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**LEGISLATION: "BABY STEPS"**

The first Town Hall meeting was held at Marylhurst University on April 25<sup>th</sup>. It began with introductions, followed by meeting guidelines presented by Eileen Mejia, who stressed the importance of speaking from a personal standpoint. Kelcey Beardsley facilitated the balance of the two-hour meeting. Two topics were discussed openly:

- ? What do we have in common as practitioners of Interior Design?
- ? With potential legislation about interior design practice:
  1. What are the potential worries you might have?
  2. What are the possible benefits you might want?

Notes from the Town Hall meeting will be available at the membership meetings in May and June. I will be happy to send the notes by e-mail, if you will send me a request ([diane@dp-design.com](mailto:diane@dp-design.com)).

A follow-up three-hour Town Hall meeting is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, and a six-hour meeting is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>. I have requested information from Eileen Mejia, so our members can get CEU credits for this meeting. We are researching alternative venues, and will send a broadcast e-mail with specific information at least two weeks in advance of the meetings.

As Vice-President of Government Affairs for the Columbia River Chapter, I want to effectively represent NKBA and everyone in our chapter. To achieve this lofty goal, I need concise, honest feedback from you about your feelings concerning legislation. Please e-mail your comments to [diane@dp-design.com](mailto:diane@dp-design.com), or call me at 503-761-7294.

The immediate goal is to explore how designers can collaborate in a manner that will benefit everyone, to discover what the possibilities might be. *None of us is in a position to pursue legislation at this time.* However, in order to understand our options, we must learn about legislation and the legislative process, to make informed decisions about the future of our profession.