

President's Message



Dear Fellow CHID Certificants, Industry Partners and Colleagues,

Reflecting on the past year and my tenure as AAHID President, I am filled with gratitude for the healthcare interior design community. Although this year has brought unforeseen challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic, I have taken pride in watching fellow CHIDs, Industry Partners, and colleagues navigate these uncertain times with creativity, determination and grace. It has been a pleasure to

serve alongside the 2020 AAHID Board and continue to advance AAHID.

For over 15 years, AAHID's mission has been to certify interior designers qualified by education, examination, training and experience to provide interior design services to the healthcare industry. In 2020, the value of the CHID credential is most certainly evident. Given the current climate, CHIDs have increasingly been called upon to share our expertise in designing safe spaces both within the healthcare industry and beyond.

Though we were not able to gather in person, I was grateful to connect virtually with many of you on a variety of occasions. Our community of over 275 CHIDs and nearly 40 Industry Partners remains strong! In November, AAHID hosted the Shake It Up! Reception during Healthcare Design Virtual. This was an opportunity for CHIDs and Industry Partners to come together, network and celebrate the healthcare design community—and we did just that! It was also the perfect occasion to reflect on AAHID's annual accomplishments. AAHID hosted two Founders' calls, a new CHID orientation call, Industry Partner Advisory Council calls, completed a successful online examination cycle, welcomed 32 new CHIDs, and celebrated breakthrough outcomes with the Durable Coated Fabrics Task Group. I cannot thank you all enough for your collaboration and commitment to AAHID!

As we close out the year, I'm looking forward to continued collaboration in 2021 when I take on my new role, Immediate Past-President of the AAHID Board. I wish you and your families an abundance of joy, safety, and health this holiday season and always!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carol Doering". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Carol" being more prominent.

Carol Doering, CHID, IIDA, LEED AP
2020 President, AAHID