



ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF HOME INSPECTORS

Established by the Ontario Association of Home Inspectors Act, 1994

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NEWS & UPDATES

December 2004

1. HAPPY 10TH BIRTHDAY OAH!

In 1987, a group of 15 home inspectors from Ontario formed the Ontario Association of Home Inspectors (OAH). The OAH operated as a chapter of the American Society of Home Inspectors (ASHI) until 1994.

On December 9th, 1994, the Ontario Association of Home Inspectors Act received royal assent. Receiving government recognition allowed the OAH to become a self-regulating professional body enabling it to define qualifications and performance requirements and the exclusive right to grant the designation Registered Home Inspector (RHI). Since 1994, our Association has grown from a total of 83 members to 756 members today, which is the largest provincial home inspector Association in Canada.

Throughout the years there have been numerous members who have volunteered and dedicated countless hours in managing and maintaining the many components required to operate the Association on a day-to-day basis. Much appreciation is extended to them along with other members of the Association, various community officials, and representatives from other related organizations. All of these people have contributed to the continued growth and success of the OAH.

In recognition of thanking all past and present members of the Association, the following is a list of members who have held the honoured position of President of the OAH from 1987 to current:

September 1987 - September 1989	- Terry Carson
September 1989 - September 1991	- Jeff Clarke
September 1991 - November 1993	- Alan Carson
November 1993 - May 2000	- Harry Janssen
May 2000 - March 2002	- Robin Green
March 2002 - March 2003	- Graham Clarke
March 2003 - April 2004	- Andrew Dixon
April 2004 - Current	- Alrek Meipoom

CONGRATULATIONS OAH
AND
BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS!!!

2. SEASON'S GREETINGS

The OAH staff would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones all the best throughout the holidays and into the new year. We look forward to working with you as you benefit from your experiences of 2004. Enjoy the holiday season and resolve to make 2005 your best year yet!

3. BOARD OF DIRECTORS - SELF-NOMINATIONS

Elections take place at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) scheduled on Friday, February 25, 2005 at 8:00 pm., at the Best Western Lamplighter Inn, 591 Wellington Rd., London, Ontario. Any RHI member seeking election to the board by way of self-nomination, must submit a written notice including a brief statement of experience and description of platform, on or before January 11, 2005 (45 days prior to the annual meeting, as per By-law 6(a), addressed to the Secretary of the OAH.

4. REMINDER-2005 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS & MEMBER PROFILE

(NOTE: For those members who are not required to renew at this time of the year, please disregard the membership renewal information below.)

Renewal applications (including annual dues) and attachments **MUST** be submitted to the OAH office by January 2, 2005. All applications must be sent by mail only. Do not send them by fax or email.

All members have been sent their username and password for access to the Member Section of the OAH website. It is each member's responsibility to maintain their member profile (name, address, etc.) on an ongoing basis. Please make sure your information is up-to-date and accurate. Of particular note, please provide your salutations and Regional Meeting Group. If you are listed on the "Find a Home Inspector" section of the OAH website, please check off only the information you wish to have displayed to the general public. Especially important are telephone/fax numbers and email addresses.

5. MONTHLY REGIONAL MEETING GROUPS

The 6 regional meeting groups are posted on the website and updated monthly. As stated in #1 above each Regional Meeting Group needs to know which members are in their group. It is very important to input this information on your member profile.

6. 2005 WINTER WORKSHOP - LONDON - FEBRUARY 25 & 26, 2005

Mark your calendar for the 2005 Winter Workshop, which will be held on February 25/26, 2005, at the Best Western Lamplighter Inn, 591 Wellington Rd., London, Ontario. Several events are planned for this two-day affair. The 2005 Annual General Meeting will also be held on February 25, 2005 (at 8:00 p.m.), at the same location.

7. OAH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - LONDON - FRIDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2005

Mark your calendar for the 2005 Annual General Meeting, which will be held on Friday February 25, 2005 at 8:00 pm., at the Best Western Lamplighter Inn, 591 Wellington Rd., London, Ontario. Detailed information about the 2005 OAH AGM will be forthcoming.

8. UPGRADING YOUR MEMBERSHIP STATUS

If you want to upgrade your current status, you must contact the OAH office so we can check your file and advise you what documents and fees may be needed.

9. REGISTERING FOR OAH COURSES

We recommend that you register for OAH courses months in advance. Course Registration Forms are available by contacting the OAH office by telephone, email, fax or mail. Please Note: The confirmation of registration and class placements will be sent by email unless one is not provided and it will be sent out by mail. Please acknowledge receipt of the confirmation by return email or call the OAH office.

10. DEFECT RECOGNITION & REPORTING COURSE - 2004 / 2005

These are 4-day courses (held on 2 weekends)

Please review the dates and locations below. If you have any further questions, please contact the OAH office. Please note that the Training Centre is not staffed

TORONTO: January 8/9 and January 22/23, 2005 **CLASS FULL**
2005 OAH Training Centre, 1515 Matheson Blvd. E., #207, Mississauga

TORONTO: March 5/6 and March 19/20, 2005
2005 Best Western Toronto Airport Hotel, 5825 Dixie Rd., Mississauga

OTTAWA: January 22/23 and February 5/6, 2005
2005 Algonquin College, 1385 Woodroffe Ave., Ottawa

Course Fees: OAH Members - \$395.90 (\$370.00 + GST)
Non-Members - \$529.65 (\$495.00 + GST)

CD-ROM: An optional interactive study tool on defects to supplement the Defect Recognition Course. The CD-ROM, for Microsoft Windows only, can be ordered for \$26.75 (\$25.00 + GST) to those registering for this course. Those not registered for this course may order it separately for \$53.50 (\$50.00 + GST).

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11. ONTARIO BUILDING CODE (OBC) PART 9 COURSES - 2005

These are 5-day courses condensed into 4 days (2 weekends).

ALL Part 9 Baseline Courses will be held at the OAH I Training Centre, 1515 Matheson Blvd. East, #207, Mississauga (NE corner Matheson Blvd./Dixie Rd.)
Please note that the Training centre is not staffed.

2005

Part 9: The House: Health & Safety - Feb. 5/6 and Feb. 19/20, 2005 **Class Full**

Part 9: The House: Building Envelope - April 9/10 and April 23/24, 2005

Course Fees: OAH I Members - \$374.50 (\$350.00 + GST)
Non-Members - \$454.75 (\$425.00 + GST)

A two-hour exam is held on the last day of class. A grade of 70% is required to pass. The 1997 Building Code Book & Supplementary Guidelines are required for these courses.

Re: Part 9 Challenge Exams - The Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing (MMAH) **no longer** allows the option for candidates to write the Challenge exams for any of their Part 9 Baseline courses; everyone will have to take the course.

12. EXAM SITTINGS

Exam sittings are for all members who are ready to write the CAHPI exam, a Challenge exam, a Ministry of Housing Part 9 re-write exam, etc. **Pre-registration** (including payment, if applicable) is required. Cost to write the CAHPI exam or any of the Challenge exams: \$160.50 (\$150 + GST). **A Study Guide for the CAHPI exam** is available free of charge to members, upon request only.

Sunday February 20, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. Best Western Toronto Airport Hotel
or 5825 Dixie Road, Mississauga
Sunday April 24, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. just north of Hwy 401, east side of Dixie

Other Arrangements for Exams - Those in northern regions or those wishing to write at the Algonquin College Test Centre in Ottawa, should contact the OAH I office to make special arrangements.

13. SAMPLE BUILDING CODE EXAMS AND MORE

The Ontario Building and Development Branch has published sample examination questions. These questions are intended to help building practitioners prepare for the qualification examinations required under recent amendments to the Building Code Act and Building Code.

The sample questions and sites are found at the Qualification and Registration tab of the Building Code website at www.obc.mah.gov.on.ca. Candidates should refer to the website for other important documents including relevant Examination Programs, Examination Syllabi, Examination Applications and the Candidate Protocol.

14. REPORT VERIFICATIONS

Please do not send your reports in a binder. Provide your reports separated and stapled and make sure a copy of your client contract is attached with each report. Do not send originals but a clear photocopy – reports will not be returned to you. Do not send by fax or electronically, **send your reports only by mail**. **Reminder:** Your reports must be accompanied by a cheque or credit card details, paying the Report Verification Fee of either the amount of \$26.75 (\$25.00 + GST) or for those applying for upgrade to RHI status must submit two (2) new reports for verification, as well as the amount of \$53.50 (\$50.00 + GST) representing administrative costs for report verification, RHI upgrade / RHI Certificate, Please send your reports to the OAH I address, Attn: Report Verification Committee. Reports are verified in the order they are received and it can take up to eight weeks for you to receive your results.

15. UPGRADE TO RHI STATUS

Those applying for Upgrade to RHI status must submit two (2) new reports for verification, as well as the amount of \$53.50 (\$50.00 + GST) representing administrative costs for report verification, RHI upgrade / RHI Certificate, etc. You will be advised which two reports to send in after you have submitted your print-out list of the required # of inspections. The list must contain the client's name, address, and telephone number.

16. ISSUING PAYMENTS ON COMPANY CHEQUES

If you are issuing payments using a company cheque, please print your name on the cheque, preferably in the memo area.

17. NSF CHEQUES

Due to increasing service charges and administration costs, the fee for an NSF cheque is \$25.00. Subsequent, replacement payments for NSF cheques must be by certified cheque or credit card. This payment should include the \$25.00 service charge.

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20-DAY UPGRADE NOTICE

December 8, 2004

The members identified below are requesting a status upgrade in the Association. In accordance with OAH I By-law Article 10(6), if you have any concerns regarding any of these members being accepted or being granted an upgrade to their status with respect to OAH I name/acronym/logo and website listing privileges, then you should forward your **written comments** to the Association by mail, email (oahi@oahi.com), or fax (905) 771-1079. Your submission must be received within 20 days of the date of this notice. Confidentiality will be assured, however, anonymous letters are not acceptable.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Status Applied For</u>	<u>City</u>
Jim Hajas	JAH Home Inspection Inc.	Associate	Baysville
Steve Holmes	Surelook Holmes	Associate	Prescott
Les Takacs	Ontario Home Inspection Team Inc.	Associate	Burlington

Wendy Gelman
Registrar

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