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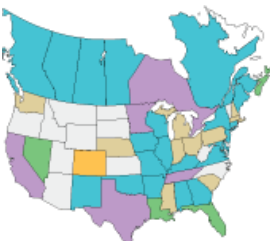
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Renew your IIDA membership for 2008 now by clicking [here](#). Students, remember to fill out a [new application](#) for 2008. Also, don't forget to include an

Note From VP of GRA

Welcome to this issue of GRAAction, IIDA's quarterly update to our membership on legislative happenings. The Chapter Leadership Conference in Chicago held February 2nd was well attended and very successful. The GRA staff and I had time on the agenda for an explanation of the legislative process, IIDA resources, and a presentation of checks to our Chapters who were awarded legislative grants this year. Hopefully you have all received your legislative grant award checks.

We also gave your chapter leadership a folder with a variety of helpful GRA related materials. Included was IIDA's position statement on licensing/registration and certification, information about the Institute for Justice and copies of NCIDQ's draft for Title and Practice Legislation Model Language. Please ask your chapter president to share these materials. Paul Evans from Oregon, Gail Cole from the Carolinas and Carolyn Dwyer from Michigan also gave updates describing their pursuit of interior design legislation.

Now that most states' legislative sessions have begun, our monthly GRA committee calls have been very informative. It is very encouraging to hear what is going on around the nation in regard to Interior Design licensure.

I hope all of you are doing well and I wish you blessings and prosperity in business, legislation and life.

Regards,

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

Mark Your Calendars: GRA Events at NeoCon 2008

As part of the events for NeoCon, IIDA will be hosting its GRA Committee Meeting and annual Legislative Roundtable on Tuesday, June 10th. Please join us starting at 11 a.m. at our new offices and conference center on the 5th floor of the Merchandise Mart in Chicago.

State GRA Updates

Arizona

The current president of IDCA, Carl E. Clark, FASID has stepped down from his position and David Stone, IIDA has stepped up to acting president to fulfill Carl's term. IIDA continues to work with IDCA for proposed legislation this year.

IIDA Southwest Chapter has learned of a town hall meeting hosted by the local NKBA to discuss the current bill. The speakers include Ed Nagorsky, attorney and advocate for NKBA, Jennifer Perkins, Institute for Justice, and Tina Gobbel Litteral, AIA. The meeting will be held on March 25th at 7:00 pm for those interested in hearing from them first hand.

Ohio

HB340 was introduced into the House by Representative Larry Flowers at the end of last year, and has been referred to the House Commerce and Labor Committee. HB340 is a Title Act that would allow designers who passed the NCIDQ to register with the state as a "Certified Interior Designer". This bill would still allow designers who have not passed or taken the NCIDQ exam to be identified as an "Interior Designer". The Coalition of Interior Designers for Legislation in Ohio, Inc. (CIDLO) encourages you to write your representative asking them for their support. For more information go to www.cidlo.org

The Cincinnati/Dayton City Center has teamed up with the ASID Ohio South Chapter to host a

additional contribution to support IIDA's legislative grant program.

Get Published in GRAction

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 interior design to alevy@iida.org to be included in a future edition of GRAction.

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GRA Questions?

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California

The Southern California chapter is diligently working with IDCC regarding legislation for California. Coming up in March, we will be having a panel discussion with Bruce Goff of IDCC to review current status and the coming year. Proceeds from this event will be donated to fund legislative activities.

Florida

The Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design just met and they are still finding quite a bit of fraud in our industry. The chapter VP GRA is working with the City Centers to arrange presentations with the Board's Attorney, David Minacci. David will present a 2 hour CEU about legislation and how interior design is regulated within the state. We have scheduled presentations in Orlando & Tallahassee and these CEU's will also serve as a fundraiser for IDAF (the industry's legislative coalition in Florida).

Aida Bao-Garciga, VP of Professional Development and Julie Hargrove, VP GRA, are also pursuing a change to the building code statutes to clarify that Interior Designers are considered design professionals in the state of Florida. Currently, a licensed designer's seal on drawings is not accepted by code officials in every jurisdiction because we are not specifically listed. Aida is planning to attend Legislative Day in Tallahassee next month. We both continue attend the IDAF meetings and maintain a relationship with the BOAID. We are also now following the Florida Building Commission in order to build a relationship them and see through the modification to the code.

Georgia

The Georgia Chapter has been working with its coalition, GAIDP, to host a "Designer's Day at the Capitol" event on Wednesday, March 19. The event includes a visit to the Capitol with opportunity to meet with legislators, show and distribute the IIDA Legislative GRA videos, speeches regarding current legislative issues, and lunch.

Illinois

Illinois Interior Design Coalition's 5th Annual Mini Masters at the Mart will be held April 3rd. Contact [Cheryle Rome](#) to reserve your "golp" foursome. Raffles, prizes and mini-golf await!

Kentucky

The Kentucky Interior Designer Legislation Organization (KIDLO) helped in passing a Title Act in 2002 which permits Interior Designers who have passed the NCIDQ exam to be recognized as Certified Interior Designers in the State of Kentucky. As a Certified Interior Designer in Kentucky, designers are required to maintain continuing education equivalent to 12 hours per year to maintain and renew their certification. For more information about becoming a Certified Interior Designer in Kentucky, contact the Kentucky State Board of Examiners & Registration of Architects at 301 East Main Street, Suite 860 Lexington, KY 40507, Phone: (859) 246-2069, Fax: (859) 246-2431.

Michigan

The Michigan legislative bills HB4770, 4771, and 4772, sponsored by House Representatives Andy Meisner and Bill Huizenga, are currently in the Senate Commerce and Tourism Committee. The Michigan coalition is actively meeting with

casino night fundraiser April 24 will benefit The Coalition of Interior Designers for Legislation in Ohio, Inc. (CIDLO). For more information visit the Cincinnati/Dayton City Center's [website](#).

Oregon

The Interior Design Collaborative – continues to gain membership and has begun monthly *bring your own wine and cheese* meetings with board members from each interior design organization in These meetings have allowed us to engage in a dialogue about their concerns in a neutral environment and educate individual members about our goals, mission and strategic plan.

IDC-Oregon's goals are (i) To be all-inclusive. We believe collaboration among ASID, IIDA, NWSID, NKBA, AIA, and independent designers is important to our growth as a profession; (ii) To define the profession through minimum standards of education, examination, and experience for interior designers; and (iii) To secure legislation for the interior design profession

IDC-Oregon presented at the IIDA/ASID student day in February and was able to gain the support of many students as well as make contact with student leaders for future IDC-Oregon presentations and activities.

Upcoming IDC-Oregon events to raise awareness of IDC-Oregon and strengthen our membership levels include:

Membership Drive

interior design history, legislation etc...,

Town Hall –

and **May 22**

presenting;

What's it Really Mean?

We continue to build relationships with designers and legislators in our community educating them about our profession and the importance of legislation.

Tennessee

The Tennessee number of bills for impact on the interior design profession, with a focus on HB84/SB210 – our interior design practice act. The second of our two year cycle began again in January 2008. We are in hopes that 2008 will be a very successful year for us.

We had a luncheon with legislators on Wednesday Feb. 27 where interior design professionals from each district moved through Legislative Plaza and escorting them across the street to the luncheon. The Senate Commerce, Labor & Agriculture Committee has taken up our bill for review.

Virginia / West Virginia

The Virginia and West Virginia Chapters are reviewing our chapter boundary lines. We are voting at the next board meeting on whether to alter chapter boundaries with the Mid-Atlantic Chapter.

Washington

In Washington session in the House and Senate, January 14th – March 13 Washington submitted a bill for a Practice Act in the Senate and the House. With such a short session we were able to receive a hearing in the Senate in the Labor, Commerce, Research & Development Committee for bill #6707 on

and engaging all five Senators on this committee. The coalition hosted a successful Capitol Day on March 13, 2008 with over 150 interior designers and students participating.

February 5th. There was no resolution this year, but we're looking forward to building on our successes for the 2009 session!

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