



iDCCEC

INTERNATIONAL DESIGN
CONTINUING EDUCATION COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT 2026



OPENING REMARKS FROM OUR

PRESIDENT

Joseph Pettipas

I am Joe Pettipas, the current sitting president of IDCEC, and it is a privilege to welcome you all on behalf of the Board of Directors, our CEO, Brynell D’Mello, and the dedicated IDCEC team to the 2026 Annual General Meeting. During our time together today, we will highlight the major achievements and initiatives from the past year that have strengthened our mission and core values.

This past year, we have continued to expand our global presence. We’re actively engaged with professional organizations in regions without an established registry for continuing education in the design field, including the UK and several African nations. We’re fostering meaningful collaborations and opening new opportunities for the interior design profession, as well as exciting diversity and continuing education content to reflect these new relationships. These efforts reinforce our commitment to accessibility, professional development, and international knowledge sharing.

Additionally, we have continued to prioritize technology enhancements to ensure our systems remain not only efficient and user-friendly, but also secure. We have entered into an agreement with a new vendor to host IDCEC’s platform, and the transition has been seamless. Maintaining a strong, reliable, and protected digital infrastructure is essential as we continue to serve our expanding global audience.

A key focus over this year and in recent years has been IDCEC’s Business Development Strategy. By building and nurturing partnerships, we aim to extend our reach and enhance the quality of continuing education in the design industry. We are eager to work with industry leaders and organizations that share our vision, fostering innovation and professional growth. Before we begin, I want to express my gratitude to our former board members and past president, Christine Webber, for their contributions in steering IDCEC’s ongoing progress.

Alongside my fellow board colleagues and our exceptional CEO, we remain dedicated to advancing IDCEC’s mission and creating more opportunities for collaboration across the design industry worldwide.



Joanna Tiffin
Treasurer



Joseph Pettipas
President



Kendra Ordia
President-Elect



Brynell D'Mello
Chief Executive Officer



Roby Isaac
Director



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Director



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Director

BOARD OF
DIRECTORS



FINANCIAL UPDATE

JEREMY ROBERTS

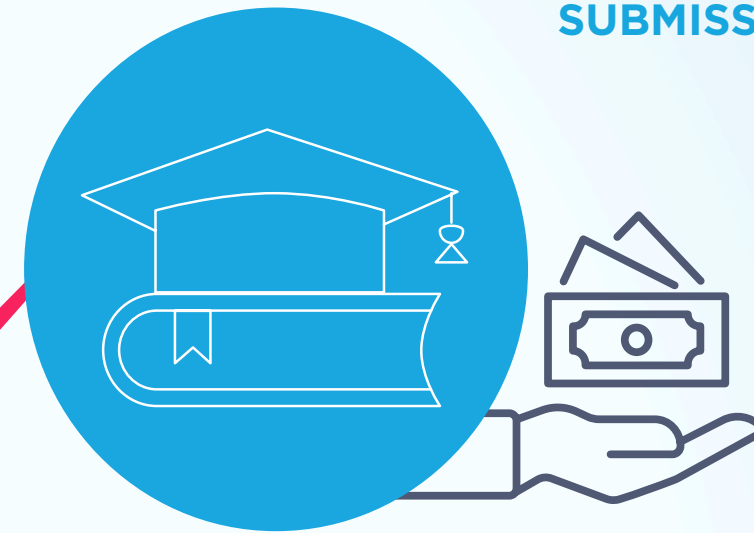
REVENUE 2025

2%



CONFERENCE REVENUE

Revenues were higher in 2025 for all revenue streams except conference revenues, which dipped by 2%.



COURSE SUBMISSION FEES

11%



Course submission fees were up 11%.

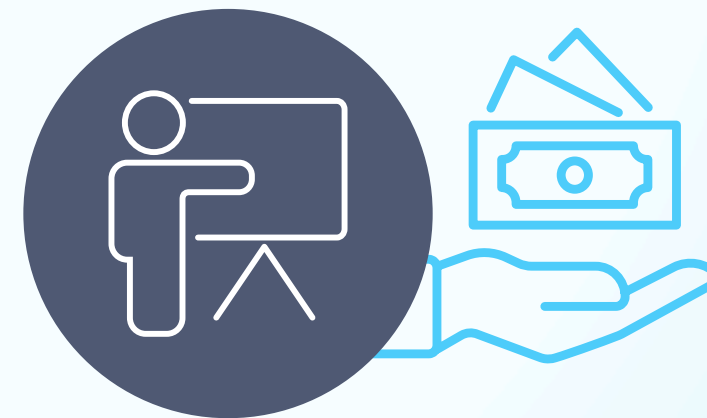


CLASS CODE FEES

2%



Class-code fees were also higher by 2%.



ANNUAL COURSE PROVIDER FEES

16%



Annual Course provider fees were 16% higher.

TOTAL REVENUE



*Total revenue was 1,461,098 dollars. There was an increase of 112,698 dollars,

8.4%
INCREASE
FROM 2024

2026

which is a 8.4% increase in revenues from 2024. The outlook for 2025 looks positive if this trend continues.

TOTAL EXPENSES
\$1,017,981

24% **HIGHER**
THAN 2024

BY
\$195,806

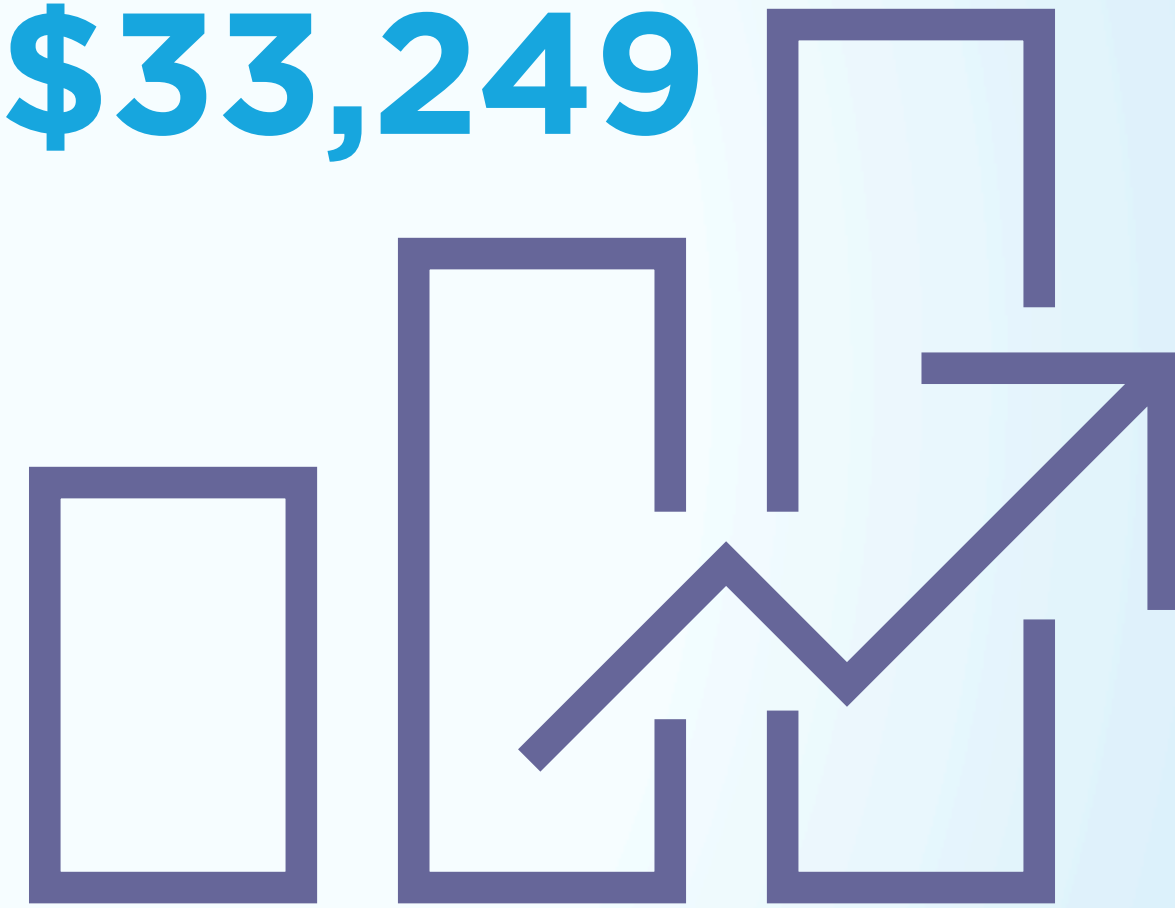
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER REVENUE

2025
\$443,117 ↑

↓ **DECREASE OF**
\$83,108

2024
\$526,225 ↓

INVESTMENTS PURCHASED



*IDCEC purchased investments of \$33,249.



No new equipment was purchased in 2025.

END OF YEAR CASH
\$1,292,837



INCREASE
\$298,315

*Cash at the end of the year was 1,292,837 dollars.
This was an increase of 298,315 dollars.

Our strategy was to hold on to the cash to make sure we were prepared for any emergency. A strong cash position will keep us in good standing and enable IDCEC to weather any financial uncertainty in the market or the economy.



NET ASSETS
\$3,015,177



Our financial position is very healthy.
*Net Assets at the end of the year amounted to 3,015,177 dollars.

EXCESS REVENUES
\$443,117

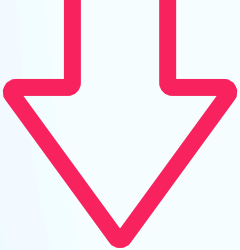


*Excess of revenues over expenses for the year, was 443,117

CAPITAL ASSETS

\$17,567

At the end of 2025, accumulated amortization for Capital assets was 17,567 dollars.

OVER  **3 YEARS**



OVER  **5 YEARS**

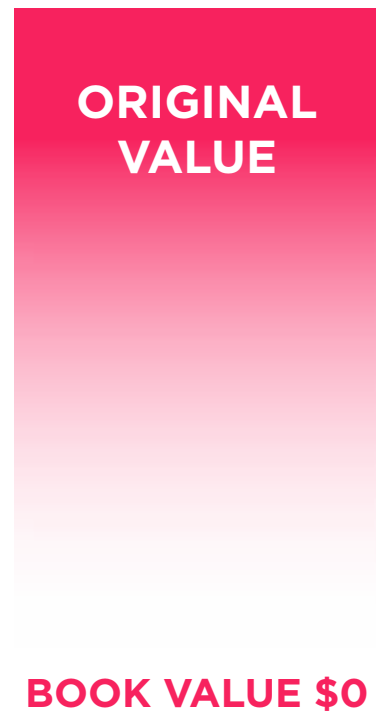


Computer, audio-visual, and telecommunications equipment is depreciated over 3 years; furniture and other equipment over 5 years. All furniture and office equipment are now fully amortized.

INTANGIBLE ASSETS

\$356,785

Accumulated Amortization



*Accumulated amortization for intangible assets was 356,785 dollars. Intangible assets are now fully amortized.

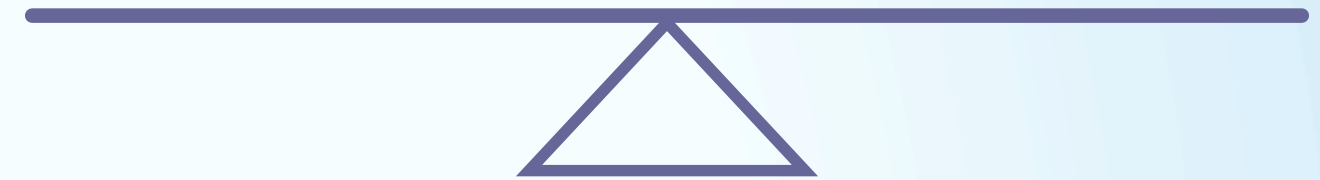
INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO



Risk Control



Investment Returns



IDCEC's investment policy states that investments are made to control investment risk while striving to optimize investment returns.

PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT



Fully Managed by:
Nesbitt Burns



Portfolio Type:
Conservative Strategy

IDCEC's investment portfolio is fully managed by Nesbitt Burns and is a conservative portfolio.

INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO VALUE

\$1,697,959



Market Value (END OF 2025)

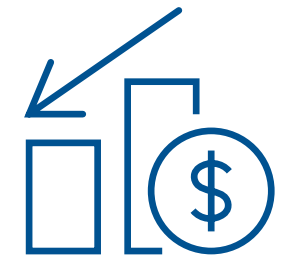
*The market value of IDCEC's investments at the end of 2024 was \$1,697,959 dollars.

INVESTMENT INCOME



\$178,883

Income from Investments in 2025



Down Slightly from 2024

Although our investment policy is very conservative, we made \$178,883 in income from investments in 2025, down slightly from 2024.

For the next two years, IDCEC will continue to build up reserves for future enhancements and expenses. The goal is to ensure that we are always ready to meet unforeseen circumstances with a proactive strategy.



BUILDING RESERVES

PROACTIVE FINANCIAL STRATEGY



STATEMENT OF INVESTMENTS

*As you can see, IDCEC's strategy has been one of conservative corporate governance and steady building of cash flow to prepare for unpredictable market conditions.



CONSERVATIVE
CORPORATE
GOVERNANCE



STEADY BUILDING
OF CASH

BUILDING OF CASH FLOW TO PREPARE FOR UNPREDICTABLE MARKET CONDITIONS.



KENDRA ORDIA

It is the mission of IDCEC to serve as the premier advocate for continuing education in the advancement of the design profession and to inspire and guide providers of continuing education programs to deliver high-quality, lifelong learning activities for design practitioners globally.

In 2025 IDCEC moved to implement a business development plan and focus on expanding registry services and bringing continuing education to locations outside North America.



They were open to discussions about bringing quality education approved by IDCEC and the possibility of adopting the continuing education registry services in the future. Although these organizations are at different stages in developing policy surrounding continuing education and professional development, they were all unanimous in their approach to developing an infrastructure to bring value to the designers they serve. IDCEC plays an integral role in bringing this goal to fruition.



Three Board members attended the African Design Week in Kenya. The Kenya School of Interior Design hosted the event. We attended the graduate ceremony, and we met some Kenyan government dignitaries on the day of graduation.

We also had discussions on the future of African design from representatives of the various associations in Uganda, Cameroon, South Africa, Tunisia and Design For All Europe.

The trip was a productive one, and the opportunity to meet in person and have meaningful conversations to promote IDCEC was valuable. We continued with the dialogue and now have signed memorandums of agreement with the Interior Designers of Nigeria (IDAN), Interior Design Association of Kenya (IDAK). IDCEC will serve their members with supporting CEU development and registry services.

We are in discussion with the Interior Design Association of Uganda (IDAU) to bring registry services and professional development courses to their designers.



IDCEC signed an agreement to work with the British Institute of Interior Design (BIID). They accept IDCEC-approved education and recognize the IDCEC transcript for tracking of CEUs. Approved CEU Providers can collaborate with BIID to bring quality CEUs to the UK market.

We are also in the process of finalizing an agreement with the International Furnishing and Design Association (IFDA) for registry services to their design members, and to encourage the development of new design education from furnishing manufacturers and dealers.

Our global outreach consultant has reached out to several associations and is working to arrange a dialogue with them. On her recommendation, we have also introduced a pilot on LinkedIn to engage more actively with the public and enhance the IDCEC brand.

Engaging in conversations and educating organizations that IDCEC brings substantial value for their members with registry services and professional development is the main focus of our efforts.

We have also sponsored events at NeoCon and High Point Market this year to engage with international attendees with a focus group and reception to invite meaningful discourse.



STATISTICAL DATA



DATA



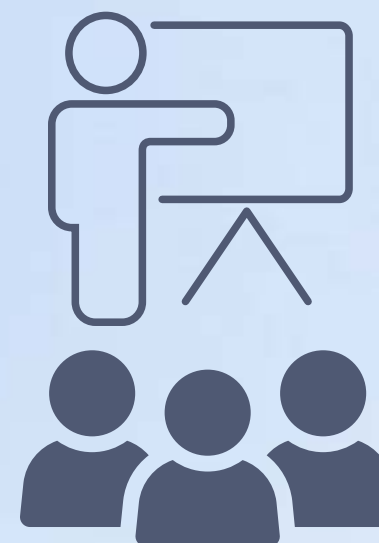
IN 2025
THE AVERAGE NUMBER
3492
ACTIVE APPROVED COURSES

This figure only includes ongoing offerings and excludes seminars offered at conferences and one-time offerings.

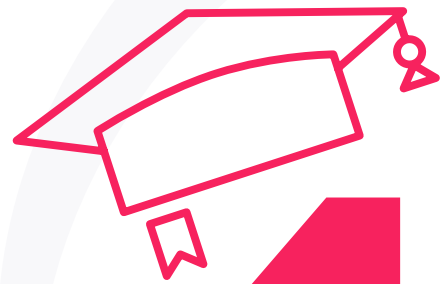
IN 2025
46
CONFERENCES



were approved, each with multiple seminars.



 **IN 2025**
9104
CLASSES WERE OFFERED



465

COURSES WERE RENEWED

by providers.



IN 2025

676

COURSE PROVIDERS

27

ACTIVE CONFERENCE PROVIDERS



FEE INCREASE

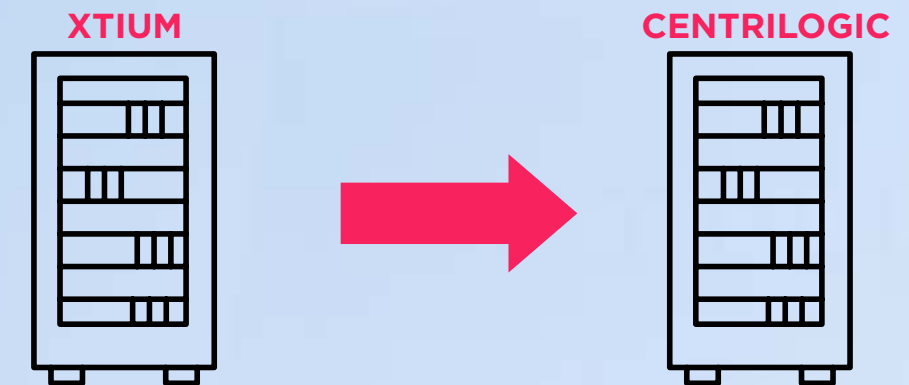
2025

The Board unanimously voted in favor of a fee increase.
There was a small fee increase in 2025 to cover rising operational costs.

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE



INFRASTRUCTURE MIGRATION



The objective of this engagement was to migrate IDCEC's existing infrastructure from Xtium to Centrilogic. The switchover of service providers will cut costs in the long run and ensure that the services are not compromised.

PHASED MIGRATION APPROACH



The migration will be performed using a phased, low-risk approach designed to maintain service continuity and minimize downtime. IDCEC will control which systems are replicated and the sequence of migration activities.

After replication is validated, a planned cutover will activate workloads in the target environment. Following stabilization, a subsequent phase will migrate workloads to, where existing network and security configurations will be re-established and external IP updates applied as required.

Post-migration validation and support will ensure systems are fully operational and aligned with project objectives. This project will be completed in March 2026.



**COMPLETION:
MARCH 2026**



FINANCIAL STABILITY

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IDCEC has enjoyed strong financial stability in 2025. This will enable us to strengthen our strategy to enter global markets. We will continue to build our partnerships and actively engage our stakeholders. The Board ensures that good corporate governance is maintained, and customer services are held to the highest standards. 2025 has been an exciting year, and we look forward to 2026 because IDCEC is well-positioned to serve and collaborate with organizations globally.



**ENGAGING
STAKEHOLDERS**



**BUILDING
PARTNERSHIPS**



**TOP-QUALITY
CUSTOMER SERVICE**



**STRONG
CORPORATE
GOVERNANCE**



CLOSING REMARKS FROM OUR

PRESIDENT

Joseph Pettipas

IDCEC's continued success is made possible by the leadership of our core organizations and the commitment of all of our exceptional staff. Their professionalism, diligence, and attention to detail do not go unnoticed, and we sincerely thank them for their contributions. Our content reviewers play a vital role in ensuring the quality and relevance of IDCEC's educational offerings. Their dedication enables us to support the ever-evolving needs of the design professional, while maintaining the high standards that define IDCEC's reputation.

We deeply appreciate their hard work and expertise. I also want to acknowledge the many individuals and organizations that champion IDCEC's mission year after year. For the past 13 years, your support has been instrumental in driving our success. A special thanks to our course and conference providers, whose efforts are integral to the impact we make in the industry. Looking ahead, we remain dedicated to delivering outstanding services to our clients across North America and beyond.

Our focus on continuous improvement drives us to refine our educational offerings, enhance our digital platforms, and cultivate valuable new partnerships that align with our vision. On behalf of the entire IDCEC board, thank you for your ongoing trust and support. We are excited for the opportunities ahead and look forward to another year of growth, collaboration, and positive impact on the design community.

Thank you all!



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YOUR **PARTNER**
PARTNER IN LIFELONG
LEARNING