



NEWSLETTER: MAY 14, 2008 EDITION



**THANK YOU
MIKE LINDQUIST OF
HOME APPLIANCE CONTRACT SALES**

for hosting our May meeting at Island Lake County Park. Beautiful location and great food. Thanks again!

MEETING NOTES: MAY 2008

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General Counsel and Director of Legislative Affairs for NKBA

TITLE ACTS

- Regulates the use of a title such as "Interior Designer," "Certified Interior Designer," or "Registered Interior Designer."
- Does not prevent someone from offering interior design services.
- If a title act is passed by the State, only those certified can use the title.
- Why it's important to oppose title acts?:
 - allowing title acts to pass encourages practice acts to be introduced.
 - practice acts can and will affect NKBA members and other design professionals.

PRACTICE ACTS

- Prohibits any practice of interior design unless licensed
 - Kitchen/Bath design is considered interior design under the proposed legislation.
 - Violations of practice acts can result in jail time for some states. (Washington has no jail time). All violations have fines.
 - Violations can be the use of an interior design title or the practice, under the job description of an interior designer.
- Examples Per violation:
- Per business card/ advertisement/web page for a title violation.
 - Per job or consultation for practice violations.

• State violations:

- Massachusetts- \$500 fine and up to 3 months of jail time.
- Texas- \$5,000 violation fine
- Pennsylvania- \$10,000 violation fine
- Washington- \$1000 per violation and will go on record as a misdemeanor.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSE

• **Education**

- Bachelors degree:
 - CIDA-accredited interior design programs ONLY (54 CIDA schools nationwide, 13 states without CIDA programs)
 - Depending on route:
 - Minimum of 40 semester/60 quarter credit hours of interior design classes. (1 1/2 to 2 years of interior design courses)
 - Maximum of 120 semester/180 quarter credit hours of interior design classes. (4 to 6 years of interior design courses)

• **Evaluation (NCIDQ Exam)**

- Registration fee(three-section) \$720
- Conclusion, six years of combined education and interior design work experience before eligible for the NCIDQ exam.

• **Experience**

- Interior design work experience must be supervised by a NCIDQ Certificate holder, licensed/registered interior designer or an architect who offers interior design services.
- Must complete at least half interior design courses before starting work experience.
- Work experience (internship): depending on route
 - minimum- 3,520 hours (equal to 2 years of full-time work)
 - maximum- 7,040 hours (equal to 4 years of full-time work)

WHAT NKBA IS DOING

- Reviewing pending bills
- Chapter members feedback, "Grassroots"
- Networking w/ sister organizations (AIA, IDS, WAHB, NARI NFIB, BKBO, Institute for Justice)
- Contract lobbyist



Be Involved. Be Educated.

Leslie Jensen, CKMBD

Washington Professionals Protecting Design Freedom

- *Washington Professionals Protecting Design Freedom (WA-PPDF):*

*Protect the public - and their rights
Support design professionals
Alert Legislators*

- *WA-PPDF:*

Oppose House Bill 2895

- No danger to the public

- 2005 Washington State Department of Licensing conducted a Sunrise Review, determining that "the public can reasonably expect that an interior designer is a competent practitioner through certification, testing, and experience as required by professional associations." And also states, "There is no clear evidence that unregulated practice can harm or endanger the health, safety, or welfare of the citizens of the state."

- Danger to professional designers

- Under the HB 2895 definition of 'interior design' many design professionals will be in danger.

- In Washington state violators would be fined up to one thousand dollars per violation, and each day of that violation.

- *WA-PPDF, February 2008:*

- Bills that are dead for the session

HB 2895, HB 3223 and SB 6707

Contact Leslie Jensen for more information: leslie@signaturewoodworks.org

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- **Educate yourself on local interior design legislation.**
- **Talk to legislators about the impact interior design practice acts will have on your business.**
- **Be involved. Go to the hearings in Olympia, join WA-PPDF for Lobby Day or participate in town hall meetings.**

Additional Information/Links:

**www.nkba.com
www.capwiz.com/nkba
www.wa-ppdf.com**

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO:

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**CKMBD, WASHINGTON PROFESSIONALS PROTECTING
DESIGN FREEDOM**

FOR SPEAKING AT OUR MAY MEETING!

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NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, June 4th
Designed for Living
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- Air management solutions
- Ventilation products for various areas of the home
- Determining CFM requirements

Registration/Social hour 6:00 p.m. & Presentations 7:00 p.m.