

# Alabama Board for Registered Interior Designers

**Licensing and regulating qualified individuals to practice as Registered Interior Designers in the State of Alabama.**

## CONGRATULATIONS!

We'd like to recognize the following individuals for their accomplishments in becoming Alabama's latest Registered Interior Designers:

**Tara Blevins, Tuscaloosa**  
**Amy Felsman Brown, Daphne**  
**Whitney Brown, Birmingham**  
**Jennifer Bush, Tuscaloosa**  
**Amy Crawford, Tuscaloosa**  
**Connie Holcombe, Morris**  
**Rachelle Keen, Nashville, TN**  
**Stephanie McCaul, Huntsville**  
**Abby Owen, Huntsville**  
**Melissa Pierce, Dothan**  
**Jo Rabaut, Atlanta, GA**  
**Faeh Reese, Huntsville**  
**Mary Rooney, Birmingham**  
**Mallory Searcy, Montgomery**  
**Savannah Smith, Eufaula**  
**Jennifer Spahn, Hoover**  
**Stacey Jo Valentino, Owens Cross Roads**  
**Alison Wade, Tuscaloosa**



## Chairman's Message

Kristin Corley, IIDA, RID

I hope you are all well and busy with work this summer as construction in our region seems to be on the upswing. We encourage you to check out our website for contacts if you are looking to increase your staff with Registered Interior Designers or contact the CIDA accredited schools in our area for recent graduates - Auburn University, Samford University, University of Alabama and Virginia College.

Speaking of websites, we are looking to redesign and upgrade our site with more user friendly interfaces and information. If you have suggestions of what would be useful to you on the website, please email the office at [id.admin@idboard.alabama.gov](mailto:id.admin@idboard.alabama.gov). We'd love to get your input as we move forward on this project.

Legislative sessions in 2013 and 2014 were quiet for us which has given us the opportunity to begin projects such as visiting with CIDA students to promote Interior Designer Registration with our future peers, website upgrades, and creating an online renewal process for your convenience. We appreciate everyone who participated in our recent survey to give us feedback on how we can continue to serve you better.

Have a great rest of the summer



# Alabama Board for Registered Interior Designers 2013 | 2014

## Northern District Representative

**Richard Cable, ASID, RID**  
Huntsville, AL

## Central District Representative

**Kristin Corley, IIDA, RID**  
Board Chair  
Birmingham, AL

## Western District Representative

**Laura Harchelroad, RID**  
Hoover, AL

## Eastern District Representative

**Carla Hall, ASID, RID**  
Board Treasurer  
Montgomery, AL

## Southern District Representative

**January Corbin, ASID, RID**  
Mobile, AL

## Consumer Representative

**Anitra Henderson**  
Mobile, AL

## Educator Representative

**Shari Park-Gates, Ph.D., RID**  
Auburn, AL

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## **Anitra Henderson, Consumer Representative**

Anitra Henderson is the President of SMG & Associates. She has more than 15 years experience in the public relations and marketing industry with emphasis in the areas of healthcare, nonprofit, education, government entities and entertainment. A graduate of the University of South Alabama, she creates the need and educates the **client's target audience while also strategically creating awareness opportunities for the client's secondary audience.** She has implemented various tactics for corporations and not for profit organizations that include but not limited to: Mobile County Health Department, Bicentennial Commission of Mobile County, City of Prichard, Commonwealth National Bank and Sen. Vivian Davis Figures.



Henderson is deeply rooted in the mission of service. She has served on several boards including Mobile Symphony, Public Relations Council of Alabama-Mobile Chapter, Junior League of Mobile and Gulf Coast Association of Black Journalists. **Henderson's passion for her career and community keeps her as busy as loving her husband and three beautiful girls.** She is a wife, mother and PR aficionado.

# Introducing your new Board Members



## **Laura Harchelroad, Western District**

Laura possesses nearly 30 years of diverse experience providing interior design and program management services to clients and owners. She is currently a self-employed registered Interior Designer specializing in healthcare projects. For the prior 12 years, Laura was employed by a major Healthcare company to oversee the design and construction of healthcare facilities across the nation. This experience has given her a unique **perspective to see the project thru the owners' eyes and to better understand the project team dynamic of owner, architect and contractor.** Laura has been published in various trade magazines over **her career, most recently for the new Brookwood Women's Medical Center in Birmingham, Alabama.** She is a graduate of Auburn University Interior Design program in the School of Architecture. Laura looks forward to serving the design community as the Western District Chair. **Examples of Laura's work appears below.**



## ANNMARIE JACKSON, ASID, AAHID

AnnMarie Jackson received a BA degree in Interior Design from the University Wisconsin Stout. She earned her NCIDQ certificate in 1993 and is a professional member of ASID serving the society in numerous positions. In 2011 she obtained the American Academy of Healthcare Interior Design Certification. AAHID members are considered experts in the field of healthcare interior design.

AnnMarie Resided in Milwaukee for fifteen years and was an active member of the design community at the local and state level. She started her career working at Eppstein Uhen Architects focusing on commercial and corporate design. From there she moved on to HGA Architects for twelve years and managed the interior design segment. During her tenure she became a Vice President of the firm and began focusing specifically on healthcare design at the state and national level. She has become a noted healthcare interior design expert. AnnMarie has received several Wisconsin ASID design awards for her work including a national award for a community hospital in Houston Texas. Her work has been featured in national publications and she continues to speak at the national level on subject matter pertaining to the design industry. In 2005 AnnMarie was recruited by HKS Architects and she relocated to Dallas, Texas. As a vice president, she oversaw large scale healthcare projects such as the C.S. Mott Women's and Children's Hospitals at the University of Michigan located in Ann Arbor, Michigan. In 2006, AnnMarie formed AMI Design Inc. Her company worked with healthcare organizations and commercial clients across the country providing a full range of design services. AnnMarie was then recruited by Sherlock Smith & Adams joining the firm in March of 2011.

AnnMarie served as a Board member, Treasurer and President of the Wisconsin Chapter of ASID and served as the student / faculty liaison for the Texas north chapter. She has served on the national level as a member of the chapter support team and education advisory council. She has been a keynote speaker at several student career days and is an advocate for registration and our right to practice encouraging students and designers to obtain registration. In 2007 AnnMarie was recruited by ASID to lead STEP workshops across the country. The workshop provides training with the goal of providing participants useful tips and insight to pass the NCIDQ exam.



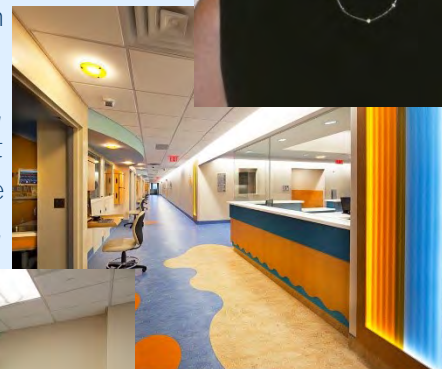
## DESIGNER Spotlight

## ALICE CUTRIGHT, ASID, RID, LEED AP

Alice Cutright, Director of Interior Design at TAG Architects, received her Bachelor of Arts degree in 1984 from the University of South Alabama. Mrs. Cutright joined TAG in 1996, bringing comprehensive, **in-house interior design services; she's responsible for performing complete interior design services ranging from space planning to construction documentation, including furniture and finish specifications.**

With her extensive experience with business interiors and healthcare design, including hospitals, clinics and related ancillary facilities, she has the distinct honor of having won 20 **consecutive Design Excellence Awards** from the Alabama Chapter of ASID. Having earned the designation of LEED ID+C, LEED principles are an intrinsic part of **Alice's approach to her designs.**

Alice is the VERY proud mother of Marine Military Police Canine Handler, who, in her spare time, enjoys running, yoga and boot camp classes.



# Student Spotlight



**JESSICA COBB**  
University of Alabama

Jessica, a senior from Boaz, is majoring in interior design and minoring in digital media. Upon graduation in May 2014, Jessica aspires to pursue a career in design within the architectural industry. Jessica says, *"my passion for design is inspired by my love for nature, traveling, and music."*

Last year, as a junior, Jessica served as Treasurer for the ASID chapter at the University of Alabama, she says the experience was invaluable! **"I am honored to say that I will be serving as both the ASID chapter President at the University of Alabama, as well as the ASID Student Representative to the Board from the state of Alabama during the coming school year." This year she is the Student Representative to the Board for ASID, representing all student members in the state.**

Jessica has received many scholarships and has been on the **President's List** multiple times. She is also a member of Phi Upsilon Omicron Honor Society. When not working on design projects, Jessica enjoys golf and running. When asked what her favorite type of design is her response was - **"I would ultimately like to focus on hospitality design (hotels, condos, casinos, etc.)."**



**BECKY LAWDER**  
Virginia College

Becky, the mother of two sons, is a 1997 graduate of Southern Institute School of Interior Design, and a current graduate with a **bachelor's degree.** Currently employed by Alabama Cabinet Company in Birmingham, Alabama, where she designs custom kitchens and baths for contractors and homeowners, Becky has designed several house plans scheduled for construction, and hopes to design many more in the near future.

Her plans for the future is to follow her dreams and passion for interior design by completing the NCIDQ, and becoming a registered interior designer. Once she has accomplished this she plans to take the exam to become a licensed contractor, and establish her own business. According to Becky, **"I feel that being able to accomplish this would help to show many other women in the field they can also accomplish their dreams"**.

When asked what she enjoys most about design, **"I would have to say being a part of a project from the beginning stages to the end. Being able to take a project from the first stages, concepts, to drawings, to building, finishes and completion is one of the most rewarding feelings and to know the client will enjoy the environment you have created just for them"**.



**JOHN DOYLE**  
Auburn University

I am a senior in Interior Design at Auburn University. Interiors and Architecture have always been a part of my upbringing. During the past two summers I have gained professional experience by interning for Gensler, and an environmental branding firm. These internships have guided my interest in Commercial Design and particularly a desire to work in the Hospitality industry.

I was exposed from a young age to the idiosyncrasies of Architecture, Design and Construction. My father worked in the Design Build industry for as long as I can remember. However, it wasn't until I began an **education at Auburn University's** Interior Design program that I realized the extent of my love for Interior Design. Moving from the suburbs of Denver, CO, I started Auburn as an art student, toying with the idea of graphic design. It was these early years of college that clarified my desire to direct my thoughts on art and design towards the built environment. I am constantly inspired by interaction with space, form, color, and light and the influence they have on life. My experience at Auburn has prepared me with essential knowledge, skill and confidence, while challenging me to pursue even further involvement in design innovation.



# Election, Selection, OR Chosen...

By: Bryant Williams,  
Executive Director

*Members of the Alabama Board for Registered Interior Designers...do you know who they are, or how they came to sit on the state's interior design regulatory board? Are they chosen from some kind of interior design "secretarial pool"? Or is it their penance for some dark deed in their past? Actually, they are seven devoted and passionate individuals who consider it an honor to serve our profession.*

**"Who" they are, "where" they come from, and "how" they got there** is established in the Alabama Interior Design Registration Act of 2010. The makeup of Board, always comprised of 7 members, must follow certain guidelines:

- 5 members must be registered interior designers representing the district in which they live;
- 1 member must be a registered interior designer who is a professional educator at a university with an interior design program;
- 1 consumer member with no ties to the interior design field.

One may imagine the process of becoming a Board member is tedious, but that is the farthest thing from the truth. If for some reason you want **to be confused, you could simply read the actual law..."laws are written so plainly, and are easily understood" said no one ever.** But, if you're anything like me you just want the basics, no thou's, shall's, or whereas's, and you want it in a format that's easy & quick to follow. So, please allow me to give it to you straight up, and in the way I find easiest to understand...bullet points:

- ❖ **When a board members' term nears expiration, the district they represent holds a meeting to select at least 2 nominees they would like to submit for consideration to fill the seat. The district then forwards the names and information about their nominees to the Statewide Nominating Committee.**
- ❖ **The Statewide Nominating Committee (consisting of one representative from each of the 5 districts) reviews the proposed nominees, and if approved, forwards the nominee's to the Governor's office.**
- ❖ **The Governor reviews the nominees, and makes a decision on whom to appoint.**
- ❖ **Nominations for the Educator and Consumer members of the Board are selected by the Statewide Nominating Committee through recommendations from any district or registered interior designer. The nominees for these two seats are also sent to the Governor for consideration. (The Governor may chose to appoint one of the Statewide Nominating Committee's nominees, or he may appointment someone else of his choosing.)**

**Yes, it's just that simple. Remember, the board members come from your ranks, chosen by you, and represent you.** They receive no compensation for their efforts, and have accepted the position just because they care. Most find their time on the board to be rewarding, and are thankful they decided to accept the challenge. If you would like to be considered for a seat on the Board, come to the next district meeting and submit your name for consideration. To find out when your **district representative to the Board's term expires, when the next district meeting will be held, or what district you are in, feel free to contact the Board office at [id.admin@idboard.alabama.gov](mailto:id.admin@idboard.alabama.gov).**



AIDC is an advocacy group that serves to protect the future of our profession. Hiring a Registered Interior Designer is very important to many potential clients. Maybe you don't stamp your own work, but think of the future of our profession and the opportunities current students will have that were previously unavailable. AIDC depends upon each and every member for financial and grass roots support. Being a member of AIDC is your contribution to helping advance our profession. PLEASE JOIN TODAY!

As an all volunteer "not for profit" organization, founded in 1995, AIDC serves to protect the public and ensure the right to practice for Registered Interior Designers. Members include practicing professionals from design organizations, unaffiliated independent designers, allied industries, educational members such as faculty teaching in interior design programs, and design students. Being a professional member allows you the right to vote on important decisions regarding our law or proposed language changes. Each year introduces us to new challenges and AIDC strives to keep everyone up to date on the latest changes.

Participation in the Political Process is an on-going, year round business necessity. It is imperative that we maintain a very visible and vocal presence in Montgomery to safeguard what we have earned to continue to move our profession forward.

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Each course/event is .1 unit unless noted otherwise.  
All courses are IDCEC approved unless otherwise indicate.

## CALENDAR Of Events

DATE	COURSE/EVENT, SPONSOR	LOCATION	COMMENTS
<b>JULY</b>			
<b>23</b>	IIDA AL Annual Meeting		For more information visit <a href="http://www.iida-al.org">www.iida-al.org</a> .
<b>25</b>	Meeting—Alabama Board for Registered Interior Designers	Montgomery	Room 325 of the State House Beginning at 11:00 am.
<b>AUGUST</b>			
<b>1-3</b>	NCIDQ Exam Prep Course	Birmingham	For more information click <a href="#">HERE</a> , or go to <a href="http://asidalabama.org/news-events/">http://asidalabama.org/news-events/</a> .
<b>5</b>	2 CEU's; 1/General HSW, 1/Codes & Standards	Huntsville	For more information click <a href="#">HERE</a> , or go to <a href="http://asidalabama.org/news-events/">http://asidalabama.org/news-events/</a> .
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			
<b>12-13</b>	<i>ASID Alabama State Conference</i>	Rosewood Hall at SoHo Square, Homewood, AL	11 hours of CEU's. More information coming soon to <a href="http://asidalabama.org/news-events/">http://asidalabama.org/news-events/</a> .
<b>24-25</b>	7 CEU's	Marriott Grand Hotel Point Clear, AL	For more information contact Jennifer Martindale at <a href="mailto:jmartindale@bpitem.com">jmartindale@bpitem.com</a> .