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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

With the beginning of my term as president of TAID we are also seeing the convening of the 80th Texas Legislature. During this session TAID will again be submitting the bill for an Interior Design Practice Act. As always, we have high hopes for success, but the support of interior designers from all across Texas makes the passing of the Practice Act much closer to a reality.

ASID, IIDA and unaffiliated interior designers are working together to educate our state legislators on how interior designers' decisions affect the life safety of the public. On January 30th many interior designers gathered at the Capitol to visit each state representative's and each state senator's office, asking for their support of our Practice Act. The Governor signed a proclamation (see page 8), declaring January 30th as Interior Design Day in Texas. That same evening, TAID hosted a reception for the entire state legislature at the Driskill Hotel, a historical hotel within walking distance of the Capitol.



If you were not able to make it to Austin for Interior Design Legislative Day, you can still help with getting our bill passed. You can write a letter, and send by mail or fax, to your representative and your senator asking for their support. We want them to know that an interior designer makes decisions that affect the health, safety, and welfare of the public. We would like our bill passed so that code regulated spaces can be designed by only licensed interior designers, who are required to have an accredited education, an exam, and work experience. We could also assure the legislators that our bill exempts architects.

As I am writing this, our bill for a Practice Act has not been filed with the 80th State Legislature. That means at this point we do not have a bill number that I can give you to refer to when you write your legislator. Please check the TAID website, www.supporttaid.org, because as soon as we have a bill number, it will be posted on our site. If you are unsure who your representative and senator are you can go to www.capitol.state.tx.us, and under "who represents me" you can give your address to find your legislators.

With all of us working together we can insure a secure future for interior design, raising the quality of our profession.

Marilyn Roberts

Marilyn Roberts, ASID, RID
President, Texas Association for Interior Design

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Executive Director News

Wow it is 2007! And the 80th Legislature has convened! TAID began with a dinner and get acquainted evening at Z Tejas in Austin. It was also our pleasure to honor Lew Vassberg at this dinner for her "Dedication and Unfailing Support of the Interior Designers of Texas".



Lew Vassberg receiving her award from Past President Pat McLaughlin

It is my pleasure to introduce our newest board Member, Dan Bassano.

Dan Bassano, IIDA, RID Austin, VP Marketing

Dan Bassano is a licensed Interior Designer with over 13 years of experience. He received his degree in Interior Design at the University of Texas at Austin with a high concentration in architecture. Dan has worked in various disciplines of Interior Design including hospitality, corporate, retail, institutional, municipal and residential design. He has worked for large architecture firms including HKS in Dallas and Graeber, Simmons & Cowan in Austin. He currently is a Project Manager-Senior Interior Designer at RKP Architects in Austin.



Dan has been very active in the Interior Design profession for most of his career. He was active in ASID at the student chapter of UT and as an Allied Member in Dallas. He has served on The Art Institute of Dallas Advisory Committee for the Interior Design Department for three years and has served as a juror for the grading of the NCIDQ exam for three years. He currently is a member of IIDA and has served on the Austin City Center Board since 2003. Positions held on the Board include Director of Professional Development, NCIDQ Study Group Chair and Director of Governmental & Regulatory Affairs (GRA).

Dan is very passionate about the further progression of the Interior Design Industry. He understands the importance of the passage of the Practice Act in the State of Texas and is willing to accept the task ahead of him.

The next few months TAID will be visiting the Capitol on a regular basis. All volunteers are welcome, please feel free to email me, donna@supportTAID.org if you wish to be notified of the day and time. Legislators welcome us and want to hear about our issues. There are many ways you can help in Austin and in your home town.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donna Vining".

Donna Vining, FASID, IIDA, RID, CAPS
Executive Director



Galt Graydon, Jane Page Crump, Lew Vassberg, Jay Brown, Machree Gibson, Marilyn Roberts

Events like this take many, many hours of dedicated volunteers. I applaud you all for your support and enthusiasm. On January 30th we walked the Capitol halls and concluded Interior Design Day 2007 with a reception honoring the 80th Legislature at the Driskill Hotel.



Preparing to walk the Capitol Halls.

Legislative Day

Industry Partners support 2007 Legislative Day!!

By Pat Campbell McLaughlin, ASID, RID
Past President and VP Practice

Hooray for Haworth!! Through the fabulous efforts of **Daniel Kauth**, Senior Architectural Design Manager with Haworth and with the unerring follow through detail of **Ursula Burns**, Haworth's Houston showroom manager; TAID was provided with blue 4 x 6 spiral notebooks embossed with our logo in silver!! We included them in our traditional "popcorn bags" gifts on Legislative day!

They looked great and were a wonderful addition to our effort; we cannot thank Daniel and Haworth enough for helping us present our cause in such a succinct and professional manner!!

A Thank You the size of TEXAS!

Diane Alexander, TAID Board VP of Students & **Rex Spencer**, interior design instructors, at the **Art Institute of Houston**, headed up the TAID presentation for the second floor gallery of the Capitol extension for the week of January 29th –February 2nd and the Rotunda student display on January 30th. The Art institute of Houston made this a family effort from the top down with their **President Larry Horn** endorsement of the legislative day event allowing The Art Institute of Houston the funding to produce the graphics and allowing the students the opportunity to attend the event in Austin; Interior design Department **Chair Bill Lanigan** assisted the students with the initial graphic concept for the presentation boards. **Shundra Harris** and **Amitha Nikam**, interior design students at AIH did ALL the graphics work for the actual layouts. The categories displayed in the Extension Corridor were: Education, Residential, Corporate, Healthcare, Hospitality, and Historic Preservation. In the Rotunda, the focused was on student work and emphasized Green Design, Special Needs Design, Designing for the Aging Population (Elderly Care Design), and Safety (or Safe Design - i.e. fire code compliance).

Hats off to **Monica Berrones & Nichole Ramirez**, AIH students who contacted and coordinated all of the students from the Texas schools with Interior Design programs.

Skyline Art Services donated the mounting & supplies for the graphic presentation which was coordinated by **Diane Alexander** and **Louise Nicholson-Carter**.

The following firms/individuals graciously allowed TAID to use their project photography (without recognition):

Jane Page Crump/Jane Page Crump Design Group
Colene Joiner/Joiner Partnership
Marla Bommarito Crouch/The Bommarito Group
Donna Vining/Vining Design Associates, Inc.
Robert Reid and Darin Brooks/Brooks Reid Studio
Gail McCleese/Studio DW
Diane Alexander/Alexander & Associates
Heather Dalton/3DI/Parsons
Louise Nicholson Carter/Carter Design Associates

All of the gallery items were mounted on display panels provided by **David Gisler, Freeman** through the efforts of **Karen Harrell, IIDA, Milliken & Company**; the installation of the displays was handled by **Diane Alexander, Rex Spencer, Louise Nicholson Carter, David Hildebrand, Rosa & Raul Salazar** and **Marilyn Roberts**; the student Rotunda work was displayed on tables and chairs provided by **Ann Kilby, Rockford Business Interiors**.

Steve Patterson, Amanda Kendall, Dan Bassano and **Pat McLaughlin** were responsible for producing the email teasers, itinerary, maps and material for the ID legislative day packets.

Steve Patterson, Bentley Prince Street in conjunction with his Austin representative **Darrell Hughes**, of **DH Hughes Design Center** provided the showroom as our "break room" Monday and Tuesday for designing emergencies ...**Harmony Edwards**, shares the space and offered us great support Sunday as we took over for the assembly of the "notebook/popcorn gift bags" on Sunday evening.....thank you, thank you!

Marilyn Roberts, The Étagère and President of TAID, besides overseeing the entire three day process, spearheaded the fabulous reception at the Driskill...what a wonderful way to conclude our day at the Capitol. With the support and hard work of **Pearl Soto**, TAID Administrative Assistant and **Donna Vining**, TAID Executive Director....our "village" is the size of the state of TEXAS.

Legislative Day



Rhonda Jones - Instructor, Lynda Woods - Instructor, Amitha Nilkam - Student, Shundra Harris - Student, Rex Spencer - Instructor, Diane Alexander - Instructor



Daniel Kauth and Shelby Holman



Pat McLaughlin, Amie Keener, Karen Harrell, Dan Bassano



Galt Graydon, Jane Page Crump and Carolyn Berndt



Stacy Reed, Texas/OK Chapter president; Mike Hanlon; Amanda Kendall



Donna Vining, Diane Alexander, and Rex Spencer

Legislative Day



Marilyn Roberts, President, and Donna Vining, ED, holding Interior Design Day Proclamation.



JoAnn Wilson, Ashlee McEwen, and Steve Patterson



Marilyn Roberts, Rosa Salazar, Sarah O'Donoghue and David Ganong

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(TEXAS BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL EXAMINERS)

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Answer: No. You should never submit false information to TBAE – about continuing education or anything else. Knowingly acting to deceive the agency is a much more serious matter than failure to fulfill continuing education requirements. Falsifying continuing education reports may result in an administrative or criminal sanction.

Since you cannot renew your certificate of registration without attesting that you have earned the required continuing education credits and you will lose the right to practice architecture or represent yourself as an architect upon the expiration of your registration, you may feel you are stuck in a Catch 22 -- you will be subject to adverse action regardless of the direction you take. However, you may be surprised to find that there are ample continuing education opportunities on the Internet. For example, you may fulfill your educational credit in barrier-free design by studying the Texas Accessibility Standards online. Three hours of continuing education credit may be earned through self-directed study. Do not assume it is too late to fulfill the continuing education requirements.

As an absolute last resort, you may change your certificate of registration from “active” to “inactive” status before it expires. Because inactive registrants are exempt from the continuing education requirements, you may then renew your inactive registration without certifying that you have fulfilled the continuing education requirements. After you have earned the continuing education credits, you may then return your registration status to active at which time you may truthfully report your compliance with continuing education requirements. You may not engage in the practice of architecture or represent yourself as an architect while your registration is on inactive status. This option will require you to pay a fee to change your registration status to inactive and pay another fee to return your registration to active status. In addition, temporarily terminating your practice and losing the use of your title would obviously pose a significant inconvenience and disrupt your business.

It is in your best interest to simply earn your continuing education credits throughout the year and maintain a record documenting that you have done so. You are more likely to find quality and relevant training if you are not in a panic in the last days before your registration expires. Obtaining continuing education is good for your practice and secures the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

TBAE Contact: **Alexander Pina, Continuing Education Coordinator**
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Legislative Day



STATE OF TEXAS OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, interior design is "practical, aesthetic, and conducive to intended purposes, such as raising productivity, selling merchandise, or improving lifestyle."

An interior designer is professionally trained to create a healthy, safe and comfortable interior environment in residential, commercial or industrial settings.

Offering a variety of services ranging from creating functional and aesthetic designs to purchasing products and fixtures, interior designers combine creativity and awareness of their clients' needs to improve and enhance our working and living environments.

To highlight the many contributions of interior designers, professionals across the Lone Star State have designated January 30th for an awareness campaign.

At this time, therefore, I encourage all Texans to learn more about interior design and the role interior designers play in improving and enhancing our working and living environments. Daily, they highlight the best of the Lone Star State.

Therefore, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim January 30, 2007,

Interior Design Day



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this 29th day of January, 2007.

Rick Perry
Governor of Texas

TRIBUTE TO Irving D. Schwartz, FASID

Irving D. Schwartz, FASID passed away on Feb 1st after a brief fight with cancer. Irv was TAID President in 1993 and served on the board in numerous positions. TAID also presented Irv with the prestigious John Tryon Robinson Award. Irv was ASID National Treasurer in 1976 and National President 1978 and served on numerous boards and committees nationally, state wide, and locally. He is one of the founders of NCIDQ. Irv was an Architect and Interior Designer. He believed strongly that the professions should work closely hand in hand. That is the philosophy that helped create his firm IDS/B inc. Irv is survived by his loving wife Jeannine Bazer-Schwartz, FASID. Irving was very dedicated to the Dallas Wind Symphony which is why the Dallas Design community has taken on the remodel of their offices as their project this year. One thing they could not afford to do was build them a music library. Irv and Jeannine have asked that in lieu of flowers donations be made for creation of this music library. TAID will be making a donation to the The Dallas Wind Symphony in memory of Irving Schwartz. TAID Past-President Cathy Hendricks said, "Irving was always supportive of me and helpful when I needed to get an architect's perspective. He was ahead of his time and often stood alone in his quest for respect for all three of the design professions. I have always admired his long term commitment to good design, his love of sailing and his warm tickling eyes when he renewed friendships. I can still hear his voice and his reassuring hugs. He has been a mentor to me. This is a loss to the design community nationally."



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