

The group formerly known as the Intern Development Program Coordinating Committee has a new name: the Intern Development Program Advisory Committee. Although subtle, the change signifies a more accurate representation of the committee's work and purpose.

A New Twist on IDPCC



When *Direct Connection* last checked in with the Intern Development Program Coordinating Committee (IDPCC) in fiscal year 2005-2006, its members were evaluating the 37 Intern Development Program elements. Their work culminated in the identification of “an essential few” that would serve as action items for the committee’s review.

Now known as the Intern Development Program Advisory Committee (IDPAC), the group initially focused on three program elements: the NCARB national office; the role of the mentor; and the IDP Core Competencies. Their recommendations about these matters will be presented to the IDP Committee for referral to the NCARB Board of Directors.

AN EMPHASIS ON MUTUAL INTEREST AND INCLUSION

In order to understand the integral role IDPAC plays within the Intern Development Program, it is important to note the group’s history. IDPCC, was organized by NCARB and the AIA in the mid-1970s with a fundamental goal in

mind: “to bring representatives of the appropriate architectural stakeholder organizations together to discuss issues of mutual interest and concern regarding the Intern Development Program.”

NCARB and the AIA serve as the primary leaders of IDPAC based on their respective roles within the Intern Development Program. (Each organization is represented by a committee co-chair, and each hosts one of the two yearly IDPAC meetings.) Broadly speaking, the AIA’s role in IDP is “to develop and provide supplementary education resources for [emerging professionals,] and to organize and maintain an advisory system in jurisdictions where IDP is optional.” Concurrently, NCARB details, interprets, and enforces the IDP training standard.

Along with NCARB and the AIA, the inclusive committee also has representatives from the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA), the American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS), and the Society

for Design Administration (SDA). Two current emerging professionals, an AIA component executive representing the Institute’s Committee of Architectural Component Executives (CACE), and an NCARB Member Board Executive round out the group.

A TANGIBLE LEGACY

Any changes recommended by IDPAC that affect the IDP training standard are rigorously reviewed by two NCARB committees—the Committee on the Intern Development Program and the Procedures & Documents Committee. IDPAC recommendations are presented to the IDP Committee and then the NCARB Board of Directors for endorsement. If supported by the Council Board, the recommendations make their way to NCARB’s Annual Meeting as resolutions to be considered by the 54 U.S. registration boards.

Given the approval process, and the fact that the IDPAC only acts in an “advisory” capacity to NCARB and the AIA, people might wonder how many IDPAC recommendations are actu-



ally implemented by NCARB. Every recommendation made from 1975 to date has been reviewed, and during that time period **93 percent** of the IDPAC's recommendations to NCARB for changes to the IDP criteria have been adopted by the Council. To paraphrase an old E. F. Hutton commercial, when the IDP Advisory Committee speaks, NCARB listens.

LOOKING AHEAD

Given IDPAC's enviable track record, it is no surprise that IDP stakeholder organizations are eager to hear from the group. IDPAC members are busy finalizing recommendations based on FY06 committee work; and, as noted above, these recommendations will be shared with the NCARB Board of Directors in late June 2007. This information also will be distributed to the AIA, ACSA, AIAS, and SDA Boards.

And not to rest on their well-earned laurels, IDPAC is currently evaluating the IDP Outstanding Firm Award; conducting a review of the AIA national office (an endeavor

similar to that focused on the NCARB national office); reviewing and drafting recommendations for IDP's supervisor and direct supervision requirements; and evaluating the roles of IDP state coordinators and IDP educator coordinators.

For more than 30 years, IDPAC has represented the interests of IDP stakeholders by building an advisory presence that has positively influenced the scope and direction of the Intern Development Program. This work continues to date, thanks to the sustained efforts of IDPAC members. **DC**

IDPAC Membership Breakdown

Along with representatives from NCARB and the AIA (three from each organization), the Intern Development Program Advisory Committee also comprises

- two current emerging professionals,
- one representative from the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture (ACSA),
- one representative from the American Institute of Architecture Students (AIAS),
- one representative from the AIA's Committee of Architectural Component Executives (CACE),
- one NCARB Member Board Executives, and
- one representative from the Society of Design Administration (SDA).

Co-chairs of the 2006-2007 IDPAC are Scott C. Veazey, AIA, NCARB's Region 4 director, and George Miller, FAIA. Kenneth Schwartz, FAIA, the current chair of the Council's Committee on the Intern Development Program, also is a member of IDPAC.