



Cindee Benson Holladay, ASID
Chapter President
2007-2008

President's Message

Hello All,

I hope everyone has had a fun and relaxing summer thus far.... Your ASIDAL board of directors has been working hard for you this summer, attending the Chapter Leadership Conference held in Calgary, BC in July. This conference is held every year, in a different city, by national headquarters, to help your

chapter leadership prepare for their term on the chapter board of directors. This is an intense and extensive few days of hard work for the board, when done they know more about ASID and how the organization works than you can imagine!! At the end they are ready for the board transition which occurs at the end of September. At that time I will step down as president of ASIDAL and Perry Umphrey will step up from the position of president-elect.

We have had a very active year for 2007-2008 always preparing for the future and working for our members. I have enjoyed the year and the hardworking ASIDAL members who volunteer their time to make our chapter what it is.... Please continue to offer your support to those volunteers and maybe consider a position for yourself. We can always use a helping hand.

With that I offer a hand...of congratulations to Andrea Webb in Huntsville and Ashley Gilbreath in Montgomery on their advancement to Professional membership in ASID. This is an achievement to really be proud of, it takes hard work and dedication in the profession of interior design to achieve this status, great job!

There are also several students across our chapter who have graduated and advanced to allied status in ASID. Congratulations to you! It won't be long before we can congratulate you on your advancement to professional status. Time flies when you are having fun!!

So, lets get back to having fun the last few weeks of summer....

Thanks for letting me serve as your chapter president, it has been a pleasure.

Cindee

Are you Registered or Licensed?

By: Bryant G. Williams, Allied Member ASID

So, you have graduated school with a degree in Interior Design or Architecture, you have worked for at least two years in the field, you have taken, and passed, the NCIDQ exam, and you have registered with the Alabama State Board of Registration for Interior Design. Your next question is probably "Am I a registered Interior Designer or a Licensed Interior Designer". Well, don't feel alone. Many people have the same thought, and just don't know who to ask. Let me see if I can help shed some light on the subject.

Once you have submitted an Application for Interior Designer Registration, and the Alabama State Board of Registration for Interior Design has approved your application, you are then granted a license, or "Certificate of Registration" which gives you the right to use the title/terms Interior Designer, Interior Design Consultant, Interior Design, and Interior Design Services. Without registration a person may not use any of these terms and titles. Although the law provides for a Registered Interior Design title, it is currently not available in the state of Alabama. In order to use the title Registered Interior Designer you must have taken, and passed, a Sealed Level Exam, which has not yet been developed and enacted.

To sum it all up...

1. The title of your Alabama license is "Certificate of Registration".
2. The title of an interior designer who has a "Certificate of Registration" (license) in Alabama is "Interior Designer".
3. The title of an interior designer who has passed the sealed level exam is "Registered Interior Designer". Once enacted, a Registered Interior Designer will be registered with the state as Having the authority to seal and submit construction documents to state building officials.

I hope this helps, but if you still have questions, please feel free to contact me at Bryant@asidal.com.

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Congratulations! Advancing Members

Emily Browne, Allied Member ASID..... South Central
Ashley Gilbreath, ASID South Central
Crystal Kelsey, Allied Member ASID North
Deborah Lowry, Allied Member ASID.....North Central
Alicia Wood, Allied Member ASID South Central

Welcome! New Members

Tammy Clark, ASID..... South
Cynthia Jagears, ASIDNorth Central
Linda Lilly, ASID South
Robert Mahurin, ASID.....North Central
Barbara Warnes, ASID North
Rachel Wills, Allied Member ASID North

Welcome! New Industry Partners

Aquatic Gardens.....Amy Drinkwater
Aquatic Gardens..... Chuck Thomas
House of Forgings W.J. Beck

ASID Alabama - Board of Directors

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Cindee Benson Holladay, ASID

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Gina Kitchens, Allied Member ASID

Director at Large:

Rick Ferguson, ASID Industry Partner

Student Representative to the Board:

Nicole Chaney, Student Member ASID

In-Coming Board Members:

Director at Large:

R. Martin Choate, ASID Industry Partner

Student Representative to the Board:

Mary Cowan, Student Member ASID



Alabama delegation to CLC (from left to right):
Carla Hall, ASID, Betsy Keller, ASID, R. Martin Choate, ASID Industry
Partner Representative, Gina Kitchens, Allied Member ASID, Mary
Cowan, Student Member ASID, and Perry Umphrey, ASID.

ASID Alabama Board of Directors attend Chapter Leadership Conference (CLC).

Each year ASID holds a 3-day training conference for all chapter officers. The conference offers each board member a series of specialized courses to assist them in performing their duties at the highest level, various opportunities to share ideas with other chapters, and receive updates on ASID as an organization.

This year the Alabama delegation traveled to Calgary for CLC, and from all indications are now ready to make 2008-2009 as exciting as any year we have had.



Enjoying one of the gatherings at CLC are (from left to right):
Gina Kitchens, Allied Member ASID, R. Martin Choate, ASID Industry
Partner Representative, and Mary Cowan, Student Member ASID.



Deadline for RealWorld DesignWeek Extended

The deadline to enroll for RealWorld DesignWeek has been extended to September 15, 2008. ASID Alabama would like to encourage all Allied Members, Professional Members, Industry Partners, and, especially, Student Members to take advantage of this outstanding opportunity!

Who

RealWorld DesignWeek exists exclusively for ASID members.

Why

Student members:

Don't miss this easy, free opportunity to receive an exclusive inside look at the interior design world. You will feel inspired, informed and prepared for graduation and the career options that lie beyond. RealWorld DesignWeek will enable you to network with your shadow day host and other industry professionals, possibly expanding the experience into an internship or your first job!

- Develop key relationships within the design community
- Obtain tools to prepare you for graduation and jump start your career
- Use experience as a resume builder
- Expand the experience into an internship or job

Interior Designers and Industry Partners:

This is your chance to make a positive change in an aspiring designer's life in just one day. Through your own contribution to design education and connection with student members, you can have confidence that the future leaders of the interior design profession are primed to carry the industry to a higher level. Looking for a skilled intern or entry level designer to alleviate some of your work load? This is an excellent way to find the perfect candidate!

- Make a positive change in an aspiring designer's life in just one day
- Educate students to act ethically and professionally
- Identify ideal candidates for internship or job placement within your company or private practice

For additional information on how to participate, visit www.asid.org/rwdw.

Student Corner	Student Officers 2007-2008	
<p data-bbox="126 1203 537 1236">Welcome, New Student Members!</p> <p data-bbox="186 1264 472 1388"> Jefferson State Community College Tiki Merritt Barbara Williams </p> <p data-bbox="172 1423 487 1484"> Virginia College—Birmingham LaDonna Dunn </p> <p data-bbox="228 1520 431 1581"> Samford University Kate Suess </p>	<p data-bbox="591 1178 764 1205">Auburn University</p> <p data-bbox="591 1205 997 1409"> President Vanessa Oxford President Elect Amy Luker Secretary Cara Highfield Treasurer Elizabeth Fletcher Publicity Lauren Ploetze Historian Perryn Pettis Faculty Advisor Mary Ann Potter </p> <p data-bbox="591 1438 824 1465">University of Montevallo</p> <p data-bbox="591 1465 997 1581"> President Brittney Littleton Vice-President Anya Olinova Secretary Chris Flores Treasurer Summer McKenna </p>	<p data-bbox="1068 1178 1279 1205">University of Alabama</p> <p data-bbox="1068 1205 1479 1409"> President Jillian Housch Vice-President Katherine Glass Secretary Jessica Brummett Treasurer Emily Britt Publicity Timaio Davis Fundraising Kelleigh McCord Faculty Advisor Beverly Kissinger </p> <p data-bbox="1068 1438 1338 1465">University of North Alabama</p> <p data-bbox="1068 1465 1479 1608"> President Jamie Rollins Vice-President Crystal Kelsey Secretary Kayla Hamner Treasurer Shane Ward Faculty Advisor Dwight Bunn </p>

Several State Schools Announce Student Chapter Officers for 2008-2009

Three ASID Alabama Student Chapters have revealed the results of their chapter elections for the 2008-2009 school year. The results are ...

Auburn University:

Emily Pasqual, President
 Holly Lybeer, President-Elect
 Alex Bruemmer, Secretary
 Lauren Wilson, Treasurer
 Nicole Sweeny, Historian
 Lauren Johnson, Publicity

University of Alabama:

Amy Felsman, President
 Ashley Trevarthen, Secretary
 Emily Britt, Treasurer
 Catie Keel, Publicity
 Emily Studdard, Fundraising

Virginia College, Birmingham:

Roshnique Day, President
 Arivia Allison, Secretary
 Ashley Statum, Historian

Did you know you might be eligible for one of the following ASID membership incentives?

Student Advancements

Available to: Existing student members, in good standing (active member with fully paid dues.)

Incentive: When an ASID Student Member advances to allied membership, they are entitled to a substantial savings for the first two years of their allied membership.

A regular allied applicant entering ASID pays a one-time, non-refundable \$100 application fee and \$280 in dues each year. Instead, advancing students are only charged the \$75 advancement fee for the year they advance, and the following year as well. During this two-year membership cycle, advancing students are also exempt from paying the Legislative assessment fee; a total savings of nearly \$550! Offer is valid for up to one year after graduation.

Advancing is easy! What advancing students need to do:

1. Complete the one-page Advancement Application
2. Enclose an official transcript
3. Enclose the \$75 advancement fee
4. Sign and mail all three things to ASID.

Advancement applications can be found on www.asid.org or by calling ASID Headquarters.

NCIDQ Dues Waiver

Available to: Advancing allied members, in good standing (active member with fully paid dues.)

Incentive: Full dues credit for the first year as a Professional Member! (\$15 Legislative Assessment is not waived and must be paid.)

ASID supports allied practitioner members and their efforts to advance professionally. Allied Members in good standing who successfully pass the entire NCIDQ Examination will receive a full credit toward their upcoming professional member dues (credit is applied to dues only. ASID must be notified on time and will not credit or refund any late or dual-payer fees.) Student members advancing to professional membership are not eligible for this benefit.

Advancing is easy! What advancing allied members need to do:

1. Contact ASID
2. Provide ASID your NCIDQ Certificate number and date of passage
3. Wait for final approval
4. Begin using the Professional Member Mark and appellation!

LEED Waiver

Available to: All ASID allied and professional members in good standing (active member with fully paid dues)

Incentive: \$100 credit toward the following year's dues

Upon passage of the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) exam, administered by the US Green Building Council, contact ASID and show proof of passage and we'll give you a \$100 credit toward your dues for the upcoming year.

Finally We Have Eco-Friendly Art!!

Are you interested in "green design"? Are you LEEDS certified? Do your designs take into consideration the impact it has on the environment? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then you will probably be happy to know that someone has finally addressed the issue of being green in the artwork we use. Recently the artist McKenzie held an art show in Huntsville highlighting her environmentally friendly, and beneficial, artwork. McKenzie's "Totally Green Eco-Art Print Series" is the only one of its kind in the world. According to the artist, "the printing industry is the #1 polluter in the world and the paper and pulp industry is the 3rd largest contributor to green house gasses. Along with deforestation, comes a toxic mix of VOC's and chemical waste. The bottom line is that the Art Print industry is harming the planet and it doesn't need to be!" After years of research, McKenzie has come up with an answer.



Artist—McKenzie

So how does McKenzie's art Green Circle work? Not only does she use eco-friendly pigments, she also coordinates Green Businesses together to create her Eco-Art. She also donates 100% of profits to environmental causes. The printing partner she utilizes uses eco-friendly methods, the manufacturer makes eco-friendly bamboo paper, the framing supplier uses only sustainable woods, and all of these companies donate a percentage of their revenue to environmental causes. From start to finish all of the business involved are Green.

To learn more about McKenzie and her artwork visit www.mckenzieartstudio.com.



MATCHING SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STEP & NCIDQ DAISY BOND ENDOWMENT October 1, 2007 - Sept 30, 2008

THE ALABAMA CHAPTER OF ASID WILL AWARD ONE SCHOLARSHIP FOR PARTICIPATION OF THE STEP PROGRAM (\$100) AND ONE FOR THE NCIDQ EXAM (\$300). (*Alabama ASID Members in good standing that have taken STEP or NCIDQ between the dates listed above may apply*)

CRITERIA FOR AWARDING SCHOLARSHIP:

1. Transcripts sent directly from institution to:
 Melissa Sims, Allied Member ASID
 STEP Coordinator,
 9825 Pleasant Grove Road
 Guntersville, AL 35976
 - a. Grades
 - b. Relevant Studies
 - c. Accredited Schools

2. Work Experience / written references required in regards to your design abilities and work ethics.

3. Number of items taken (provide documentation)
 - a. NCIDQ (the more sections passed the better)
 - b. STEP (the more sections taken the better)

4. If applying for the NCIDQ scholarship only and you have not participated in a STEP workshop, you will be eligible for reimbursement within the calendar year if adequate funds are available.

5. Paragraph from applicant:
 “What do you expect from a professional organization, and why is it important to you?”

6. Check which scholarships you are applying for:
 - a. STEP _____
 - b. NCIDQ _____

To apply, mail the above criteria to:

Melissa Sims, Allied Member ASID
 STEP Coordinator
 9825 Pleasant Grove Road
 Guntersville, AL 35976
 Questions: sims_melissak@bellsouth.net

Schedule:

Application Deadline	April 30, 2009
Judging of Applications	May 2009
Notification of Awards	May 2009

2008–2009 Calendar of Events

September 2008

15 Deadline to register for RealWorld DesignWeek

October 2008

3 Board of Director’s Meeting—Birmingham, AL
 Transition to the new Board.

3-4 NCIDQ Fall 2008 Exam

19-25 RealWorld DesignWeek

December 2008

10 NCIDQ Application Deadline for the Spring 2009
 Exam—First time applicants only

February 2009

1 NCIDQ Exam—Spring 2009 Registration Deadline

April 2009

3-4 NCIDQ Spring 2009 Exam

May 2009

1-2 ASID Alabama State Conference and Member Meeting
 Gulf Shores, Alabama

For more information on these events, please contact the office at
 admin@asidal.com.

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