



ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF HOME INSPECTORS NEWS AND UPDATES

**CELEBRATING OUR
10th
ANNIVERSARY**

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A Message from the President



Times are changing, things are happening. We have revamped the news and updates, the OAH has just created the CAHPI-Ontario affiliation and we are celebrating our 10th anniversary since

government recognition.

I would like to introduce you to newly formatted News and Updates. We have undertaken the change to make the publication more readable, provide you with more information and inform the membership of what's happening.

Here you will find what happened at the 2005 Annual General Meeting (AGM), the OAH's participation in the Ontario Real Estate Association's (OREA) 2005 Annual Meeting and Leadership Conference, and the launch of our vacation contest celebrating OAH.

We would like to rename this publication from News and Updates to something catchy. Here is your opportunity to participate in the change. Send us your suggestion; the selected winner will receive a complimentary registration to the 2006 Winter Workshop.

I hope you enjoy.

Sincerely,

Alrek Meipoom, RHI

NEW BEGINNINGS

The monthly News & Updates is undergoing a change. Our apologies for the delay in the first issue of this new format. In addition to the usual items that appeared in previous News and Updates, the revised format will include new features and additional sections and it will be expanded to more pages as well. Some of the new features and sections will include welcoming and identifying new members to the Association, congratulating those members who have graduated to a higher status, educational resources, pictures and graphics, various industry-related statistics, humour and quiz sections, and much more.

The News and Updates needs your help. Please provide your comments of this new format - what you liked, what you didn't like. Provide suggestions on adding other features that the Association can provide to its members. All correspondence should be emailed or faxed the OAH Office. See last page.

We hope you enjoy it!

◆ CONTEST ◆

A contest for re-naming the News and Updates is open to all OAH members. For prize & contest details see page 10.

AGM 2005 - London

AGM/Winter Workshop A Big Hit

The 2005 OAH Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on Friday February 25, 2005 at the Best Western Lamplighter Inn in London, Ontario. It was held in conjunction with the OAH 2005 Winter Workshop. Over 150 members and guests attended one or both of these annual events. Special thanks to the members of the WW Organizing Committee (George Webb, Bill Mullen, John Hale, John Hatton, Barry Williams, Bryan Freeman, David Andre, Paul Gagliardi) which was largely responsible for organizing the weekend's events and making them memorable ones. There were several highlights from the weekend festivities. For full details see Andrew Dixon's review of the AGM and George Webb's review of the Winter Workshop, both on page 2.

CAHPI-ONTARIO OFFICIAL!!!

OAH solidifies relationship with National Association

The OAH's relationship with the Canadian Association of Home and Property Inspectors (CAHPI) reached a new level with the formation of CAHPI-Ontario. The Association's affiliation with the national body will bring many benefits to OAH members. There was a total of 263 respondents with 84% voting "yes" and 16% voting "no".

OAH AT OREA 2005 AGM

The OAH's association with the Ontario Real Estate Association (OREA) also reached new heights recently. The OAH was a Platinum Sponsor and operated a booth at the OREA Leadership Conference and AGM on February 23/24 this year. For the full story read Ralph Banks article on page 4.

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INSPECTION ODYSSEY - Canada's National Home Inspector's Conference

OCTOBER 14-16, 2005 - Sheraton Fallsview Hotel—Niagara Falls, Ontario

Come and experience the excitement of the Canada's National Home Inspectors Conference at the beautiful Niagara Escarpment. Nicknamed "Las Vegas North", the Niagara area has unique shopping, world class dining, and incredible entertainment experiences including the new **Casino Niagara**, the entertaining **Shaw Festival**, Award winning **Wineries**, Historic **Fort George**, the **Butterfly Conservatory** and much more. Visit www.discoverniagara.com.

The annual National Conference will include a pre-conference technical **tour** and a unique **Exhibitor's reception** all on Friday. All delegates, from students to veteran inspectors, will enjoy two full days of entertaining and informative speaker sessions and a **Gala Awards Luncheon** all under one roof at the Sheraton Fallsview Hotel. Conference registration discounts are available to all membership levels of OAH, CAHPI, and ASHI. Special room rates are available at the Sheraton Fallsview Hotel starting at \$119 per night. For conference information visit www.inspectionodyssey.com.

"We look forward to seeing you at The Falls"

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2005-2006

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	Finance Alrek Meipoom, Chair Ralph Banks Terry Carson Graham Clarke Alden Gibson	

OAH WORD GAME

Unscramble the following 7 words, one letter to each square, to form seven industry-related words. Answers are on the bottom of page 10

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2005 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING / WINTER WORKSHOP - LONDON REVIEW

From the desk of Andrew Dixon, RHI



Press Release – February 28th, 2005
From the Office of Director of External Relations
of the Ontario Association of Home Inspectors



The Ontario Association of Home Inspectors (OAH) has just completed a very successful Annual General Meeting, Awards Dinner and Winter Workshop. The events took place on February 25th and 26th in London, Ontario. The OAH is now 10 years old. We have proudly served the best interests of the public and inspectors since creation by Ontario statute on December 9th, 1994

The OAH is the only accrediting body for home inspectors in Ontario.

Among the highlights of the weekend:

- Keynote Speaker – the Honourable Joe Fontana, Federal Minister of Labour and Housing, who spoke on global and Canadian housing quality, the need for qualified home inspectors and how home inspectors can help assist in improving and maintaining quality housing.
- Keynote Speaker – Laura Leyser, Immediate Past President of the Ontario Real Estate Association (OREA), who spoke on volunteerism, commitment to quality services, qualified home inspectors and improved communications.
- Keynote Speaker – Michael Guihan, President of the Canadian Association of Home and Property Inspectors (CAHPI), who spoke on positive developments with CMHC, national standards accreditation and the Task Force with the Canadian Real Estate Association.
- Announcement – OAH has created a new advocacy group to represent home inspectors in Ontario and at CAHPI-National; CAHPI-Ontario has a specific mandate to promote qualified, professional home inspectors to all provincial and national stakeholders. All OAH members are members of CAHPI-Ontario.
- Announcement – the OAH will be undertaking a province wide promotional event to raise the profile for, and promote the qualifications of the OAH inspectors. This Contest includes a chance for all inspections completed by an OAH inspector to win a vacation for four to one of three sunny locations – perfect for a 2006 winter getaway. All OAH inspection clients are eligible; ask your OAH inspector for details.
- Recognition – award plaques were presented to all of the volunteers that staff the committees that move the Association forward. The OAH recognizes their essential role in the affairs of the Association and the hard work and commitment necessary.
- Recognition – CAHPI President Mike Guihan presented OAH President Alrek Meipoom, RHI with the Association Service Award "in recognition of your dedication and positive contribution to the programs and events operated for the benefit of all OAH members.
- Recognition – the President's Award went to Roy Chan, RHI for his long-standing service and commitment to the Association including as a Director and Chair of the DPPC.
- Recognition - the Board of Director's Award went to Bill Mullen, RHI, for his hard work and esteemed commitment to OAH, CAHPI and home inspection. The Directors recognize that Bill has done so much to advance the profession and thought it appropriate that he be honoured at the successful event organized by his local meeting group.
- Recognition – a Special Recognition Award was presented to Terry Carson, RHI for his continued work on behalf of the Association from the signing of Bill Pr-158 in 1994 to the present. The Association recognizes that without Terry we would not be celebrating our 10th anniversary.
- Recognition - Bill Crawford of CMHC was awarded a Friend of the Association Award for his long-standing commitment to quality home inspectors, quality home inspections and the need for quality inspection associations.
- Election – the members have elected the 2005 Board of Directors (BOD). The new Executive is Alrek Meipoom (President), George Webb (Vice President), Tom Lloyd (Secretary) and Ralph Banks (Treasurer); completing the BOD are Doug Azar, Andrew Bennett, Andrew Dixon, David Faux, Mike O'Grady and Carl Inglis.
- Announcement – The BOD created the position of Director of External Relations as a liaison with all stakeholders in the inspection process and to promote OAH and CAHPI-Ontario interests. The position will be held by Andrew Dixon, Andrew is a Past President and long time volunteer for the OAH.
- The Winter Workshop - educational sessions were full to capacity with numerous excellent speakers offering great information on relevant topics such as septic systems, inspecting electrical systems, environmental concerns, home insurance and intuitive inspecting.

Thank you to all the participants, honoured guests, presenters and educators who contributed to a successful weekend. A special thank you and hearty congratulations to the Organizing Committee of the Southwestern Ontario Meeting Group for their hard work and attention to detail.

Andrew Dixon, RHI
Director of External Relations, OAH

2005 WINTER WORKSHOP - REVIEW

From the desk of George Webb, RHI.....

This year's Winter Workshop was an important evolutionary step for the OAH. This was the first year that we have combined the Winter Workshop with the AGM. Expanding on the 2004 experience in Ottawa we added an Awards Banquet enabling us to better recognize those people who have contributed their time to the Association.

Our guest speaker for the evening was Laura Leyser, immediate Past President of the Ontario Real Estate Association (OREA). Laura's message was twofold

1. The importance of volunteers to make organizations work.
2. That we need to build on what we have done and take the message to the market. Laura has played an important role for Ontario Realtors and home inspectors in developing a better understanding at an organizational level and has offered to help us in any way she can to move that process forward. This is and will continue to make a difference to us individually in our dealings with Realtors.

We were fortunate to also have the Honourable Joe Fontana, Federal Minister of Labour and Housing, attend the dinner. In his speech, Mr. Fontana recognized where we have come from in developing a national presence and sees a stronger role for home inspectors across Canada in the development of adequate housing for Canadians.

It was appropriate that this was the official launch CAHPI-Ontario which gives the inspection business a more uniform face across Canada. To begin, OAH and CAHPI-Ontario will be parallel organizations with the same BOD. CAHPI-Ontario will be the marketing organization for the OAH inspectors in Ontario. As we grow the two organizations will each have their own board. The model is patterned after the Real Estate business where OREA is the marketing and public face for Realtors and RECO is the regulatory organization.



The Winter Workshop was well attended. The tours took in a Roof Truss Manufacturer and NuTech Plant that manufactures the Life Breath brand of air quality products. The tours were limited to 40 people and were sold out.

The Workshop itself had 140 people in attendance. This was more that the organizers had anticipated. Although the room was crowded the overwhelming response from the attendees was that from an educational perspective, it was a very good Workshop. Topics included environmental hazards, septic problems, insurance issues, electrical problems and repairs, a well received Workshop on looking for secondary clues that indicate potential hidden problems.

The venue for the Workshop this year was a hotel with a family recreation area and several members took advantage of this to make it a family outing.

Finally, there was a 50/50 draw fundraiser which raised \$820. Half of the money, \$410, was donated to the Canadian Aid for Southern Sudan. OAH member Garnett Hamilton, of Manotick, was the lucky winner and he received \$410.

George Webb, RHI
Vice President, OAH

2005 AGM - FACTS & FIGURES

Alrek Meipoom, OAH President, welcomed members to the OAH 2005 Annual General Meeting and proceeded with chairing the evening's agenda.

Attendance Recap

RHI members and proxies	- 92	Retired	- 0
Associates	- 14	Guests	- 2
Applicants with logo privileges	- 0	TOTAL	-
Applicants without logo privileges	- 7		
Students	- 9		

- A quorum of voting members (RHIs attending and their proxy votes) was reached allowing the meeting to proceed
- Motions were carried regarding the approval of the Minutes for the 2004 AGM, the 2005 Auditor's Report, and the 2005 Budget.
- Reports from the Board of Directors and Committees were reviewed and accepted.

By-law Motions and Resolutions Results

- It was resolved that the number of 2005 Board of Directors be set at 10 members.
- Motion carried to approve changing limit of approval of expenditures by the Association from "greater than \$3,000" to "greater than \$6,000".
- Congratulations to Associate members who now have full voting rights in the Association as a result of a motion that carried which granted Associate members voting privileges.
- Motion carried whereby members of the Association would be provided a greater opportunity to participate in changes to the By-Laws of the Association.
- Motion carried to add educational elements OAH Ethics and Professional Practice Performance Standard and OAH Plumbing Performance Standard to By-law Article 4.1 (Membership Qualification Requirements—Baseline Accreditation)
- Motions were withdrawn (and sent back to committee for further review) regarding the revision of text of Article 14.1 (Discipline and Professional Practices Committee) and Article 18.1 (Professional Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Guidelines).



PHOTO GALLERY

OAHI 2005 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND WINTER WORKSHOP



From left to right, Ralph Banks, OAHI Treasurer; Bill Mullen, past CAHPI President; The Honourable Joe Fontana, Federal Minister of Labour & Housing; Alrek Meipoom, OAHI President



Michael Guihan
2005 President of CAHPI



George Webb, OAHI Vice President,
and 2005 Winter Workshop organizer



Laura Leyser
, 2004 President of OREA



OAHI Board of Directors hamming it up for the camera. From left to right, Tom Lloyd, Doug Azar, George Webb, Bill Mullen, Alrek Meipoom doing a two-step, Andrew Bennett, Andrew Dixon, Ralph Banks



CAHPI President, Michael Guihan, left congratulates Alrek Meipoom on receiving Association Service Award



OAHI Regional Meeting Group Chairs - from left to right, Ron Tropea, David Faux, Bill Mullen, Rob Hermann, Glenn Gogal, Ralph Banks



CHMC Representatives offering their services



Alden Gibson, left and
Ralph Banks



From left to right, Graham Clarke, Trevor Welby-Solomon, Andrew Dixon



Big crowd in attendance at a Winter Workshop seminar



OAHI Booth at Winter Workshop



Graham Clarke at the Carson Dunlop



One of the vendor booths promoting their services



Wendy Gelman, OAHI Administrator (right), and Lynda Lalich, WW organizer



The Honourable Joe Fontana, Federal Minister of Labour and Housing



OAHI President Alrek Meipoom (left) and the Honourable Joe Fontana



OAHI Board members discuss matters with CAHPI Pres, Michal Guihan (centre)



Winter Workshop lunch sets up at the Best Western Lamplighter Inn in London



OAHI at OREA

Alliance Strengthens As Associations Have Similar Visions

From the desk of Ralph Banks, RHI.....

It all started in Whistler, BC, at the 2004 CAHPI AGM (in October) and the presence of some dignitaries from the Ontario Real Estate Association (OREA) namely Ms. Laura Leyser, OREA President, and Mr. Jim Flood, the OREA Director of Government Relations. The OAHI Board of Directors decided that this was the perfect time to open some lines of communication between the two associations. A face-to-face meeting was setup and that's where it all began.

Laura and Jim had some wonderful advice for the OAHI BOD and have assured us that their doors are always open to us. When we returned to Ontario we decided to take this opportunity to keep in touch.

Since then a great friendship and working relationship has been created. It is important that we realize that both associations serve the same clients and that as we progress down the path to regulation whether it be self or government imposed, it is important that we are prepared for this eventuality.

OREA has already been down this path and has a wealth of knowledge and experience that they are willing to share with us. Jim has been appointed the OREA liaison to OAHI. Laura, who has recently completed her term as the President of OREA, has volunteered to sit on an OAHI committee. Laura's energy, advice and experience will be invaluable.

The Executive had an opportunity to meet with the incoming OREA President Mr. Tamer Fahmi, who has expressed the same desire to ensure that the lines of communications stay open and that we continue to further develop the relationship between the associations.

When the OAHI Board was informed of the OREA 2004 AGM, it was decided that OAHI would become a Platinum sponsor for the November 2004 event. This was a great opportunity for the Association to show off our stuff.

Glenn Gogal, Kirk Iredale, Rob Hermann and Gerry Quackenbush volunteered to setup and run the OAHI booth along with Directors Alrek Meipoom, Andrew Dixon, Tom Lloyd, myself and my wife Patricia.

Over the 2 days we gave out hundreds of OAHI brochures, travel and ceramic mugs, ball caps, 10th Anniversary decals as well as the "WE ONLY USE OAHI INSPECTORS" wall plaques.

Our President, Mr. Alrek Meipoom, had an opportunity to address the attendees, assuring them that the path and future of our association is a bright one and that we will continue to grow and maintain our commitment to enhance and expand the lines of communications between the two associations.

We had a great response at the booth by Realtors and Brokers alike. The two most common statements were "We only use OAHI inspectors." or "How can I tell if my inspector is a member of OAHI?" This was an excellent indication that they are aware of the Association and that they want to ensure that whenever they are handing out an inspector's card they are a member of OAHI.

CAHPI-Ontario was also launched at the OREA 2005 AGM. It is important that CAHPI-Ontario be made synonymous with OAHI as the intention is that CAHPI-Ontario will become the advocacy group in the public eye while OAHI remains the regulatory body in the background. This will prevent the loss of accreditation which OAHI has developed and maintained over the years in Ontario.

The future is bright and exciting as our association grows even stronger, with new friends being made and ongoing relationships being further developed and expanded. This year we have seen the largest increase in membership, expanded member programs and a new public relation campaign. These advances will only strengthen the Association in the years to come.

Ralph Banks CD C.E.A RHI
Director, Treasurer OAHI
Trust, Honor and Integrity the Ontario Association of Home Inspectors

PHOTO GALLERY

OREA 2005 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Ms. Laura Leyser
2004 OREA President



Mr. Jim Flood (centre), OREA Director of Government Relations, is sandwiched between Alrek Meipoom, OAHI President (left) and Ralph Banks, OAHI Treasurer (right)



Mr. Tamer Fahmi
2005 OREA President



OAHI Board members pose with OREA Officials. From left to right, Ralph Banks, Lasura Leyser, Alrek Meipoom, Tamer Fahmi, Tom Lloyd, and Andrew Dixon



OAHI Team at OREA 2004 AGM—From left to right, Jerry Quackenbush, Rob Hermann, Glenn Gogal, Tom Lloyd, Andrew Dixon, Alrek Meipoom, and Ralph Banks. Missing Kirk Iredale and Patricia Banks



Jim Flood (left) and Ralph Banks (right) at OAHI booth. The OAHI was a Platinum Sponsor.



The OAHI Booth—OREA members had a chance to discuss inspection matters with OAHI members



Wheel of Fortune—The OAHI was giving away prizes to guests at the booth





EDUCATION

The information below is a guideline and schedule for courses offered by the OAHI throughout the year: We recommend that you register for OAHI courses months in advance. Course Registration Forms are available by contacting the OAHI 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 OAHI office.

DEFECT RECOGNITION & REPORTING COURSE—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 OAHI office. Please note that the Training Centre is not staffed

KITCHENER: April 16/17 (Part A) and April 30/May 1, 2005 (Part B)
April 2005
Conestoga College, 289 Doon Valley Drive, Kitchener
Saturdays: 8 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. / Sundays: 8 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

BARRIE May 14/15 (Part A) and May 28/29 (Part B)
May 2005
Georgian College, 1 Georgian Drive, Barrie, Ontario,
Saturdays: 8 a.m. - 3:00 a.m. / Sundays: 8 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Course Fees: OAHI 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 Win dows 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).

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 OAHI Training Centre, 1515 Matheson Blvd. East, #207, Mississauga (NE corner Matheson Blvd./Dixie Rd.) Please note that the Training Centre is not staffed.

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

Part 9: The House: Health & Safety - April 23/24 and May 7/8, 2005

Course Fees: OAHI 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.

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 Syllabni, Examination Applications and the Candidate Protocol.

GUIDE TO COMMUNITY COLLEGES & COURSES OFFERED

There are several Ontario community colleges that offer home inspection related courses that are recognized by the OAHI. The following is a list of 22 Ontario community colleges that may or may not offer in-class, online, and/or correspondence courses. Please contact the OAHI office to confirm that the courses you choose are recognized by our Association with respect to obtaining credit towards you academic requirements. Please visit the college's website for courses, descriptions, course dates, fees, etc.

Please note—many colleges have more than 1 campus.

COLLEGE NAME	TELEPHONE	WEBSITE—www.
Algonquin College, Ottawa	(613) 727-4723	algonquincollege.ca
Canadore College, North Bay	(705) 474-7600	canadorec.on.ca
Cambrian College, Sudbury	(705) 566-8101	cambrianc.on.ca
Centennial College, Toronto	(416) 289-5000	centennialcollege.ca
Conestoga College, Kitchener	(519) 748-5220	conestogac.on.ca
Confederation College, Thunder Bay	(807) 475-6110	confederationc.on.ca
Durham College, Oshawa	(905) 721-2000	durhamc.on.ca
Fanshawe College, London	(519) 452-4430	fanshawec.on.ca
George Brown College, Toronto	(416) 415-2000	grownc.on.ca
Georgian College, Barrie	(705) 728-1968	georgianc.on.ca
Humber College, Toronto	(416) 675-5000	humber.ca
Lambton College, Sarnia	(519) 542-7751	lambton.on.ca
Loyalist College, Belleville	1-888-569-2547	loyalistic.on.ca
Mohawk College, Hamilton	(905) 575-1212	mohawkc.on.ca
Niagara College, Niagara Falls	(905) 735-2211	niagarac.on.ca
Northern College, Kirkland Lake	(905) 567-9291	northernc.on.ca
Sault College, Sault Ste. Marie	1-800-461-2260	saultc.on.ca
Seneca College, Toronto	(416) 491-5050	senecac.on.ca
Sheridan College, Oakville	(905) 845-9430	sheridanc.on.ca
Fleming College, Peterborough	(705) 749-5530	flemingc.on.ca
St. Clair College, Windsor	(519) 966-1656	stclairc.on.ca
St. Lawrence, Brockville	(613) 345-0124	sl.on.ca

ontariolearn.com

ontariolearn.com is a consortium of 22 Ontario Community Colleges who have partnered to develop and deliver on-line courses. It is designed for those who cannot attend on-campus classes on a regular basis. This flexibility allows you to complete a course at a time and place of your choosing. There are several home inspection courses offered on this website. Visit the website to learn more about this service.

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 April 24, 2005 (1 p.m.)
Best Western Toronto Airport Hotel
5825 Dixie Road, Mississauga, located just north of Hwy 401 on the east side of Dixie Rd.

Other Arrangements for Exams - 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.





REGIONAL MEETING GROUPS

The 5 regional meeting groups usually meet once a month. Their schedules are posted on the website and updated monthly. Please ensure that your member profile on the OAH website has the designated meeting group you will be attending. Here is a list of the group and the members presiding over them:

Toronto Meeting Group
Glenn Gogal/Robert Hermann, Co-Chairs
Usually meet third Tuesday of every month

Ottawa Meeting Group
Ronald Tropea, Chair
Usually meet second or third Tuesday of every month

Kingston Regional Meeting Group
Ralph Banks, Chair
Usually meet first Monday of every month

North Central Meeting Group
David Faux, Chair
Usually meet first Wednesday of every month

Southwestern Ontario Meeting Group
Bill Mullen
Usually meet third Monday of every month

CLASSIFIED ADS

Looking for a Position

If you are seeking to join up with an individual or a firm, we can place your request in the Monthly News and Updates. Simply call, or email the OAH office for further details.

Looking for Help or Recruits

If you or your firm are looking for temporary or permanent help, or wishing to add more people to your company, we can post your request in the monthly News and Updates. Call or email the OAH Office for further details.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have a special announcement (company promotion, congratulatory message, etc.) we can place it in the Monthly News and Updates.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS
Call or email the OAH Office

WELCOME TO THE OAH

Congratulations to the following people have become new members of the OAH in 2005:

Students (34)

January (18)
Shadi Ahmadian, Thornhill
Brian Bain, St. Thomas
Ramesh Bhatia, Brampton
Tom Curran, Welland
Robin Campbell, Kinburn
Willy Freeman, Cambridge
Gilles Gervais, Mississauga
Jane Gledhill, Ottawa
Rami Ghandour, Mont-Royal, Que
Najeeb Jomaa, London
Walter Modotto, Markham
Peter Moody, Midland
Scott Mortimer, Alliston
Richard Nadeau, Ottawa
Kamran Salehishirazi, North York
Bruce Sampson, Uxbridge
Nathan Silverthorn, Cambridge
Mureed Sultan, Mississauga

February (5)
Mike Hughes, Strathroy
Aqeel Jan, Mississauga
John Jongeling, Hamilton
Andrew Khart, Toronto
Chan Lee, Markham

March (11)
Anthony Camileri, Toronto
Leo Chaloux, Sudbury
Michael Condello, Hamilton
George Croft, Bracebridge
John Dancavitch, Fmchms Cove
Daniel Kern, Ancaster
Mousa Mirzaei, Toronto
Bruce Nevils, Dunnville
Gerald Raine, Brampton
Don Shaw, Shelburne
Reza Ziaei, Thornhill

Applicants without Logo Privileges (22)

January (5)
Walter Dix, Kearney
Hilly Ness, Ottawa
Bob Papadopoulos, Toronto
Andrew Shaw, Milton
Daniel Slee, Ottawa

February (11)
Gordon Blankers, Toronto
Philos Cheung, Kanata
Eric Erhard, Camlachie
Saeed Ghaemi, North York
Paul Guindon, Ste. St. Marie
Garry Hargreaves, Guelph
Thomas Marshall-Nicol, Whitby
Oleg Novahhatski, Thornhill
Steven Silva, Toronto

March (6)
Maurice Chauvin, Stoney Point
Jack Leung, Scarborough
William H. Lumsden, Markham
Daniel Smith, Kanata
Allan Spisak, Burlington
Nalliah Thayabharan, Markham

Good Luck to everyone!!!

20-DAY UPGRADE NOTICE

April 4, 2005

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.

Name	Company	Status Applied For	City
Paul Beauvais	Beauvais Home Inspections Inc.	Associate	Parry Sound
Paul Blicharski		Associate	Oakville
Danny Glover	Home At Last Home Inspections Ltd.	Associate	Hamilton
Kris Gordon	Kris Gordon Home Inspections Ltd.	Associate	Manotick
Garnett Hamilton	Hamcrest Inspections Inc.	Associate	Manotick
Mehdi Javaherian	Frontier Home Inspection Inc.	RHI	North York
David C. Kee	Carson Dunlop & Associates Ltd.	Associate	Toronto
Carsten Sachse	1605834 Ontario Inc c/o Mr. Home Inspector	Associate	Ottawa
Andras Szonyi	Econovitas Inc.	Associate	Markham
Sean Duggan	Abode Inspection Services	Associate	Ottawa

Wendy Gelman
Registrar

STATUS UPGRADE CONFIRMATIONS

Congratulations to the following members whose status upgrade has been approved and confirmed

Date	Member	NEW STATUS
Jan	Doug Lambe, Nepean	Applicant without logo privileges
Feb	Martin Sweeney, Milton	Applicant without logo privileges
Feb	Rajiv Chugh, Mississauga	Applicant without logo privileges
Feb	Abdul Wahid Kath, Mississauga	Applicant without logo privileges
Mar	Ioan Coman, Caledonia	Applicant without logo privileges
Mar	Edward Kay, London	Applicant without logo privileges
Mar	Michael Young, Port Perry	Applicant without logo privileges
Mar	Gordon Boyse, Ottawa	Associate
Mar	Brian Daley, Uxbridge	Associate
Mar	Mike Furniss, Cornwall	Associate
Mar	Paul Gagliardi, London	Associate
Mar	Ian Kilborn, Perth Rd. Village	Associate
Mar	Andrew Laroche, Mississauga	Associate
Mar	Jerry Whidden, Barrie	Associate
Mar	Denise Larocque, Guelph	RHI

Please review carefully all documentation delivered to you from the OAH Office regarding your new member status.

2005 OAH MEMBERSHIP UPDATE as of March 28, 2005

Students	221
Applicant without logo privileges	121
Applicant with logo privileges	9
Associate	66
RHI (Registered Home Inspector)	201
Retired	23
Friends of the OAH	2
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	643

TIME OUT FOR SOME HUMOUR

BUMPER STICKERS that say...

Be nice to your kids...They will pick out your nursing home
Don't force it, get a large hammer
It's not hard to meet expenses, they're everywhere
As long as there are tests, there will be prayer in schools
Make yourself at home...clean my kitchen
A day without sunshine is like, you know, night
Ambivalent? Well, yes and no...
I started out with nothing and have most of it left
Adults are just kids who owe money
He who laughs last thinks slowest!

FUNNY BOOK TITLES

House Construction by Bill Jerone Holme
Downpour by Wayne Drops
Cloning by Ima Dubble
Irish Flooring by Lynn O'Leum
The Scent of a Man by Jim Nasium
Why Cars Stop by M.T. Tank
Look Younger by Fay Slift
Tight Situation by Leah Tard
Unemployed by Anita Job
The French Chef by Sue Fly





NEWS AND UPDATES



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CONTEST

THE OAH 10TH ANNIVERSARY FREE TRIP GIVE AWAY!!!

ST. MAARTEN



One of your clients could win a trip for 2 adults and 2 children, plus some spending money, to an exotic getaway! This contest is open to all practicing home inspectors' clients. Certain conditions apply. 150 Postcards with contest rules and entry forms were distributed to practicing OAH home inspectors at the AGM and they are also available by contacting the OAH Office. Each time you perform a home inspection, either you or your client fill in the entry form on the flipside of the postcard and mail it back to the OAH Office. The lucky winner's name will be randomly drawn from all eligible entries on December 24, 2005. For further details read the information below.

Contest Rules

Timing

The Contest begins March 1, 2005 and closes December 20, 2005

The Prize

There is one prize available to be won consisting of a trip to your choice of The Mayan Coast – Cancun, St. Maarten – US Virgin Islands or Varadero – Cuba, plus \$1000 CDN spending money. The selected trip is all inclusive with a minimum of a 4+ star rating for 2 adults and 2 children under 12 years of age. The difference in the cost of the trip for children over 12 years of age must be covered by the selected entrant. Selected entrant and companions will also be responsible for obtaining all necessary passports and travel documentation. The prize is non-transferable and must be accepted as offered, as there will be no substitutions and no cash equivalent. Travel is subject to space availability at time of booking and some restrictions and/or blackout periods may apply. The Ontario Association of Home Inspectors reserves the right to cancel this promotion at any time and to substitute a prize of equivalent value should the prize described herein become unavailable. The Ontario Association of Home Inspectors reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to suspend or cancel Sweepstakes at any time if a computer virus or other technical problem corrupts the administration, security, or proper play of the Sweepstakes. By claiming the prize, the selected entrant waives the right to claim any cost of winning the prize including, without limitation, any and all costs of verification and redemption or travel to redeem the prize and bears in full any liability which might arise from redeeming or seeking to redeem the prize.

Eligibility

This Contest is open only to legal residents in the province of Ontario in the country of Canada, who have reached the age of majority at the time of entry. Employees, representatives or members of The Ontario Association of Home Inspectors and household members of each such employee, representative or member are not eligible to enter. By participating, entrant agrees to abide by these Official Rules and the decisions of The Ontario Association of Home Inspectors, which are final and binding in all respects.

How To Enter

No purchase necessary¹. Complete the postcard provided to you by an inspector from The Ontario Association of Home Inspectors, on which you have hand printed your first and last name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address to: The Ontario Association of Home Inspectors Box 38108 Castlewood RPO Toronto Ontario M5N 3A8. Entry forms can also be obtained by sending a self addressed stamped envelope to The Ontario Association of Home Inspectors Box 38108 Castlewood RPO Toronto Ontario M5N 3A8. The Ontario Association of Home Inspectors is not responsible for postal system failures of any kind, or for entries that are incomplete, garbled, delayed, misdirected, lost, stolen or otherwise illegible. All entries become the property of The Ontario Association of Home Inspectors and will not be returned to entrant.

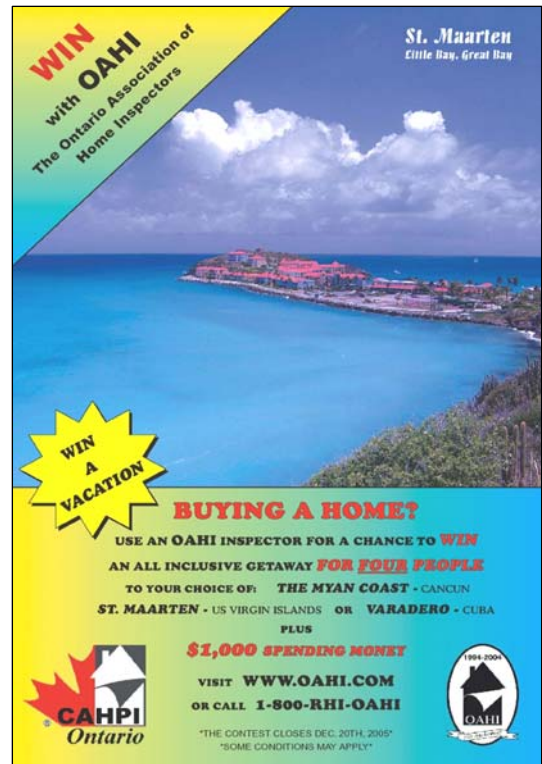
¹ Only one entry per person is allowed for the entire duration of the promotion

Selection of Winner - Eligibility

A random draw will be held on December 24, 2005 from all eligible entries received and the selected entrant will be notified by telephone within 72 hours of the draw. Entry forms must be postmarked no later than midnight on December 20th, 2005, the contest closing date. The chances of winning are dependent upon the total number of eligible entries received. Before being declared the winner, the selected entrant and travel companion will be required to sign a Release Form, confirming compliance with the contest rules and acceptance of the prize as offered, and releasing The Ontario Association of Home Inspectors and their respective employees, representatives and members from any responsibility for any injury, accident, loss, damages, misfortune or expense resulting from the use or enjoyment of the prize. If the selected entrant is unwilling or unable to comply with the contest rules within two weeks of the draw, the selected entrant will be disqualified and another entry will be randomly drawn from the remaining eligible entries received. In order to be declared a winner, the selected entrant must correctly answer, unaided, a mathematical, time-limited, skill-testing question posed at a mutually agreeable pre-arranged time. Contest is open to all residents in the province of Ontario, in the country of Canada being of the age of majority. By entering the contest, the entrants agree to give The Ontario Association of Home Inspectors permission to use their name and/or picture in contest publicity without compensation other than the prize offered.

Waiver of Liability:

Winner agrees, except where prohibited, that The Ontario Association of Home Inspectors may use winner's names, picture, portrait, likeness, and voice for advertising and promotional purposes without compensation. By entering, entrant agrees that The Ontario Association of Home Inspectors, its members, affiliates, partners, advertising and promotion agencies and suppliers and all of their respective officers, directors, employees, representatives and agents shall have no liability for, and shall be held harmless for and against any damage, loss or injury that may arise in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, from the acceptance, possession, use or misuse of prize (and any travel related hereto) or participation in this sweepstakes. The Ontario Association of Home Inspectors makes no warranty, representation or guarantee, express or implied, in fact or in law, relative to the use of prize or any travel awarded.



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	PLACE STAMP HERE
Please enter my name into the draw for the free trip!	
NAME: _____	
ADDRESS: _____	
CITY/PROVINCE: _____	
POSTAL CODE: _____	
INSPECTOR'S NAME: _____	
INSPECTION NUMBER: _____	
INSPECTION ADDRESS: _____	
Mail to: The Ontario Association of Home Inspectors Box 38108 Castlewood RPO Toronto, ON M5N 3A8	

KEEP THOSE POSTCARDS COMING!!!

Fill out form above, add a \$0.50 stamp, and mail it back to the OAH Office. Please fill out Inspector's Name, Inspection Number, and Inspection Address, for your client. For "Inspection Number", use the number you use for your report.





2004 ONTARIO RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE SALES

The information below is data collected by the Canadian Real Estate Association (CREA) on all Multiple Listing Service (MLS) sales of residential resale homes sold in Ontario for the year 2004. That includes single family dwellings, semi-detached, townhouses, and condominium apartments.

This information can be particularly useful to home inspectors to help identify the opportunities that are available in the various areas of Ontario.

Real Estate Board	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Bancroft District R.E. Board	9	19	38	31	52	48	51	48	42	33	17	11	399
Barrie & District School Board	221	272	430	522	512	516	433	457	372	363	346	213	4,657
Brantford Regional R.E. Board	137	183	267	233	240	251	209	183	173	147	157	101	2,281
Cambridge R.E. Board	159	212	335	289	241	291	273	217	221	232	195	129	2,794
Chatham-Kent R.E. Board	60	78	127	159	163	120	114	136	123	94	89	72	1,335
Cobourg-Port Hope District R.E. Board	51	60	132	110	134	118	105	116	91	71	71	50	1,109
Cornwall & District R.E. Board	93	94	143	181	161	168	108	137	132	144	114	61	1,536
Durham Region R.E. Board	519	715	1,144	1,119	1,109	1,059	849	726	741	728	644	463	9,816
Georgian Triangle R.E. Board	84	113	160	146	147	187	135	167	163	149	152	75	1,678
Grey Bruce Owen Sound R.E. Assoc.	105	135	180	243	240	258	261	252	236	186	154	96	2,346
Guelph & District R.E. Board	161	229	315	347	318	290	274	246	197	216	197	128	2,918
Hamilton-Burlington R.E. Assoc.	758	956	1,393	1,454	1,341	1,374	1,210	1,119	1,017	980	930	644	13,176
Huron Perth R. E. Board	61	102	147	182	188	167	148	172	146	144	126	87	1,670
Kawartha Lakes R.E. Assoc.	60	100	133	160	151	151	146	144	141	103	82	52	1,423
Kingston & Area R.E. Assoc.	193	238	380	446	461	449	341	335	288	243	216	174	3,764
Kitchener-Waterloo R.E. Board	275	433	671	621	595	641	556	494	495	398	476	276	5,931
London-St. Thomas R.E. Board	443	701	1,049	963	1,002	921	901	801	712	698	439	408	9,038
Midland-Penatang District R.E. Board	53	56	75	96	119	120	98	98	114	90	84	27	1,030
Mississauga R.E. Board	645	896	1,295	1,015	1,266	1,334	1,012	1,096	1,022	936	924	578	12,019
Muskoka & Haliburton R.E. Assoc.	80	93	172	244	233	276	252	262	213	195	123	50	2,193
Niagara R.E. Assoc.	103	117	174	200	218	248	206	159	163	172	170	105	2,035
North Bay R.E. Board	60	91	123	157	197	172	135	140	114	104	77	57	1,427
Oakville-Milton District R.E. Board	224	323	456	516	501	480	388	382	343	332	358	235	4,538
Orangeville & District R.E. Board	38	48	72	73	71	75	49	66	59	62	61	34	708
Orillia & District R.E. Board	55	65	122	134	132	123	144	142	85	85	68	58	1,213
Ottawa-Carleton R.E. Board	652	967	1,407	1,511	1,640	1,464	1,218	1,068	988	979	907	656	13,457
Parry Sound R.E. Board	11	18	37	57	58	67	62	61	61	43	30	14	519
Peterborough R.E. Assoc.	142	218	293	321	351	321	296	260	251	205	203	119	2,980
Quinte & District R.E. Board	138	174	307	321	336	344	283	257	273	191	189	107	2,920
Renfrew County R.E. Board	67	104	181	174	210	183	122	124	121	98	89	58	1,531
Rideau-St. Lawrence R.E. Board	82	87	120	137	178	139	157	130	113	123	83	51	1,400
Sarnia-Lambton R.E. Board	89	116	173	189	152	185	169	158	121	133	111	55	1,651
Sault St. Marie R.E. Board	44	56	82	96	119	138	111	122	111	89	74	53	1,095
Simcoe & District R.E. Board	47	60	92	99	93	84	82	88	83	94	59	23	904
St. Catharines & District R.E. Board	219	213	326	330	304	289	302	271	237	250	247	152	3,140
Sudbury R.E. Board	116	151	248	298	246	284	253	225	242	174	187	76	2,500
Thunder Bay R.E. Board	59	120	139	148	159	163	126	144	128	103	96	62	1,447
Tillsonburg District R.E. Board	23	27	41	58	55	68	45	55	52	39	40	28	531
Timmons R.E. Board	47	59	102	97	116	116	104	111	109	92	75	40	1,068
Toronto R.E. Board	4,256	6,060	9,076	9,168	9,193	9,267	7,314	6,743	6,588	6,656	6,301	4,232	84,854
Welland District R.E. Board	86	105	139	164	150	163	138	150	121	128	126	78	1,548
Windsor-Essex County R.E. Board	273	388	621	612	540	666	507	514	550	432	427	302	5,832
Woodstock-Ingersoll & Dist. R.E. Board	52	99	132	129	134	123	112	129	105	110	90	73	1,288
York Region R.E. Board	850	1,227	1,849	1,848	1,848	1,845	1,488	1,423	1,295	1,289	1,221	800	16,983
MONTHS TOTAL	11,900	16,578	24,898	25,398	25,674	25,746	21,287	20,128	18,952	18,133	16,825	11,163	236,682

All data provided by the Canadian Real Estate Association (CREA)

NOTICE

The 2005 OAH Membership list has been produced and will be inserted into the next copy of REM (Real Estate Magazine). If you have not updated your profile at the OAH website we recommend ensuring that your information is updated before the next publication. It is the member's responsibility to ensure that their information is kept up to date. It is too late to make any changes for this run; however any changes can be applied for the August release.

Ralph Banks RHI
Director, Treasurer

Friendly Reminders

- If your insurance certificate expires during the year, please make sure to send the OAH Office an updated copy for your file.
- As a reminder, there are sometimes telephone messages left by members on the office's voicemail system that 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.



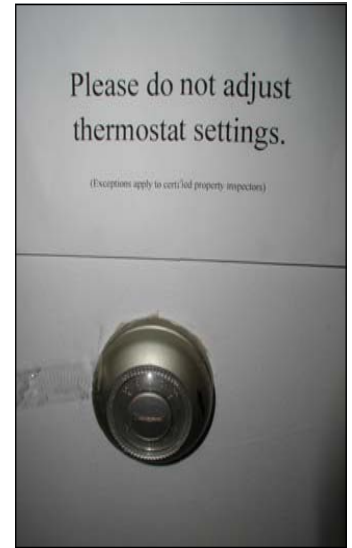
≈ HELLO TO THE REAL WORLD ≈



Grow Op gone wild or Chimney needing a breather



Windows found to be a bit drafty



"Hey, are we qualified!"



"Handyman's Special"



"Could you repeat to me where you live"



"I'm sorry madam, they never used a level"



Hope you like climbing roofs




Did you say your house is not heavy.
Is it a "light" house?



INTERESTED IN ADVERTISING

The section below is a sample of advertising that could be added to the News and Updates. If you are interested in this concept please express your opinion by emailing the OAH office at oahi@oahi.com. Your feedback will be important in proceeding with the advertising section.




INSPECTION ODYSSEY
OCTOBER 14 - 16, 2005
Canada's National Home Inspectors Conference
Sheraton Fallsview Hotel - Niagara Falls, Ontario


- ♦ Technical Field trip - Friday afternoon
- ♦ Exhibitor Reception & Opening Ceremonies - Friday Evening
- ♦ 2 full days of informative education sessions & 30 exhibitors
- ♦ Gala Awards Luncheon - Saturday
- ♦ Optional Spousal Tours - Saturday
- ♦ Special room rates available
- ♦ Registration discounts for OAH, CAHPI, ASHI members



Evenings are free for you to enjoy the new Casino Niagara, the entertaining Shaw Festival, Award winning Wineries, Historic Fort George and more. For conference information visit www.inspectionodyssey.com
"We look forward to seeing you at The Falls"



CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF HOME & PROPERTY INSPECTORS
ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE DES INSPECTEURS DE BIENS IMMOBILIERS



ONTARIO ASSOCIATION OF HOME INSPECTORS
SINCE 1994

PLACE YOUR AD HERE
(Sample Ad)
Could be a Product or a Service

Send in your comments (email, fax, mail) to the OAH Office regarding advertising in the News and Updates

HOME INSPECTION Reporting Systems

- Easy to Use
- 1-2-3 Rating System
- Regular Revisions
- Customer Oriented
- OAH Approved

Call
John Doe
1-800-444-333X
or visit our website
at www.homeinsp.xxx



OAH PARAPHANALIA
Golf Shirts - Blue, Green, Grey, Burgundy, Cream
Ball Caps - Blue, Green, Grey, Burgundy, Cream, Purple
2 Free Window Stickers with each purchase

TO ORDER—Call or email the OAH Office

ADVERTISING RATES

DISPLAY ADS	CLASSIFIED WANT ADS
2" x 2" - \$20 per issue	for employment purposes
- \$50 for 3 issues	Up to 30 words - Free
- \$85 for 6 issues	

All artwork must be provided and in digital format. Call the OAH office in advance for submission deadline dates. All submissions must be emailed to the OAH Office at oahi@oahi.com.

ONE LAST LAUGH

You know it's going to be a bad day when....

Your birthday cake collapses from the weight of the candles
You turn on the morning news and they're showing emergency routes out of the city
You see the "60 minutes" News Team waiting in your office
Your boss tells you not to bother to take off your coat
Your twin brother forgets your birthday

Things not to say to a Police Officer:

I thought you had to be in good physical condition to be a police officer
I pay your salary
Sorry, Officer, I didn't realize my radar detector wasn't plugged in
You're not gonna check the trunk, are you?
Hey, you must have been doing 150 kmh to keep up with me

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Wendy Gelman

CONTEST!!!
RE-NAME THE NEWS & UPDATES

This contest is open to all OAH members. The News and Updates is looking for a new name. Simply send in your suggestions - one name per page - to the OAH Office to qualify for the grand prize. **The winning entrant will receive a fully paid registration fee for Winter Workshop 2006 (approx. value \$150).**

Email, fax, or mail your submissions to the OAH Office. Include the new name and your coordinates. Send as many as you like.

The winning "new name" will be decided by the Board of Directors. The names of all entrants, who chose the same winning name, will be placed in a box and the winning entry will be drawn from the box by a Board member. All submissions must be received no later than May 30, 2005. If you need any help, please call the OAH Office.

GOOD LUCK!!!

WANTED
News, articles, ideas, etc.

If you have something relevant to say about our industry, heard some interesting news, want to report on any event that would be worth posting, or have some other idea that you would want to be heard - the Association welcomes your input in contributing to the monthly News & Updates.

Please fax, email, or mail the OAH office. Your submissions will be reviewed, and if approved, will appear in an upcoming newsletter.

ANSWERS TO OAH WORD GAME (Pg. 1)

1. EAVES
2. JOIST
3. AMPERE
4. SOFFIT
5. DEFECT
6. WIRING
7. SOFFIT