



ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF HOME INSPECTORS

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NEWS & UPDATES

November 2003

1. NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2004 – NOV. 15th/16th – AIRPORT HILTON TORONTO

YOU CAN STILL REGISTER! The Annual Home Inspectors National Conference is being held this year on November 15 & 16 in Toronto at the Hilton Airport Hotel (905-677-9900 or 1-800-567-9999). There are also tours and seminars on November 14. Registration Forms are available via the OAHI Website at www.oahi.com. When the OAHI website launches, click on the Conference Logo, which is in the centre of the screen. Then click on any of the items on the black toolbar at the top of the screen. The Registration Form is the first tab on that toolbar. **If your time is limited in registering right now, you have the option of paying at the door.**

2. ATTENTION ALL ASSOCIATE AND RHI MEMBERS - CEU REQUIREMENTS

A reminder to all RHI and Associate Members, that, in order to maintain your status as RHIs and Associates, you are required to have obtained 20 Continuing Education Units (CEU's) every TWO years. This amounts to 20 instructional/contact hours, the purpose of which is to demonstrate to the public that OAHI members are committed to remaining current in the field.

The National Conference 2003, in November, is worth 20 CEU's...make sure you attend! For other categories of membership, the 20 CEU's obtained at the Conference can be credited towards your 5(f) Introduction to Home Inspection requirement.

3. 2004 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS – ADVANCE NOTICE

The 2004 OAHI Membership Renewals are going in the mail later this month. Annual dues must be remitted to the OAHI office by December 31, 2003. Submissions received later than December 31st will be subject to additional fees.

4. DEFECT RECOGNITION COURSES – 2004 – 4 days (2 weekends)

OTTAWA: Jan. 31/Feb.1 & Feb. 7/8, 2004
Best Western Macies Hotel, 1274 Carling Ave., Ottawa

TORONTO: March 27/28 & April 3/4, 2004
OAHI Provincial Office, 1515 Matheson Blvd. E., #207, Mississauga

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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).

5. ONTARIO BUILDING CODE (OBC) PART 9 COURSES - 2004

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

ALL Part 9 Baseline Courses will be held at the OAHI Provincial Office, 1515 Matheson Blvd. East, #207, Mississauga.

Part 9: The House: Building Envelope - January 10/11 & January 24/25, 2004
- May 15/16 & May 29/30, 2004

Part 9: The House: Health & Safety - April 17/18 & May 1/2, 2004

Course Fees: OAH 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 - As of our latest contract renewal, 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.

6. WETT COURSES - 2003

If you wish to take the WETT Basic Code Compliance course, visit www.wettinc.ca and register with them to reserve your seat. The following is a list of upcoming course dates for 2003 offered by WETT until the end of the year:

Ottawa	November 17-19
Peterborough	December 10-12
Course fee:	\$636.65 (\$595.00 + GST)

Note: The Kingston Regional Meeting Group (KRMG) may host this course at a later date, if enough people are interested. A guarantee of fifteen attendees is required by WETT. WETT will then provide instruction at a 26% discount...that's a \$180.00 savings per student. Speak to Ralph Banks at 1-613-639-7971.

7. EXAM SITTINGS

Exam sittings are for all members who are ready to write the CAPHI 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 CAPHI exam or any of the Challenge exams: \$160.50 (\$150 + GST). **A Study Guide for the CAPHI exam** is available free of charge to members, upon request only.

TORONTO: The following dates are for exam sittings all being held at the OAHI Provincial Office, 1515 Matheson Blvd. East, #207, Mississauga:

Sun. Jan. 25, 2004 – 1:00 p.m.
Sun. Apr. 4, 2004 – 3:00 p.m.
Sun. May 2, 2004 – 1:00 p.m.
Sun. May 30, 2004 – 1:00 p.m.
Sun. Sep. 26, 2004 – 3:00 p.m.

OTTAWA: Sun. Feb.8, 2004 – 3:00 p.m.
Best Western Macies Hotel, 1274 Carling Ave., Ottawa

Other Arrangements for Exams - Other dates for exam sittings will be arranged if a group of 5 or more are pre-registered at a certain location. Those in northern regions or those wishing to write at the Algonquin College Test Centre in Ottawa, should contact the OAHI office to make special arrangements.

8. REGISTERING FOR COURSES

We recommend that you register for courses months in advance. Course Registration Forms are available by contacting the OAHI office by telephone, email, fax or mail. (see the OAHI coordinates above). The Registration Forms will be available soon on the internet through our website.

9. OAHI OFFICE NOW HAS LIVE RECEPTION DAILY

The OAHI office is now offering a live voice daily for attending to incoming telephone inquiries from the general public and OAH members. The phone hours, Monday to Friday, are from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

10. MEMBER RECORDS – ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS, E-MAILS

If you have changed your mailing address, phone numbers (bus., res., cell, fax, or other), or e-mail address(es), please notify the OAHI office of any of these changes either by phone, fax, or e-mail.

11. CHECK YOUR E-MAILS

Telephone messages left by members on the office's voicemail system sometimes require a written response. In those situations, you would receive a response via e-mail. Please check your e-mail to ensure that your request has been attended to by the office.

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12. FOR NEW 'Additional Website Listings'

Go to 'Member Information', click on "And More", "Member Index", "Additional Listings", paragraph #4. Follow the instructions and send your cheque to the OAH, or call to pay by credit card. Fees run on a calendar year ending December 31. There are no pro-rated fees for additional listings ordered throughout the year.

A service charge of \$26.75 (\$25 + GST) will apply for any additional changes that you wish to have made to your current listings before next January 1.

13. 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.

14. ATTENTION: "STUDENT" MEMBERS

Student members are 'non-practising' members and are reminded that as per your "Student" member status letter, you are required to upgrade to "Applicant" status when you become a practising home inspector by contacting the OAH office to pay the upgrade fee and file your Insurance Certificate. If you are a Student member and are practising, the OAH considers misrepresentation of membership status to be a very serious issue. Failure to rectify this situation immediately may result in your file being forwarded to the DPPC for review.

15. NSF CHEQUES

Due to increasing service charges and administration costs, the fee for an NSF cheque has been changed to \$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.

16. INSURANCE CERTIFICATES

Some members' one-page insurance certificates on file have expired. Those who have not submitted a valid, up-to-date certificate are required to send one in as soon as possible.

17. THE BENEVOLENT FUND

This fund will remain an ongoing project, and we look forward to your continued support.

18. HOME INSPECTORS WANTED - TORONTO

HOME INSPECTION CO. HAS OPENINGS FOR INSPECTORS IN TORONTO AREA

RHI, Associate Member or College Certification preferred. Technologist or Licensed Trade an asset.

Send resume to:

P.O. Box 72096, 2550 Finch Avenue West, Toronto, ON. M9M 3A6

19. HOME INSPECTORS WANTED - BARRIE

HOME INSPECTION CO. HAS OPENINGS FOR INSPECTORS IN BARRIE AREA

Part time/full time Inspector. Must be OAH - Associate or RHI qualified. Reporting System supplied – Insurance coverage supplied

Reply to:

jparkin@amerispec.net

20. THE LIGHTER SIDE

The school inspector was assigned to a grade 4 class in one of the local schools. He is introduced to the class by the teacher. She says to the class: "let's show the inspector how clever you are by allowing him to ask you a question". The inspector reasons that normally class starts with religious instruction, so he will ask a bible question. He asks: "Class, who broke down the walls of Jericho?" For a full minute there is absolute silence. The children all just stare at him blankly. Eventually, young Thomas raises his hand. The inspector excitedly points to him. Thomas stands up and replies: "Sir, I do not know who broke the walls of Jericho, but I can assure you that it was not me." Of course, the inspector is surprised at the answer and looks at the teacher for an explanation. Realizing that he is perturbed, the teacher says: "Well, I've known Thomas since the beginning of the year, and I believe that if he says that he didn't do it, then he didn't do it." The inspector is even more surprised at this and storms down to the principal's office and tells him what happened, to which the principal replies: "I don't know the boy, but I socialize every now and then with his teacher, and I believe her. If she feels that the boy is innocent, then he must be innocent". The inspector can't believe what he is hearing. He grabs the phone on the principal's desk and in a rage dials the Minister of Education and rattles the entire occurrence to him and asks him what he thinks of the education standard in this school. The Minister sighs heavily and replies "I don't know the boy, the teacher nor the principal, but just get three quotes and have the damn wall fixed!!!!!!".

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20-DAY UPGRADE NOTICE

November 10, 2003

The members identified below are requesting a status upgrade in the Association. In accordance with OAH 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 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>
Paul Dumontier	Provincial Home Inspection Services	Associate	Mississauga
Jim Livingstone	Central Home & Cottage Inspections	RHI	Minden
Ted Robertson	In-Depth Home Inspection Service	Applicant with logo	Harley
Don Tidd	Tidd's Home Inspection Ltd.	RHI	Kingston

Brian Callaghan
Registrar

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