IDLCPA NEWSFLASH!!

PURE 2010
The Roaring Twenties Came to Town!
By Lauren Berger

Just a few days before an enormous winter storm, ASID PA West and IIDA PA/NJ/DE fearlessly brought the Roaring Twenties to the 4th annual PURE Party. This fun and fabulous event was held on February 3rd at Bossa Nova to the smooth sounds of a live jazz band. 325 partygoers enjoyed catching up with friends, sampling delicious hors d’oeuvres, and a 20’s-themed costume contest, all while raising over $24,000 for the Interior Design Legislative Coalition of PA! Congratulations to Phil Hundley, AIA, DRS Architects Principal and Sandra Hundley, RA, FCSI, CCS, who won this year’s themed costume contest and a $100 cash prize!

This year’s silent auction was fantastic and bigger than ever before. Items included a Fallingwater gift basket and private tour, a Penguins package, several area rugs, a spa package, and many other hotly-contested items.

In keeping with this year’s Roaring Twenties theme, cigarette girls sold strands of pearls, fedora hats, candy cigars, and other themed party supplies to guests who needed that extra “something”.

Many, many thanks to our generous sponsors and fun-loving guests who brave the elements every year to make the PURE Party one of the most anticipated and memorable events of the industry! Special recognition goes to ASID event co-chair Natalie Buches and IIDA event co-chair Jennifer Bosack for their leadership. IDLCPA is grateful to the many interior designers, architects, engineers, and industry members who proudly support interior design licensing.

Hearing Update
At this time we are now waiting to be rescheduled and time is ticking away. We need our members to all contact their legislators requesting a vote on our bill. It is possible we will never be rescheduled for a hearing if we are not consistently asking them to put us back on the schedule. We need numbers of people to get our message across and are requesting your help. Once you have contacted your legislator, please follow up with an IDLCPA board member, call, write or send us e-mail! We can be reached via our website www.idlcpa.org. You can also find other helpful links and resources on our site.

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Amazon & IDLCPA
Don’t forget to go through IDLCPA’s website to connect to Amazon.com for any purchases! Make sure to tell your family and friends too! Each purchase helps raise money for our legislative efforts.

We NEED your support.
Please become a member TODAY and consider contributing to the Interior Designer’s PAC!
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Meeting in Harrisburg
Milliron Associates held a meet and great cocktail party for Rep. McGeehan, welcoming him as the newly elected Chairman of the Professional Licensure Committee.

NCIDQ- NEW EXAM FORMAT
Taken from ncidq.org

Section 1: Codes, Building Systems and Construction Standards consists of 150 multiple-choice questions designed to assess knowledge of codes, building systems, construction standards and contract administration.

Section 2: Design Application, Project Coordination and Professional Practice consists of 150 multiple-choice questions designed to assess knowledge of design application, project coordination and professional practice.

Section 3: Interior Design Practicum is a full-day examination, consisting of seven unique exercises that will focus on the following areas: space planning, lighting design, egress, life safety, restroom (washroom) design, systems integration and millwork.

Please remember to send in memberships for 2010 and if you can, please add an additional contribution to the PAC fund. PAC fund checks need to be made out separately to the “Interior Designers PAC”, but can be mailed in together.

As a special thank you this year, you will be mailed a “Support Interior Design Licensing” decal that you can proudly display on your car or other surface.

UPCOMING EVENTS

URBAN TREE FORGE, LLC Presentation
April 22, 2010 / Pittsburgh, PA

CHOOSE AN ALTERNATIVE PATH
April 28, 2010 / Philadelphia, PA

MEET & GREET IN MAY
May 26, 2010 / Philadelphia, PA

NEO-CON World’s Trade Fair
June 14-16, 2010 / Chicago, IL

STEEL CARRIBEAN PARTY
June 24, 2010 / Pittsburgh, PA

STEP Workshop
August 20-22, 2010 / Art Institute of Pittsburgh

FALL NCIDQ EXAM
October 1-2, 2010

GREENBUILD
November 11-13, 2010 / Phoenix, AZ

Please email event information to nbuches@jsa-architects.com

PLEASE STAND WITH US TODAY! FIND YOUR 2010 LEGISLATORS!!! Please understand and research the facts. Talk to those around you, including your legislator about what professional interior designers do and our importance to the public. ANY IDLCPA Board member is more than happy to visit or call you to answer any questions you may have about the proposed bill. Visit www.legis.state.pa.us and find your representatives in both the House and the Senate. If any of your legislators sit on the Professional Licensure Committee, Please contact Noelle at nweaver@jsa-architects.com

Jennifer Winters gives raffle winner, Carl Ballinger prize during IIDA’s Holiday Event.

Left to Right: Hon. Michael P. McGeehan, PA House of Representative, Chairman of the Professional licensure Committee, Patricia (Trish) Gorman, ASID, Marcello Luzi, ASID, IIDA, John Milliron

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Remaining Session Days
March has been an action packed month in Harrisburg. Our office expects April, May and June to be energized too. The House Democrats have begun the process of moving the 2010 budget to the Senate. It is our educated opinion that the legislature will try its best to finish the budget on time. Because of elections, a late budget will most likely be avoided. Between now and June 1st, the legislature is scheduled to be in session 15 days. Those 15 session days are crucial. Whether we are being proactive or defensive on legislation, the remaining days will give us clear results and direction we’ll follow into the summer and fall.

The House and Senate will not return for “lame duck” (the period after the general election). It is probable that they will only be in fall session for approximately 15 more days. Knowing the legislative schedule will help you with issue management, grassroots and political action committee development. The fall session schedule will be released in the near future.

Sales Tax Expansion and Rate Decrease
Back in February, Governor Rendell announced his plan to expand the number of goods and services that would have to pay the Commonwealth’s sales tax and lower the rate from 6% to 4%. Although that plan sounds, “sort of ok,” when you look at the planned expansion – it’s scary. In today’s difficult financial times, charging sales tax on nearly every item or service would exacerbate the expenses incurred by businesses and consumers. Moreover, a 4% tax on some of the “big ticket” items listed would carry a large price tag. The legislation that would enact the plan has not yet been introduced; however a preliminary list has been released. The list is attached. After you read it, you will understand why expanding the sales tax would hard-hit everyone’s bottom line. A Harrisburg based coalition continues to organize to fight the Governor’s plan. Staying involved on issues like this is very important. The groups that don’t are the first to get taxed! Our office is continually developing strategy on the issue and will be involved on behalf of our clients.

Retirements and Elections
Members of the House and Senate have announced their intentions for 2011. Below is a list of known members who will not be here for the 2011-12 legislative session.

House Retirements
Keith McCall - D
Russ Fairchild - R
Merle Phillips - R
Tony Melio - D
Kathy Manderino - D
Will Gabig - R
Frank Oliver - D
Barbara McIlvaine Smith - D
Richard Grucela - D
Katie True - R
Bob Belfanti - D

Currently Vacant House Seats
20th District – Don Walko (Now a Judge)
138th District – Craig Dally (Now a Judge)
147th District – Bob Mensch (Now a Senator)

Senate Retirements
Bob Mellow – D
Raphael Musto – D
Barry Stout – D

Leaving House to run for other office
Jim Wansacz – D (Running for Senate)
John Yudichak – D (Running for Senate)
Tim Solobay – D (Running for Senate)
Sam Rohrer – R (Running for Governor)
Brian Lentz – D (Running for Congress)
Mario Civera – R (Delaware County Council)
74 Sales Tax Exemptions to be Repealed – Governor’s 2010-11 Budget

Accounting, auditing and bookkeeping services
Administrative services
Advertising, public relations & related services
Air transportation
Airline Catering
All other professional and technical services
Amusement & recreation industries
Architectural, engineering, & related services
Bad Debts
Basic television
Call Center Credit
Candy and Gum
Caskets and Burial Vaults
Catalogs and Direct Mail Advertising
Charges for Returnable Containers
Coal
Coin Operated Food and Beverage Vending Machines
Commercial Vessels (Construction & Repair)
Commercial Vessels (Equipment, Maintenance)
Common Carriers
Construction of Memorials
Consulting (scientific, environmental, & technical)
Custom programming, design & data processing
Dry-cleaning & laundry services
Electric - Residential
Electrical, plumbing, heating & AC service fees
Financial Institutions Fees
Firewood
Fish Feed
Flags
Fuel Oil/Gas - Residential
Funeral parlors, crematories & death care services
Gratuities
Helicopters
Horses Sold To Out of State Purchasers
Hotel-Permanent Resident
Information services
Investment Metal Bullion & Investment Coins
Legal
Liquor or Malt Beverage Purchased From Retail Dispenser
Magazines
Mfg. Exemption (Public Utility)
Motor Vehicles (Out-of-State Purchases)
Museums, historical sites, zoos, & parks For-Profit
Newspapers
Non-Prescription Drugs
Other transportation
Other: personal services
Parking lots & garages
Personal care services
Personal Hygiene Products
Rail Transportation Equipment
Recreational parks, camps & campgrounds
Rental of Films for Commercial Exhibition
School Buses
Scientific research & development services
Services to Buildings and Dwellings
Specialized design
Spectator sports admissions (excludes schools)
Stair Lift Devices
Telephone - Residential
Temporary Usage
Textbooks
Theater, dance, music & performing arts admissions For-Profit
Tourist Promotion Agencies
Transit & ground transportation
Trout
Truck transportation
Uniform Commercial Code Filing Fees
Veterinary fees
Warehouse Storage
Waste management and remediation services
Water and Sewage Services
Wrapping and Packing Supplies