

# Interior Design Coalition of Nebraska

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## “What’s in a title?”

Currently there is not a formal title for Interior Designers in the state of Nebraska. However, as a member of professional organizations, there are some rules and regulations to adding appellations after your name, whether it be on your email signature or business card. As you will note from the highlighted section below, there are many ways to note your industry affiliations, but only one right way per affiliation. Do you know the proper way to designate your affiliation for the organization to which you belong to? We have provided the list below to assist you in determining the proper documentation or appellation that you should be using. Check your business card, email signature and letterhead to ensure you are stating your affiliation correctly. One of these days, it could say Certified Interior Designer-Nebraska!

Take a minute the next time you are with a client to let them know about the organization you are affiliated with and explain your qualifications. Why should a client hire you or your firm? What is the significance of belonging to these organizations and affiliations? Can anyone be a designer? What educational and work experience separates you and your organization? Don't be afraid to promote these fine organizations that you belong to and all that they stand for or more importantly, what you stand for. We need to keep spreading the word.

-Marlene Knight- co-chair IDCN

### Examples of Titles:

Jane Doe, Allied Member ASID      Jane Doe, Associate IIDA

Jane Doe, ASID      Jane Doe, IIDA

Jane Doe, FASID      Jane Doe, FIIDA

Jane Doe  
NCIDQ® Certificate No.000

Jane Doe, LEED AP  
Jane Doe, LEED AP ID+C  
Jane Doe, LEED AP Home

Jane Doe, AAHID

Jane Doe, ASID      Jane Doe, IIDA  
NCIDQ® Certificate No.000      NCIDQ® Certificate No.000

Jane Doe, ASID, LEED AP ID+C  
NCIDQ® Certificate No.000  
Registered Interior Designer in Iowa

*The “Watchdog” section featured in each newsletter will inform you of current legislative actions, both national and local, that could affect our profession.*

**Local** LB949, a bill to prevent local communities to require sprinklers in all new home construction failed to get out of committee this spring. There will be an interim study done this summer and fall while local communities will be deciding whether to opt out of the International Code Council's new mandate to require them. Under current state law, Nebraska accepts the codes developed by the ICC, an industry council created after the great fires in Chicago in the early 1900s. The changes in that code, reviewed on a three-year cycle, automatically become part of the states building code and local community codes, unless the local communities decide differently. The new code changes requiring sprinklers takes effect in early 2011. Communities must decide by early next year; to do nothing will result with a sprinkler mandate.

On one side of the issue is cost. It is estimated that the system would add \$3,000.00-\$4,000.00 per home. On the other side during the 1970's, it was estimated that it would take 17-20 minutes for a room to be totally engulfed in flames. Today that time has slipped to 3-5 minutes because of new finishes and materials. The average response time from fire fighters is 6-10 minutes.

**National** Alabama Interior Design Video, please watch this interesting video to see what their locals consider “what is an interior designer”.

<http://www.youtube.com/user/IIDAHeadquarters?feature=mhw4#p/a/u/0/nuaZbFduzG4>

-Anita Wiechman- co-chair IDCN

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