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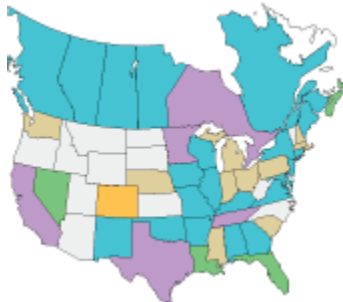
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Do you have an article or image to share? Members are invited to submit content and images related to bill language, codes, coalitions, construction, interior design laws and regulations, legislation, and other issues relating to the practice of

Note From the VP of GRA

As the Vice President of Government and Regulatory Affairs I want to welcome those who have recently joined the GRA Committee and thank all "old timers" who continue in your position. For those of you who have been bitten by the legislation bug, thank you in advance for your support. It takes a lot of stamina, vision and perspective to get where you want to be. IIDA stands ready to answer questions, give suggestions or support.

We accomplished a lot at the Chapter Leadership Conference (CLC) in June this year. The GRA presentation from CLC along with "Legislation 101" is available to you for use in your Chapter through IIDA Headquarters. After the monthly GRA Committee conference call, IIDA hosted an informative Round Table discussion. It was well attended by many who are involved in their state's Interior Design legislative pursuit.

Allison Levy, the managing director of Government & Regulatory Affairs for IIDA, will have available for current committee members our new VP of GRA Handbook. She will be notifying committee members soon to distribute them.

The Legislative Grant Applications have been distributed to Chapters. Electronic submissions should be addressed to gra@iida.org and sent on or before October 30. These grant monies are one more way IIDA supports local initiatives and Chapter GRA activities.

Blessings and prosperity in your efforts,

Laura Brett Tribble, IIDA, ASID
IIDA Vice President of Government and Regulatory Affairs

IIDA and GSA Sign Charter Partnering Agreement



Partnering Agreement between the United States General Services Administration and the International Interior Design Association

As the United States General Services Administration strives to deliver excellence in design, the organization has reached out to the International Interior Design Association to support its Design Excellence programs, encouraging collaboration with IIDA peer design professionals in all future work. With an additional 300 new projects and \$5.5 billion in stimulus expenditures for modernization of existing buildings, the integration with interiors professionals will include lighting, furnishings, floor coverings and interior elements.

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GRA Questions?

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"Federal workers deserve well designed spaces and a partnership with IIDA and its professional Members will ensure the best possible interiors," according to Les Shepherd, AIA, Chief Architect, US General Services Administration. "Recently, we have signed charters with the American Institute of Architects and the American Society of Landscape Architects, and we are pleased to add the International Interior Design Association to our formal partnership."

Specifically, the Partnering Agreement states that GSA Interior Designers will participate in IIDA Chapter Government Forums, share knowledge of GSA Policies and Initiatives through presentations and guest speaking engagements, serve on IIDA committees, participate in local events, provide access to GSA internal experts, and share trends and practices. IIDA and its Members will promote the role of interior design within GSA, develop partnerships with regional GSA designers, add professional credibility to GSA and the individual designer, provide educational opportunities through IIDA Chapter events, provide exposure to other designers and increase GSA membership and involvement in IIDA.

The Partnering Agreement was signed by Les Shepherd, AIA and Cheryl Durst, Honorary FIIDA, LEED AP, CEO/Executive Vice President, IIDA, during the Government Forum Meeting at NeoCon Worlds Trade Fair, Wednesday, June 17, 2009. The Forum plans to meet again during NeoCon East in Baltimore, October 28 & 29.

U.S. National Design Policy Summit

The U.S. National Design Policy Initiative ([NDPI](#)) is planning for Summit 09, to be held on December 1, 2009. The U.S. National Design Policy Initiative advocates for a governmental plan of action to support design in service of U.S. economic competitiveness and democratic governance. The American Society for Interior Designers ([ASID](#)) will host the meeting at its headquarters in Washington, D.C. The International Interior Design Association ([IIDA](#)) and the Society for Environmental Graphic Design ([SEGD](#)) will be sponsoring meals. Past Summit supporters include [AIGA](#), [AIA](#), [IDSA](#), and [UIC](#).

The Summit will include "words of inspiration" from participating government administrators and elected officials, and will review the past year's progress and set priorities for 2010. Allison Levy, JD, IIDA's Managing Director of Government and Regulatory Affairs and Steve McCollom, IIDA, AIA, Vice President of Communications on the IIDA International Board of Directors, will be attending on behalf of IIDA. NDPI is working on ways to get more people involved in the Summit, looking into ways to accept digital submission of questions and comments during the Summit proceedings.

Visit [NDPI online](#) to learn more about its initiatives and view notes and reports from the 2008 Summit.

State GRA Updates

Carolinas Chapter

Please save the date for Unity in Design 2010. DPNC, Design Professionals of North Carolina, is hard at work planning their winter design conference in High Point, NC. The event runs February 18-12, 2010. More details coming soon. For information, contact [Gail Cole](#).

In August, thirty-seven designers from DPNC hosted the spouses and friends of the legislators attending the Southern Legislative Conference. Designers acted as bus hosts and showroom guides. The attendees enjoyed a wonderful day of southern hospitality and interior design.

The Charleston Riverdogs were cheered on to victory by a spirited group of interior designers, architects, product reps and clients on August 25, 2009. The event was a fundraiser and

New England Chapter

Mark your calendars! A hearing has been scheduled for Massachusetts HB 2999 – An Act recognizing the profession of interior designers to bid on state contracts. The hearing will be October 8th at 11 am. Attendees will not be required to speak about the bill, but it is important to have a large number of supporters present. For more information contact [David Ganong](#), IIDA-NE VP of GRA.

Oregon Chapter

The legislative committee spent the summer doing research on other professions regulated by the State of Oregon and drafting bill proposals for interior design. IDC-Oregon will host a series of town hall discussions starting in November to review these proposals. Please visit the

networking event for the South Carolina Interior Design Coalition.

The Board of Directors and Legislative Team of the SCIDC held a strategic planning day on September 11. The focus for the year ahead will continue to be building grassroots support, legislative initiatives and fundraising. For more information, to volunteer, or to receive our email newsletters, please contact grassroots@cidl.org.

Delta Regional Chapter

The Mississippi Coalition (MCIDL) committee has been meeting monthly and working on new legislation for the state. All members are encouraged to get involved.

The Delta Regional Chapter of IIDA and the South Central Chapter of ASID are jointly holding DeltaCON. DeltaCON is a regional tradeshow and CEU opportunity. A portion of the proceeds from DeltaCON will be earmarked for MCIDL's efforts towards legislation.

Florida Chapter

Learn more about how recent activity in Florida affects the regulation of interior designers by contacting the Interior Design Associations Foundation (IDAF). IDAF will routinely let you know what is happening with legislation, opposition threats and the current Institute of Justice lawsuit filed against the Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design. If you wish to become connected, please contact Janice Young, FIIDA, ASID, IDAF President, at janice@janiceyoung.com or at 904-571-6149 and provide your contact information, especially your email address. Visit the IDAF [website](#).

Georgia Chapter

The Georgia IIDA Chapter is gearing up for a very active 2009-2010 legislative season. An Interiors-sponsored bill will be re-introduced for approval, and the Coalition be tracking and reviewing all other related bills being submitted this session.

A 'Capitol Day' event will be scheduled for this Fall (date tbd). This will be an opportunity for Interior Designers to learn more about what is happening at the state capitol concerning our professional rights and responsibilities. We hope for a large turn-out on the front lawn of the Georgia State Capitol Building in downtown Atlanta!

Please join us for a Fire Protection and Life Safety CEU seminar on Nov 20, 2009 at SCAD Atlanta which will focus on the Interior Designer's role in safe great design. This will be a great HSW learning session and is open to all Designers, Architects and Builders. Speakers will include Georgia Fire Safety Officials.

For more information or to get involved in these events, contact Brian Sweny, IIDA GA Chapter VP of GRA.

Mid-Atlantic Chapter

The Mid Atlantic Chapter continues to support the Maryland Coalition of Interior Designers (MDCID) in their endeavor to promote interior design legislation in Maryland and build off of last year's successes. The success of this effort will

IDC-Oregon [online](#) to join, get involved, and stay updated with events and efforts.

The Oregon Chapter collaborated with local ASID and IDC-Oregon to host a forum about the NCIDQ exam and IDEP, with a large number of designers planning on taking the exam in the next few sessions. If you are interested, please contact our Associate Member Chair, Autumn VanEsso. We plan to offer this event twice a year.

To raise awareness in the community for the Interior Design profession and regulation, the IIDA Oregon Chapter and IDC-Oregon are teaming up on two events. The first is membership in the [Oregon Creative Industries](#) organization and involvement in the Oregon Creative Conference on September 12th. I hope those of you who attended found it very valuable. It is a big step in educating the public about the importance of regulating the Interior Design profession.

The second event is a "Pecha Kucha®" style networking event during Architecture and Design Month. Attendees will register to give a short prepared presentation about a built project that exemplifies the safeguarding of the public's health, safety, and welfare. We will be inviting designers, architects, engineers, sustainability consultants, and industry professionals to attend and present. This is an excellent opportunity to showcase how each of the design and construction professions affect the health, safety, and welfare of building occupants. The date is set for October 27th from 6-9 pm., registration details to follow.

Rocky Mountain Chapter

The Colorado Interior Design Coalition (CIDC) continues to support a bill to establish title protection for those interior designers currently qualified under Colorado's existing permitting statute. CIDC will also focus on growing the organization and further developing legislative connections for future success.

CIDC's focus in September has been on a membership drive that will conclude at our Annual Meeting, October 14th. The CIDC has invited a speaker from NCIDQ. Contact [Katie Elkins](#) to learn how you can join CIDC and get involved.

A small group of interior designers have begun meeting in Utah to discuss legislative goals in their state. If you are interested in being a part of the conversation, contact [Katie Elkins](#), Rocky Mountain Chapter VP of GRA.

Southwest Chapter

The Interior Design Coalition of Arizona (IDCA) Board has been meeting to review and update its strategic planning goals, objectives and materials. The purpose of IDCA is:

- I. TO EDUCATE the Arizona Public and Government about the Interior Design Profession.
- II. TO ADVOCATE Interior Design Legislation to Arizona Government, Industry, Student and Consumer Groups.
- III. TO ACQUIRE, PRESERVE AND DISSEMINATE information regarding the impact of the Interior Design Professional's knowledge, experience and

recognize the role of qualified professional interior designers in promoting public health, welfare, and life safety in Maryland, and will ultimately facilitate efforts to obtain similar rights in the remainder of the country.

MDCID will be holding a fundraiser and information session on Wednesday, November 4th from 6-8pm at the Prime Rib in Baltimore. Further event information is forthcoming. Please join us as we discuss the critical state of Interior Design legislation in Maryland!

responsibility on the health, safety and welfare of the Public.

IDCA supports these purposes through programs and events. IDCA seeks your help to implement its goal of enacting Interior Design legislation that preserves the rights of all Arizonans to engage in their own business endeavors while at the same time creating a voluntary level of credentialing that protects the public's health, safety and welfare by allowing the consumer to select the appropriate level of interior design professional or services for their project. Become a member now! Download an application [online](#).

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