NCIDQ Prep

STUDY GROUP
Taking the NCIDQ exam October 2-3, 2009? Want a group to study with? Contact Laura Tungseth at ltungseth@hummelarch.com for more information.

STEP CLASS
ASID is bringing the STEP class to Boise May 29-31, 2009. This is a great study and preparation tool for the exam. Go to: http://www.asid.org/bc development/step/stepworkshops.htm to sign up. Deadline for registration is May 15; and spots are limited, so sign up fast!

NCIDQ is the mark of a professional Interior Designer

“It is more important than ever for clients and the public to expect interior design professionals to demonstrate their competency in all areas of interior design. The designed safety of interiors for home owners, business owners or users of public and private spaces requires much more in today’s complex world.” - www.ncidq.com

This is what IDEAL for Idaho’s mission is – to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

Log onto www.ncidq.com or contact Jennifer@spraguesolutions for help on applying for the exam.

Important NCIDQ Dates:
May 15, 2009 – Boise ASID STEP Class Registration Deadline
May 29-31, 2009 – ASID STEP Class in Boise
June 1, 2009 – Fall 2009 Application Deadline
August 1, 2009 – Fall 2009 Registration Deadline
August 15, 2009 – Fall 2009 Late Registration Deadline
October 2-3 – Fall 2009 NCIDQ Exam

May Day! May

Mark your calendars for the annual IDEAL round table and wine tasting event.
Thursday, May 7th, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Location: J Crist Gallery 223 S 17th St.
Cost: $10.00
RSVP by Friday, May 1st, 2009 to Laura at ltungseth@hummelarch.com
Title Act: A title act regulates the use of a title, such as “registered interior designer” or “certified interior designer”. Different states have different titles. A few title acts grant interior designers permitting privileges that enable them to submit their drawings to building departments for permits. Title acts do not require individuals to become “licensed” to practice interior design. They just govern use of the title. Title acts govern use of a title. In other words, you can practice interior design in a title act state, as long as you do not use the regulated title. Title acts benefit the public by providing an identifiable choice when hiring a designer – consumers can be confident that state registered interior designers have met a minimum level of professional qualifications.

Practice Acts: In addition to regulating who may call themselves interior designers, require individuals practicing interior design to become licensed. In virtually all such laws, individuals practicing under direct supervision of licensed designers are not required to be licensed. This particular provision allows people new to the profession to practice interior design under a qualified practitioner while accumulating the needed years of experience and professional skills to eventually become licensed. Some practice law states have exemptions for residential work.

For more information visit:
IDEAL for Idaho – Working to connect with Idaho’s students:

U of I

Following on a personal presentation by new board member, Tara Garrett to the University of Idaho, Ideal offers an exclusive special introduction to legislative advances to University of Idaho students on April 24th. Featuring sustainable products that contribute significantly to the interior design profession, and complemented with a series of dark chocolate confections, practicing professionals and members of the Ideal board of directors will lead the students through an open discussion about the future of design. Recent UofI graduates will attend to help support and guide students. We’ll cover issues, our early talks with legislators, strengths and weaknesses of our case in Idaho, and how we connect to the movement going through the entire United States, and particularly, the Northwest. You won’t want to miss it!

BYU

Janice Stevenor Dale, FIIDA, CID traveled to Brigham Young University in Rexburg earlier this month to formally present the “Future of Design” to the entire interior design student body. Ms. Stevenor Dale presented a number of multimedia examples of project work to students, information on leading design firm J S D A Inc. and legislative intent and advances made by IDEAL. BYU Idaho has won numerous awards for kitchen and bath projects through NKBA and is accredited by both CIDA and NKBA. This year, they have a record number of soon-to-be graduates. After the presentation, Ms. Stevenor Dale critiqued senior portfolios and lunched with the entire design faculty. BYU Idaho is supportive of legislative advances and we hope to have much student involvement as we go forward!

IDEAL Member Profile: Randi Thomas, ASID

Randi is the current VP for Finance to our board. She graduated from the University of Nebraska’s College of Architecture in 2007 with a Bachelor of Science in Design and moved to Boise shortly after. While a student, she participated in the efforts of the Interior Design Coalition of Nebraska, and came to Idaho ready and willing to help the cause here. Randi sincerely hopes to see every state pass a title act in her lifetime. She is a LEED Accredited Professional, a member of ASID, and currently pursuing NCIDQ certification. In her spare time she enjoys cooking, reading, watching movies, and hanging out with friends.
Fact or Fiction?
From the NCIDQ Newsletter, 2009

**Myth:** NCIDQ is just one of many organizations that work for interior designers.

**Fact:** NCIDQ exists to advocate for the public within the interior design profession. Their mission is to “protect the health, life safety, and welfare of the public by establishing standards of competence in the practice of interior design.”

In the United States there are two organizations that advocate on the behalf of the interior design profession – International Interior Designers Association (IIDA) and American Society of Interior Designers (ASID). In Canada, it is the Interior Designers of Canada (IDC). The Interior Design Educators Council (IDEC) is the advocacy group for interior design educators. While NCIDQ works with and cooperates with these group on many issues, it is not their purpose to advocate for the profession.

At times that may mean that NCIDQ and the other associations will take different positions on an issue. However, in general, these organizations and the other standard-setting organization, the Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA), all work together on projects like identifying the interior design profession’s body of knowledge or developing the Careers in Interior Design Website.

Interior designers who hold the NCIDQ Certificate credential often incorrectly believe that they are “members” of NCIDQ, just as they are a member of ASID, IDC, or IIDA. This is not true. NCIDQ is not a membership organization for individuals. They issue a Certificate. That Certificate indicates that the person met the education, experience and examination standards at the time of issuance. It is a quality benchmark, not an admission point into NCIDQ membership. NCIDQ’s only members are the regulatory boards in the United States and Canada. These entities license interior designers based on their Certificate. A “licensed” (also referred to as “certified” or “registered” interior designer has been given the privilege of using a regulated title or practicing within a state or province by the regulatory board. Holding a license in one of these jurisdictions is not equivalent to membership.

Boise Design Calendar – Upcoming Events

April 27, 5:15 p.m., IDEAL Board Meeting at Designer Floors
May 7, 5:15 p.m., May Day! May Day! Event
May 11, 5:15 p.m., IDEAL Board Meeting at Designer Floors
For more information:
http://www.idealforidaho.org/upcoming_events.asp

April 22nd 10:30 a.m., Creating Momentum for Success
June 3rd 10:30 a.m., The Secrets of Closing the Sale
October 9, 10 Annual Meeting, Sun Valley, ID
For more information: http://www.asidintermountain.org/events.php

April 24th, Luncheon and Lecture Series “Think Globally, Design Locally”
April 25th, Chair Affair 2009 – Visual Arts Collective – 7:00 p.m.
May 20, IDI Luncheon @ Dal Tile
For more information: