

December 2019

A message from the President



Dear fellow certificants, industry partners and colleagues,

As I write my last message to you as the AAHID President, I am filled with gratitude to everyone for your support. It's been a privilege to serve alongside my fellow board members as we continue an exciting journey that started in 2004. It has also been my pleasure to collaborate with our industry partners who have been instrumental in driving the AAHID mission forward. And, I am more than thrilled to build on the momentum of this past year as I transition to my new role as the immediate past president on the 2020 AAHID board.

Summing up 2019 in just a few words — it was a year of milestones. AAHID celebrated its fifteen-year anniversary. Changes were implemented to the application and exam process easing the eligibility requirements and creating a better “user” experience. Exam applications were at an all-time high. And, CHIDs engaged in a number of featured educational events. Value and visibility continue to drive AAHID’s strategic growth priority.

Fifteen years ago, our Founders had a vision to distinguish interior designers who practice in the healthcare space by providing a certification which would recognize their expertise through an achieved level of competency, education and knowledge. Since its inception, AAHID boards have been committed to promoting the value that certification brings to meeting the challenges of the healthcare environment. Today, over 160 professionals have earned the CHID certification, and with a record number of candidates who sat for this year’s CHID exam, AAHID is poised for historic growth. Outreach from our Founders, industry partners and certificants has helped fuel this growth.

I am happy that I have had the opportunity to serve and be part of this journey. As we look forward to the next fifteen years and beyond, together we will continue to advance the high standards and values that set us apart.

In closing, I would like to wish you and your families much joy, happiness and good health this holiday season and always.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Libby Laguta". The signature is written in a dark ink on a white background.

Libby Laguta, CHID, EDAC, ACHE
President, AAHID