ideal opportunity to reactivate your Certificate to take advantage of a growing list of benefits Certificate holders enjoy. You can complete the paperwork on site and receive your new wallet card right away.

You can also update your contact information, and active Certificate holders can view and print a current continuing education transcript.

In addition, attendees can purchase NCIDQ monographs. Remember, active Certificate holders can take 10% off these valuable continuing education resources. We will also have plenty of information about IDEP and the NCIDQ Examination as well as exam applications.

You can visit NCIDQ on the seventh floor of Chicago's Merchandise Mart in booth 8140 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. June 12-14. To register for NeoCon, please

visit our Web site at www.ncidq.org and click on the blue banner at the bottom of the page.

We look forward to seeing you in Chicago!

Seven Shows in One

The 2006 NeoCon World's Trade Fair will present seven shows simultaneously, offering the most comprehensive show schedule to date.

Buildings Show

The Buildings Show will offer attendees a chance to preview the newest commercial building products for the workplace.

Office Expo

Attendees will find new products, new partners and new ideas at Office Expo as

they experience the latest design trends and developments affecting the workplace today.

TechnoCon

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services to remain current with technological advances affecting the design and management of interiors.

NEWHospitality

NEWHospitality will focus on furniture and accessories from a wide range of hospitality environments.

Fine Design Residential Furnishings Show

Attendees will explore the best in residential furnishings at Fine Design, the luxury home furnishings show.

GREENlife

GREENlife shines the spotlight on companies and associations devoted to the importance of green design.

The Architectural Stone and Ceramic Tile Exposition

ASCTEX brings a pavilion of natural stone and ceramic tile to NeoCon and with it the excitement of new products, contacts and learning opportunities to stimulate fresh ideas. ■

38th Annual NeoCon World's Trade Fair Will Be Held June 12-14

NeoCon World's Trade Fair, the contract furnishings industry's premier event and North America's largest conference and exhibition for interior design and facilities management, continues to grow and secure its place as the contract furnishings industry's ultimate event for interior design.

This year's show, which takes place June 12-14, 2006, is no exception. Throughout the three-day show, you will discover state-of-the-art concepts for office, health care, hospitality, residential, institutional and government environments, all under one roof on 10 floors of the landmark Merchandise Mart.

"NeoCon World's Trade Fair is the epicenter of commercial furnishings industry," said Mark Falanga, senior vice president, Merchandise Mart Properties, Inc. "NeoCon is the show where thousands of cutting-edge contract furnishings products are unveiled, making it a can't-miss show for any serious design professional or end-user looking to impact their business and increase their bottom line."



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Sherry Bilenduke Honored with Tregre Award

Sherry Bilenduke, of Toronto, Ontario was honored last year at the NCIDQ Council of Delegates Meeting with the Louis S. Tregre Award. Between 1992 and 1999, Sherry served as a member of the 3D Program Development team and as a master juror for both the 3D and Scenario portions of the NCIDQ Exam. Between 2000 and 2005, she served as a member of the Practicum Exam Committee for three years and as chair for another three years.

Sandy Friend, NCIDQ Director, presented the award to Bilenduke. "As a Practicum Committee member, Sherry made huge contributions to the problem development process...cranking out space plans for our scenarios and

keeping us honest with Canadian terms and her knowledge of how exams are scored," Friend said.

Bilenduke is a partner in the Toronto firm of KBH Interiors, works for ARIDO in many capacities and serves on the Council for Interior Design Accreditation Board of Visitors evaluating interior design programs across North America. She is also active at Ryerson University in Toronto, serving as a panel member for student theses and project presentations. Accepting her award, Bilenduke remarked, "Anyone who volunteers for NCIDQ certainly doesn't set out to get one of these. It is a huge honor and I thank the Board for thinking me a worthy recipient."



Sherry Bilenduke, left, receives the 2005 Louis S. Tregre Award from Director Sandy Friend, right.

The Louis S. Tregre Award honors the memory of Louis S. Tregre, a founding director and first president of NCIDQ in 1974. The Tregre Award honors those volunteers who have worked diligently and consistently to further the goals of NCIDQ. ■