



Ontario Association of Home Inspectors

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Notice

Results of the Special meeting, February 17th, 2004

150 members cast their votes either by proxy or in person at the Special Meeting on February 17th, 2004. The room at the Radisson Hotel was standing room only.

Representative from the Committee to Repeal the Insurance By-law, the Board of Directors, Insurance Committee, Risk Management Task Force and the OAH legal counsel spoke to the motion and the insurance issue in general. Many members spoke from the floor, either asking questions of the representatives or making statements as to their preferences. The meeting was conducted in a dignified and orderly fashion; everyone was permitted ample time to express themselves.

At the end of the two hour and forty-five minute meeting the Motion was defeated – it did not achieve the required two-thirds majority. This means that Article 5 remains as amended on November 25th, 2003. Members are required to either have errors and omissions insurance coverage or to disclose that they do not carry such coverage. If you have been waiting for this issue to be resolved before renewing you would be wise to mail your completed renewal forms now.

This issue is an important one. Our demographics have changed since last summer. There are a significant number of members not carrying insurance and using disclosure, their reasons vary. There are still many more members carrying insurance coverage. The Board is aware of the feelings of the members on this issue and recognizes the need for a solution other than the current status quo. We have empowered the Insurance Committee to do their utmost to develop a new group plan, one that makes good insurance coverage reasonable for all members. Alan Carson, newly appointed Insurance Committee Chair, believes we will know one way or the other by July 1st, 2004. Expect information regarding insurance to be sent to you as it is available.

I want to thank all 150 members (of the 220 eligible voters) who expressed themselves on this issue. It was the largest voter turnout in OAH history.

Andrew Dixon, RHI
OAH President