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Minutes of the “Special Membership Meeting” of the Ontario Association of Home Inspectors (OAH), held at the Best Western Hotel, 5825 Dixie Road, Mississauga, on Tuesday, November 25, 2003.

Preamble: There have been significant changes in the availability of professional liability insurance for members of OAH. The purpose of the Special Meeting was to allow the membership to vote on proposed By-law changes that would allow inspectors without insurance to remain members in good standing if they made their clients aware of their situation by way of a signed declaration.

President Andrew Dixon called the meeting to order.

There were a number of questions about the proposed changes. A major concern seemed to be the continued status of RHI’s within the new By-law changes. Discussion ensued.

The number of RHI members eligible to vote was 220. There must be 40% of them or 88 members represented in person or by proxy for a vote to take place. This criteria was determined to be met and the vote was called by Secretary George Webb.

Two thirds of the members represented must approve a by law change. 64 votes of an eligible 96 were needed to pass the By-law revision. The vote was 65 for the revision, 29 against with 2 abstentions. The By-law revision passed.

OAH will inform the general public and the real estate industry of the revised insurance requirement of the By-law by means of a press release.

There was some discussion about how we could handle these votes in future. There was a general consensus that the membership would support the idea of electronic voting to facilitate these sort of by law changes perhaps enabling a broader base of voters.

There was discussion about the need to clarify insurance qualifications; this concern will be forwarded to the Insurance Committee.

Questions were raised about how members can activate a process of change, i.e., how many members need to petition for by law changes? The By-law was referenced and the above process reiterated.

Adjournment moved by Graham Clarke seconded by Harry Jansen. Passed.

As recorded by George Webb, RHI – Secretary