

Spreading the Word

The Synergy conference is right around the corner on May 13th at the Mid America Center in Council Bluffs. What a great way to endorse our profession and learn so much. ASID and IIDA have an amazing list CEU programs all in one day. The speakers are outstanding. Where else can we go to get so much up to date information and our requirements for continuing education in one location without spending a huge sum of money?

At the conference, you will see IDCN represented at the Expo. Please stop by and say 'hello'. This will be a great time to encourage one of your friends or co workers to join our group. We must not lose focus on our goal and the future of Interior Design. We need to band together to send the message that what we do does affect the health, safety and welfare of the community. If the word "decorators" sends a chill up your spine to describe what you do, then come join us and together let's make some changes

Marlene Knight- co-chair IDCN

Perspective from a New Professional

Learning and communicating across disciplines has played a vital role in the first year of my professional career. As a graduate of a 4 year CIDA (Council for Interior Design Accreditation) accredited college, the architect-interior designer collaborative work relationship is something that is happily familiar. Much of my education stems from the teachings of architects and interior designers alike, both locally and nationally. This continued working relationship from college into the professional field has made for a smooth transition!

-Victoria Jordan



See our brand new brochure at Synergy Conference, answering all the questions on why legislation is important to you as a designer.

Legislative Updates in Other States

Florida update...The Institute for Justice and other allied organizations have filed an Amicus (Friend of the Court") Brief in the 11th US Circuit Court of Appeals proclaiming that interior designers have nothing to do with protecting the public. The Court of Appeals is expected to hear oral arguments in the Florida interior design appeal (Locke v. Shore, No. 10-11052-EE), in 2010 or early 2011. Arguments include that Florida's statute is "not subject to First Amendment scrutiny". On February 4th, Federal District Judge Robert L. Hinkle narrowed provisions of the law restricting the practice of commercial interior design in Florida and struck down the portion that had prohibited people without license from referring to themselves as interior designers. The Institute for Justice would like to have the entire interior design law struck down as unconstitutional.

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

ARE YOU ACTING AS A CONTRACTOR? IMPORTANT INFORMATION BELOW

Contractors Performing Construction Services.....and yes, you as a designer who make payments to another contractor or subcontractor would be defined as a Contractor (as per a phone call to the Nebraska Department of Revenue).... must be following new guidelines in Nebraska. LB162 passed in 2009 made several changes affecting Contractors. The biggest change is that, effective January 1, 2010, the Department of Labor and the Department of Revenue combined their separate contractor registration databases into a new Contractor Registration Database. The Department of Labor manages this new Database which can be found at www.dol.nebraska.gov under the "For Employers" area.

- All contractors in Nebraska are required to be registered on the new Database.
- All contractors making payments to another contractor (subcontractor) who is NOT listed on the new Database are required to withhold and remit 5% of all payments made to the nonregistered subcontractor.

A contractor is any person who engages in the business of construction and includes subcontractors, general contractors, and any other person arranging for the performance of work on real property. You or your firm must be registered as a Contractor if you oversee or pay any subcontractor (i.e. painter, granite installer). You must make sure ALL subcontractors are on that list before hiring them or WITHHOLD AND REMIT 5% of all payments to the Department of Revenue.

How to Register

Go to www.dol.nebraska.gov and complete the Contractor/Subcontractor Registration Application and submit it with the applicable fees and documents to the Department of Labor.

-Anita Wiechman- co-chair IDCN

Membership

By the time you receive the next IDCN newsletter, our website will be updated! It will include a current list of members and sponsors.

Please feel free to contact one of our steering committee members if you have any questions or concerns.

Upcoming Events

Expo Booth at Synergy, May 13th

- Come talk with us and hear about the latest legislative efforts in Nebraska.
- Sign up at the booth and receive a free water bottle.
- If you are already a member, stop by and pick one up also!

Halloween Party, October 2010

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