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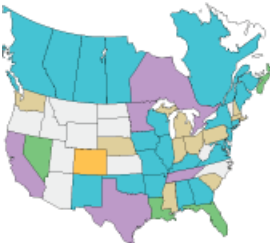
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Get Published in GRAction

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.

Note From the VP of GRA

Most all states are currently in their legislative sessions. I'd like to thank and recognize all of you who have worked tirelessly to educate and inform people about the effect interior designers have on the health, welfare and life safety of everyone who inhabits the built environment. Every project I work on entails illustrating the value we bring to protecting the lives of those who work, live and occupy those spaces.

I commend the constructive support the design community has extended to those in Illinois, Oklahoma, and Texas in making positive changes to their existing laws. It is evidence that state law makers value keeping existing Interior Design laws in place to protect their citizens.

I am also impressed by all the bills submitted across the country. Michigan, Nebraska, South Carolina, and Texas recently hosted or will be hosting their Legislative Days. The IIDA GRA team has visited Omaha and Austin in support of their efforts. Both events were very successful and well attended.

Best Regards and Good Luck in all your efforts,

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

IIDA Chapter Awards 2009

IIDA is accepting entries for the 2009 IIDA Chapter Awards, Nine categories will be awarded: Chapter of the Year Award (Small Chapter is less than 300 Members, and Large Chapter is more than 300 Members), Excellence in Community Service, Excellence in Forum Activities, Excellence in Graphics, Excellence in Membership Marketing, Excellence in Newsletter Publishing, Excellence in Programs (Chapter, City Center and Campus Center), **Excellence in GRA Activities** and our newest category in 2009, Excellence in Chapter Website Development. The Chapter of the Year award will be announced at the IIDA Annual Meeting.

The deadline for entry is April 15. Visit the [Chapter Awards](#) online to learn more, or contact [Monica DeAngelis](#) with questions.

State GRA Updates

Alabama Chapter

Alabama's interior design board has passed Sunset review in the House and the Senate will vote the week of March 23rd. Following that vote, the Coalition will be moving forward with new legislation for interior design in the state. Contact the Alabama Chapter for more information or to get involved.

Carolinas Chapter

The Carolinas Chapter invites you to join the South Carolina Interior Design Coalition for their Second Annual Interior Design Day on Tuesday, March 24 from 10:00 am-4:30 pm in Columbia, SC. The day will include a complete legislative update and training session followed by a panel discussion led by key legislators. Interior Designers and students will be introduced in the House/Senate chambers and will visit the legislative offices. The day concludes with a late lunch and CEU presentation on surfacing materials for healthcare and healing colors. For

Oregon Chapter

IDC-Oregon held a Legislative 101 session in March presented by Ann Blaker, former lobbyist for the American Cancer Society. Ann explained how an idea becomes a bill, how a bill moves and changes through legislative committees, and the voting process to becoming a law. She gave insight into how legislators think and work, emphasizing that the collaborative should always take the high road, be succinct and clear, and focus on shared values instead of divisiveness. Additionally, she urged us to expand the membership base beyond designers.

IDC-Oregon is holding monthly bring your own wine and cheese (BYOWC) sessions with local manufacturer reps, vendors, and dealers to share the goals and mission of IDC-Oregon. These sessions have been extremely informative for both parties. The industry has an interesting view of the interior design profession and designers in general. They have expressed interest in advancing the continuing education

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GRA Questions?

Contact [Allison Levy](#),
Managing Director of GRA at IIDA HQ.

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Georgia Chapter

The Georgia Alliance of Interior Design Professionals (GAIDP), Georgia's Interior Design community's legislative coalition, is asking Georgia's interior designers to call their Senators requesting support of the passage of SB 28/HB 231 "as written" supporting Georgia's Registered Interior Designers' ability to submit drawings for permit in non-loadbearing construction. Please call to support your right to compete for projects when the stamp/seal of an architect is not required, giving Georgia consumers a viable choice in selecting design professionals.

The IIDA Georgia Chapter and GAIDP would like to invite Georgia's interior design community to attend the 3rd Annual Designers' Day at the Capitol Event, which has been scheduled for Tuesday March 24th, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. A legislative program including special guest speakers is planned. Cost is \$12 for professional and \$5 for students, with lunch provided. To RSVP and for more information, please call Mindy at (404) 870-0432.

Great Plains Chapter

Following this year's legislative efforts in Omaha, the Nebraska Coalition is reviewing their activities and getting ready to continue moving forward, talking with other professional boards managed by the E&A board, and strategizing about keeping costs down. For additional information about legislative activities in Nebraska, please contact [Jessica Doolittle](#), IIDA, by email or phone, 402.334.2422.

Illinois Chapter

In late December of 2008, the Governor of Illinois signed a bill that amended the existing Interior Design Title Act. The amendment changed the way licensed professionals are titled in the state of Illinois. The change is from "Interior Designer" and "Residential Interior Designer" to "Registered Interior Designer" and "Registered Residential Interior Designer." This amendment was supported by IIDC and overwhelmingly passed by both the State House and Senate.

The Illinois Interior Design Coalition (IIDC) had its annual Mini Masters fundraiser on February 12, 2008. This event was the most successful in Mini Masters history in terms of the proceeds received for this cause. There were approximately 500 people in attendance - an all time record! The IIDC Board and Mini Master Committee members thank all of the volunteers and sponsors for making this a truly outstanding event.

IIDC is proud to announce the new Board that was recently elected for the 2009-2011 term. They are:

Carrie Fitzpatrick, IIDA, Registered Interior Designer – Co-President
Erin McConnell, Registered Interior Designer – Co-President
Monica Wood, ASID – Vice President
Cheryle Rome, IIDA, Registered Interior Designer – Treasurer
Frederick Miller, IIDA, ASID, Registered Interior Designer – Secretary

Indiana Chapter

The interior design licensing bill passed through the Senate with a strong **42-7** vote in our favor! Congratulations to all whose hard work helped this happen. The coalition is now working around the clock to schedule a hearing in the House.

The Indiana Interior Design Coalition held the first Legends IN Design lunch on March 19 to celebrate the rich and diverse history of design in Indiana. It was a great educational opportunity that we hope will grow into a fundraiser event as well in the future. Thanks to everyone who attended!

Northern Pacific Chapter

Idaho

A collaborative group called IDEAL for Idaho has been formed and is actively seeking interior

level for CEU's. Reaching out to the industry is proving to be beneficial in many ways.

IIDA Oregon Chapter and IDC-Oregon are working together for the May forum to bring in a member from IIDA HQ and GRA to speak about legislative efforts in other states, challenges, and strategies for success. Stay tuned for more information!

IDC-Oregon is working to organize the second Annual Designer held July 30th. Last year's event was a wonderful success and opportunity for the design community to collaborate.

Rocky Mountain Chapter

Colorado

The Colorado Interior Design Coalition (CIDC) introduced a bill in January. The legislation would have further defined the current permitting statute, and provided certification for qualified interior designers meeting the minimum criteria of education, work experience, and passage of the NCIDQ exam.

The bill was supported by a large contingent of Colorado interior designers, as well as interior design educators, and others who testified at the Appropriations Committee. There was also a good deal of testimony by the opposition, all of which were members of the National Kitchen and Bath Association (NKBA). Primarily due to a well-targeted telephone and email campaign, the bill was postponed indefinitely.

CIDC and IIDA will be participating in legislative seminars in Colorado Springs and Fort Collins during the month of March. The annual CIDC fundraising drive will culminate in April with a wine and cheese appreciation event.

Utah

A small group of interior designers have begun meeting in Utah to discuss legislative goals in their state. If you are interested in getting involved, contact President of GRA for the IIDA Rocky Mountain Chapter.

Southwest Chapter

While the Interior Design Coalition of Arizona (IDCA) will not be seeking legislation in 2009, this does not mean that the coalition does not need your continued involvement and support. We need to continue to engage with the people, both inside and outside the Statehouse, who are critical to success. As recognized professionals, we would be able to work more effectively with our design colleagues on state funded and private projects to protect the health, safety, and welfare of our fellow Arizonans and the many others who visit the Grand Canyon State. IDCA welcomes your thoughts, suggestions and comments as well.

In addition, IDCA would also like to introduce our newly elected 2009 Board of Directors:

President: David Stone
Director of Finances/Treasurer: Simone Schoen
Past President: Carl Clark
Director of Legislation: Open
President Elect: Open
Director of Communication: Jennifer Brooks
Industry Director: Nick Marotta
ASID North Chapter Director: Marilizabeth Birk
Public/ Consumer Director: Open
ASID South Chapter Director: Chris Schmitz
IIDA SW Chapter Director: Molly Laurey

IDCA still has opportunities for you to become involved with our mission of protecting the public's health, safety and welfare in Arizona by working to enact meaningful interior design regulations. If you are interested in becoming active, let one of the Board members know or send us an [email](#)

Tennessee Chapter

Senate Bill 2078 / House Bill 2016 has been introduced and will be scheduled for the following committee hearings soon: The Commerce,

design legislation in the State of Idaho. IDEAL has a full board of directors, including individuals affiliated with IIDA, ASID and NKBA. The group has been meeting with legislators to seek advice, identifying the number of Idaho designers that have passed the NCIDQ, interviewing lobbyists and state licensing and fee officials to cull out the possibilities and identify challenges early. IDEAL has submitted paperwork for official organization formation is working toward a major fundraiser.

IDEAL for Idaho holds bi-monthly board meetings, "lunch & learns" at design firms, and will be inviting the whole design community for update meetings in May, July, and September. Stay tuned for more information about the May Day gathering where you can not only learn about legislation, but participate in a wine-tasting experience as well, sampling from new Idaho vintners.

Washington

Thank you to the more than 50 designers, students and industry partners that turned out two weeks ago for our lobbying efforts in Olympia. The hearing was a fantastic success and we made great connections with legislators and staff. Click [here](#) to listen to the hearing in full.

Through close connection with the committee chair, we were notified that our bill is not moving out of committee by the deadline. The bill will not have an opportunity to be voted on this year, ending our bid for practice legislation in 2009. With the current economic climate facing our state this year, getting a hearing this session was a big success, due in part to the solid bill we presented.

With those accomplishments comes momentum. Interior Design Coalition of Washington is a strong team of dedicated designers and industry partners leading the charge for 2010 and you play a key role in the next few months as we make preparation for the coming session. Visit IDCW's [website](#) for the latest news.

Northland Chapter

February 17th, 2009 was an exciting day for Interior Designers in Minnesota! The Interior Design licensing bill had its first hearing in front of the Senate Commerce Committee at the Capitol. Even though the bill did not pass in committee, the day was still very successful. You may be asking, how is this successful? The day was successful for numerous reasons, here are some to name a few:

- Our bill was heard for the first time!
- People listened and learned about interior design
- Testifiers represented the Interior Design community with utmost professionalism
- We have two extremely competent lobbyist's working on our behalf, Julie Perrus and Marnie Moore- Lindman from Larkin Hoffman, who were working around the clock before our hearing
- We have made a big step in the right direction to move the bill along next year!

Again, February 17th was a very successful day for Interior Designers in Minnesota! We have some work to do for next year to help everyone understand our bill and we are looking forward to it!

I would like to personally thank everyone who was able to attend and/or be part of this exciting day. We look forward to seeing you up at the Capitol next year. If you are interested in getting involved with the Interior Design Licensure Bill, please contact me, [Rochelle Maresh, IIDA](#). We would love to have you be part of making history in Minnesota.

Labor & Agriculture Committee in the Senate and the Governor Operations Committee in the House. The Tennessee Interior Design Coalition website gives up to date information of bill status, as well as quick links for signing a petition, and contacting or visiting your Legislators. We are currently coordinating designers on the "Hill" in small groups each week leading up to a big Legislative Day on the Hill - April 8th.

Texas-Oklahoma Chapter

Texas

Thank you to the many IIDA members who helped make TAID's 2009 Legislative Days such a success! Approximately 200 interior designers and interior design students met with Representatives and Senators from across Texas to discuss the importance of professional licensing for interior design.

TBAE and TAID support the current bill that will add the word "registered" to the interior design title regulated in Texas. For more information visit the TAID website or contact [Denise Hostick, IIDA](#).

The IIDA **Houston City Center** is hosting "Interior Design Legislation: What it is and why it is important to you!" with guest speaker and TAID Executive Director Donna Vining, FASID, IIDA, RID, CAPS on Thursday, April 9, 2009 at Morris Architects in Houston. Light refreshments at 5:30 pm, Presentation at 6 pm. 1 Hour HSW CEU #8124. The event is free for IIDA members, \$30 for non-members. Contact [Shelby Holman, IIDA](#) to RSVP.

Oklahoma

A bill, supported by OICD, is in the Oklahoma legislature that would amend the state's interior design title act by adding the word "registered." The bill has passed in the Senate and is currently being read in the House. For more information about the bill, visit OICD online [www.oicd.info](#) or contact [Brett Logan, IIDA](#).

Wisconsin Chapter

Congratulations to Janet Hirsch, IIDA who has recently stepped up to complete her predecessor's term as he new president of the Interior Design Coalition of Wisconsin (IDCW). The IDCW is also beginning to work on a website to help with the advancement of the interior design profession.

Mark your Calendars! IIDA Wisconsin Chapter is hosting the 1st Annual Golf Outing on August 20th in Fond du Lac. Contact [Audrey Olson-Adams, IIDA](#) for more information.

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