Dear Colleagues,

I am extremely proud to serve as President of the New Jersey Coalition for Interior Design Legislation (NJCIDL). I would like to put together a timeline of NJCIDL and the work that has been accomplished during the past 24 years. Please help with this effort by submitting any information you have to share to administrator@njcidl.org.

The current focus of NJCIDL is to ensure the welfare, health and safety of the public as it relates to Interior Design. With this in mind, we have made it a priority to assist and encourage qualified interior designers in preparing for the NCIDQ exam through our study and mentoring programs. We monitor Interior Design legislation and share any information with our membership and the design community which relates to the welfare, health and safety of the public. We hold a full day (6 credit) Health, Safety and Welfare CEU (IDCEC approved) annually in the fall. We also hold mixers to share ideas with each other on an informal basis.

We are pleased to announce our fall CEU speaker is Denise A. Guerin, PhD, FIDEC, FASID, IDA. Please see the related article in this newsletter. The CEU is scheduled for November 1, 2014. Further details will be posted on the NJCIDL website more the date approaches.

Continued learning is an important part of a profession. On my reading/research list for this spring:

1) OLED lighting. This is a new lighting technology which does not have the negative effects on circadian rhythms that LED’s have and has many other interesting qualities.

2) To learn about the Living Building Challenge, Imperative 11; The Red List and Declare. These programs provide designers with assurance that manufacturers disclose the ingredients in their products to ensure that they are free of chemicals deemed as the most harmful to humans. Declare supports this effort by providing a transparent materials database that project teams/designers can select from to be certain they are specifying the healthiest materials for their clients.

3) I want to look at issues related to the changing work environment...Activity Based Design and other ways to provide workplaces that encourage health and wellness.

4) I want to see the HBO film Toxic Hot Seat – an in depth look at the nexus of money, politics and power – and we will share them on our website for others to see.

What is on your list? Please submit your list to us at administrator@njcidl.org and we will share them on our website for others to see.

Please remember that the NJ CID CEU reporting period ends September 30, 2014. For CEU opportunities; please contact ASID, New Jersey ASID, IIDA and NCIDQ.

Feel free to contact me directly with your thoughts via email at devansnjcidl@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Diane Evans; President, NJCIDL
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The New Jersey Coalition for Interior Design Legislation (NJCIDL) is a not-for-profit organization committed to advancing the profession of interior design in New Jersey and to protecting the Public’s Health, Safety and Welfare through interior design.

Your member contribution of only $50.00 is invaluable to continuing our work.

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WINTER MIXER

Emerging and seasoned interior designers were shoulder to shoulder by the fireplace at the Huntley Tavene at a mixer hosted by the NJCIDL in Summit in January. Introductions were flying and job leads were traded as designers and members of the trade enjoyed the unending array of hors d’oeuvres and favorite beverages generously supplied by sponsors Shaw Contract Group, Image Office Environments and Fessenden Hall, Inc. The Coalition Board answered questions about the Coalition’s mission and activities from students to unacquainted practitioners alike. Thanks to Erin Jimenez Pollex and Joy Young for organizing the successful event. Make sure you are included on the next invitation list by registering at www.njcidl.org.

Erin Jimenez Pollex
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The Workshop helped me pass the Practicum along with joining the online study group Q-Practice.com The strongest part of the workshop that helped me the most was the practice test for each section. This was my first time taking a practice test at all so it gave me a good understanding of what my strengths and weaknesses were. After each practice test, the group critique enabled us to review each other’s solutions and identify what was considered pass/fail according to NCIDQ standards.

I found the Workshop Binder very helpful, even after the class was done, to reference each tab and section often during my studies. I would definitely encourage others to take the Workshop because it taught me how to budget my time under pressure, and allowed me to hear from my peers, what I could have done differently and what I needed to improve before the actual exam. I gave myself a little less than 4 months to study EXTREMELY HARD for this exam (I took all three at once and passed). I was studying morning, noon, and night, and weekend’s right up until the exam. My advice for others is to use lots of practice tests so you know what your strengths and weaknesses are.

My Best, Tiffany Caporale

Editor’s Note: Q Practice is an on-line Study Guide focusing on the NCIDQ Exam similar to our Coalition Workshop. As Tiffany mentioned, she referenced both sources to help her pass the exam. Q Practice is not associated with either NCIDQ or the Coalition Workshop.

The Workshop is called “raising the bar”...