Greetings to everyone. We have been quite busy since our last newsletter in Summer of 2012. We hosted Interior Design Day at the state Capital on October 17, 2012 at which Senators and Legislators for the first time voted for the best student projects. Two awards were announced: the House and the Senate Award. Many informational and educational meetings took place between lawmakers and their constituent professionals and students alike. We had a great turnout and left exhilarated. We anticipate another terrific day for 2013, with Interior Design Day scheduled for October 7, and we hope to see as many professionals, students and schools come out for the day as possible to lend support during this most crucial time.

Seeking “Co-Sponsorship” from PA Senators for our bill in Harrisburg!

We are thrilled to announce that legislation (practice act) is eminently ready to be introduced into the Senate of the state of PA. Our original prime sponsor is Senator Kim Ward and our original co-sponsor is Senator Tim Solobay. To date, we have had great momentum, and can now boast 8 Senator co-sponsors so far: Ward, Solobay, Brubaker, Brewster, Yudichak, Leach, Costa and Fontana. There are 50 total Senators, so we need a bunch more!

It is time for everyone including your co-workers, friends and family to contact their senators and request a meeting then ask for their support in protecting and advancing our profession.

Here is what to do:
Please contact your senator at either their Harrisburg office or their “home” office. We would prefer for you to actually visit your senator but we understand that time is precious so if you are unable to visit please call and send an email to them asking to be a co-sponsor. The more voices they hear the better!

A few points that might help you:
• Explain why personally this is important to you and your future.
• Let them know that the legislation language was drafted by Sen. Ward’s team to ensure that there were not trade restrictions.
• This would empower small business owners and operators to expand job growth and responsibilities for many woman owned businesses.

Don’t know how to find your senator? Click the following link and type your address in the upper right corner: You can find your Senator here
Here’s the link to the co-sponsor memo

Why is Interior Design legislation so important?

Interior Designers are currently restricted by the state of Pennsylvania from practicing Interior Design as a code based environment. In the year 2009 UCC revised the IBC codes that adapted section 403.42a Permit Application. This section states the following:

“(c) A licensed architect or licensed professional engineer shall prepare the construction documents under the Architects Licensure Law (63 P.S – 34.1-34.22) or the Engineer, Land Surveyor and Geologist Registration Law (63 P.S –148-158.2). An unlicensed person may prepare design documents for the remodeling or alteration of a building if there is no compensation and the remodeling or alteration does not relate to additions to the building changes to the building’s structure or means of egress.”

IDLCPA is currently working on legislation seeking Interior Design registration for designers that practice code-driven interior planning and design. Our bill will address registration in a way that will not impact designers currently practicing in residential, kitchen and bath, and decorative markets.
UPCOMING EVENTS:

IDLCPA
Interior Design Legislative Coalition of Pennsylvania

**BIL L Blast-Off**
COME LEARN ABOUT THE SENATE BILL INTERIOR DESIGN REGISTRATION ACT

**TOWN HALL MEETINGS**
What does it mean? How does it effect me? How can I help?
Refreshments Provided!... And it's FREE!

- **JUNE**
  - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2013
  - CERAMICHE TILE & STONE
  - 510 S Main St
  - Pittsburgh, PA 15220
  - REGISTRATION: 5:30 pm
  - PROGRAM: 6:30 pm

- **JULY**
  - TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2013
  - CP GROUP
  - 535 Liberty Ave #202
  - Pittsburgh, PA 15222
  - REGISTRATION: 5:30 pm
  - PROGRAM: 6:00 pm

- **AUGUST**
  - THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 2013
  - EISAMAN CONTRACT
  - 4083 Liberty Ave
  - Pittsburgh, PA 15224
  - REGISTRATION: 5:30 pm
  - PROGRAM: 6:00 pm

RSVP TO: Angie Petcash - AngelaPetcash@oficemax.com or 724.742.4631

SAVE THE DATE

**OCTOBER 7th 2013**

**INTERIOR DESIGN DAY**

**THE CAPITOL HARRISBURG PA**

**ADVOCATE EDUCATE LEGISLATE**

SUPPORTING INTERIOR DESIGN PROFESSIONALS & STUDENTS
Masquerade-Putting the Mystery Back Into Pure
March 14th, 2013, Cavo Nightclub

Shrouded in mystery, over 220 guests made their way to new nightclub Cavo in the strip district for the annual Pure Party. An ASID and IIDA joint fundraiser in its seventh year, the Pure Party supplies funds for the IDLCPA. The Interior Design Legislative Coalition of Pennsylvania has a mission state of protecting the health, safety and welfare of people using public spaces and has a goal of enacting legislation which would allow for the licensing of interior designers who work on code based designs.

Interior designers, industry partners and students wore masks, makeup and fancy dress in support of the Masquerade theme. The attendees enjoyed the fine nibbles from Cavo restaurant, mugged for the photo booth and tried to guess who was who without looking at name tags. Participants fit right into the clubs décor of “ultra stylish bordello chic”.

Ever notice how many of the “TOP INTERIOR DESIGN FIRMS” are architecture firms?

It’s time to be recognized.
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Our silent auction donators:

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Artifacts
Coalesse
DL Couch
Forms and Surfaces
Heidi Von Updegraff/Woodstock
HON/Bulldog
KMA
Koroseal
Maharam
Mario Lemieux Foundation
Mt. Lebanon Office Furniture

Allegheny Plywood
Certified Carpet Distributor
CP Group
Flooring Solutions
George Mendel
Herman Miller
Humanscale
Kolano Design
Patcraft
Vangura
Wiesslines

Planning committee:
Beth Yocum
Jane Hallinan
Whitney Ponczak
Bernadine Leach
Kelsey Landis
Katie Nowak
Heidi Von Updegraff
And all the volunteers that helped out that night!

See you next year!