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Message from the president

2003 has been a year of growth and change for NCIDQ. Many have come before me and laid the groundwork for one of the best organizations in the interior design industry, NCIDQ. The National Council for Interior Design Qualification is headquartered in Washington, D.C. We are proud to have such a fine team of employees, board members and volunteers working to carry out the Council's mission.

On June 15, 2003 NCIDQ welcomed two new staff members, **Jeffrey F. Kenney, AIA** as Executive Director and **Peter James** as Program Manager. Jeff reports directly to NCIDQ's Board of Directors. The Board sets the overall goals of the organization and it is Jeff's job to carry them out.

Jeff comes to NCIDQ after having spent the past four and a half years as President of his own consulting company, Professional Development Partners, Inc. (PDP). While running his own consulting business, Jeff worked with such groups as the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Texas Board of Architectural Examiners, the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards and, most importantly, NCIDQ. PDP assisted NCIDQ in starting up the continuing education monograph program. Once NCIDQ identified a topic and hired an author, PDP stepped in and worked with the author to edit the manuscript, prepare graphics and lay out the books' pages. PDP then handled the tasks associated with printing the books, quizzes and certificates for each monograph as well as fulfillment of orders.

Prior to running PDP, Jeff was in charge of the Architect Registration Examination and the continuing education monograph program at the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards. Jeff holds a Bachelor of Architecture from the University of Tennessee and a Master of Architecture and Urban Design from Washington University. He is licensed to practice architecture in three states and the District of Columbia.

Peter James comes to NCIDQ after spending a year working for PDP. While at PDP, Peter han-

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dled all of the tasks associated with the NCIDQ monograph program, such as editing, processing orders and answering questions about the program. Peter will now be managing the program within NCIDQ, along with other responsibilities that include the examination and IDEP programs and all NCIDQ publications. Peter holds a Bachelor of Arts from the Evergreen State College in Olympia, WA, and has experience in editing, writing and print production.

A team of seasoned professionals has welcomed our new staff and kept NCIDQ's programs running smoothly. **Ken Baker**, Deputy Director, joined NCIDQ in 1999. Ken's administrative, communications and project management experience have allowed him to immediately make a difference. This year, he served as interim Executive Director while the board of directors conducted its national search for a new Executive Director.

Executive Assistant **Yvonne Lewis** joined NCIDQ in 1998. Yvonne is a dedicated hard worker who very ably moves from task to task with a great attitude and pleasant voice. There are not many people we meet in life that you instinctively know really care, but Yvonne certainly fits that description.

Completing the staff are three more wonderful individuals. **Stacey Janifer**, our program coordinator, handles CEU tracking. **Ray Resendez** takes care of record maintenance and certificate verifications. And rounding out the team is **Bil Todd**, whose friendly voice is the first you hear when you call headquarters.

Representatives from local regulatory agencies are appointed to serve as delegates on the NCIDQ Council of Delegates for [CONTINUES ON NEXT PAGE]

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two-year terms. The activities and affairs of the Council are managed by its Board of Directors, which is elected by the Council of Delegates. There are currently 18 delegates on the Council and nine Board members.

The eight Board members for 2003 include three officers: myself, as President; President-Elect, J. Derrell Parker; and Past-President, Shirley Hammond. The five other board members are four interior design practitioners or educators from North America and one non-designer public member. They are Arlene Dougall, Judith Fermoile, Barbara Pallat, Janice Young and public member Charlotte Laramore.

Shirley Hammond, President in 2002, stayed on the board this year to offer historical knowledge and advice. Shirley is from Decatur, Alabama and has her own firm, Perceptive Designs. Shirley has been Chair of the Alabama State Board of Registration for Interior Design and was very instrumental in passing that state's Practice Act in 2001.

J. Derrell Parker will take the reins as President in 2004. Derrell is a partner in Parker Scaggiari, a contract/commercial design firm located in Las Vegas. Derrell serves on the Nevada Board of Architecture, Interior Design and Residential Design and has the distinction of holding Certificate #0001. He is also an adjunct instructor at the School of Architecture, Interior Design and Landscape Architecture at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Arlene Dougall remains on the board for her third term. Arlene is an instructor at Ryerson Polytechnic University's School of Interior Design in Toronto, and has her own firm, Dougall Design. Arlene has worked tirelessly on the financials, IDEP and the certification program for NCIDQ. She received the Louis Tregre Award in 1995.

Judith Fermoile returned for her final year on the board. Judith resides in Reno, Nevada, and is President of Fermoile Design Ltd. Judith is Secretary-Treasurer and board member of the Nevada State Board of Architecture, Interior Design and Residential Design.

We welcomed two new members to our board this year, **Barbara Pallat** and **Janice Young**. Both will continue in 2004. Barbara Pallat is from Burr Ridge, Illinois and owns Barbara Pallat Interiors and is a member of the Board of Interior Design Professionals, Illinois Department of Profession-

al Regulation. Barbara most recently served as Chair of our Jury Committee, and she received the Louis Tregre Award in 1999.

Janice Young is President of Janice Young & Associates located in Jacksonville, Florida. Janice has served on the Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design for many years and most recently chaired The Model Language Task Force for NCIDQ.

Our public member, **Charlotte Laramore**, will end her term this year. She has previously served on the Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design as its public member. Charlotte brings many years of expertise as a business owner and consumer.

NCIDQ's breadth and depth goes far beyond the examination, including six ongoing programs that require staff and volunteer time and resources: the record maintenance program, CEU tracking, continuing education monographs, the Interior Design Experience Program, interior design research and interior design regulation model language. Unfortunately, there isn't space to list the enormous number of volunteers who work on these many programs. Our strength relies heavily on many talented, dedicated volunteers who tirelessly exceed our expectations. Their efforts, coupled with the work of our staff and outside consultants, enable us to build stronger programs to serve the interior design profession.

It has been my privilege to serve as President for 2003. I am an interior designer licensed in Texas, where I am President of Vining Design Associates, Inc., a seven-member firm. I had the honor of chairing NCIDQ's Multiple Choice Committee for several years, and I recently completed two years as President of the Texas Association for Interior Design. I am also a partner in Seminars By Design, a company dedicated to educating interior designers and industry partners. I have worked this year to increase the recognition of NCIDQ as a model for professional examination standards, as a leader in the right to practice arena, and as a resource for students and practitioners to prepare for continuing changes within the profession.



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Continuing education monograph series update

ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES

With the hiring of Jeffrey F. Kenney and Peter James (see “Message from the president,” page 1), NCIDQ has brought the entire continuing education monograph program in-house. If you have an old order form for the monographs, please discard it and contact us to request a new one. You can also go to our website, ncidq.org, and find information and the order form in the Publications section. Please note that we no longer honor the prices that were in effect from 2001 through 2002. As of January 2003 new pricing went into effect. Watch your mailbox—we will send you a postcard when the next monograph is released.

CALL FOR AUTHORS

In order to offer as many continuing education topics as possible to interior design practitioners, NCIDQ is seeking qualified authors for its series of monographs. Potential authors should have some proven writing experience as well as subject matter knowledge of an area of the interior design profession that directly protects the public health, safety and welfare. If you feel that you have the qualifications to assist us in this program, please contact Peter James, Program Manager (peter@ncidq.org). He can discuss with you the requirements for authoring a monograph, compensation, and contract terms.

Attention students and interns: Participate in IDEP and *take the NCIDQ exam for free!*

Do you supervise or teach interior design students? Did you know that NCIDQ has a monitored experience program tailored specifically for seniors and recent college graduates? We need your help to get the word out!

The Interior Design Experience Program (IDEP) provides participants with a structure for their internship years. Just as you would not expect to get the best possible education if you entered college without a curriculum and could pick and choose all of your classes, completing your internship years without a structure can result in haphazard learning and gaps in your education and experience. IDEP participants must complete or observe a wide range of interior design tasks, meet with their work supervisors to discuss their progress, and meet with outside mentors for career advice and guidance.

The program takes as little as two years to complete, but the benefits last much longer. The professional contacts participants can meet through their mentors, along with the wide range

of design competencies they must demonstrate, will brighten their career prospects.

From now until January 1, 2008 any individual who completes the Interior Design Experience Program (IDEP) is eligible to take each section of the examination one time for free. To take advantage of this offer, candidates must enroll in IDEP, complete the training requirements, apply for the examination and be accepted into the examination by December 31, 2007. For more information on IDEP, please contact the NCIDQ office or visit our website.

JURISDICTION UPDATE

The Association of Registered Interior Designers of Ontario (ARIDO) has announced that starting January 1, 2004, all individuals who graduate from a recognized interior design program and wish to join ARIDO as Intern Members will be required to participate in IDEP. Contact ARIDO (www.arido.on.ca) for more information.

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Spring 2003 NCIDQ examination statistics

Exam Section	Registered	Passed	Failed	Pass Rate
Section I Principles and Practices of Interior Design (150 multiple-choice questions)	712	508	204	71%
Section II Contract Development and Administration (125 multiple-choice questions)	642	546	96	85%
Section III Schematics and Design Development (Two-part practicum section)	762	544	218	71%
Took All 3 Sections	491	304	37 failed all 3	62%

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Changes to the examination eligibility requirements

Effective immediately, NCIDQ will no longer allow individuals who have passed any section of the NCIDQ Examination to repeat that same section. In our research, we could find no other profession that allows this to occur. Of course, most people only want to take an examination one time and are thrilled to never have to repeat that examination. But, we have found instances where individuals who passed an examination section have repeated that same section, most likely to help them prepare for examination preparation classes that they offer. In all other professions that we studied we found that the examination preparation course providers were able to adequately prepare their class materials without needing to take the particular licensing examination repeatedly.

Beginning **January 1, 2008** all examination candidates will be required to complete their years of internship experience under the direct supervision of a registered/certified/licensed interior designer or an archi-

tect. No work experience as an independent practitioner will be accepted. This change is being made to recognize the importance of the role that internships have on continuing the education that began with a formal college program. During the years of internship, future practitioners learn to apply the knowledge they acquired in college. This application of knowledge is an important step in becoming a well-rounded practitioner who can practice interior design independently while safeguarding the public health, safety and welfare.

Beginning **January 1, 2009** all examination candidates will be required to complete a minimum of three years of interior design education plus three years of internship (as described above). This change recognizes that a structured, formal education for a new practitioner is essential to ensuring the public that the individuals who hold themselves out as qualified practitioners have the knowledge essential to providing competent services.