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# The WAHI Inspector



From the President:

A change in the seasons is upon us...goodbye summer, hello fall!

Hope all of you had a great summer and are ready for fall weather and Wisconsin Badger and Green Bay Packer football!

As fall draws near, so does the Fall 2015 WAHI Education House and Seminar. We have a stellar line-up of speakers and it looks to be a record year for the seminar. I am looking forward to seeing all of you November 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> at The Wilderness Hotel in the Wisconsin Dells. Personally, I cannot wait!

I thought I would share a few changes in the education tracking system in advance of the seminar. We have always distributed the continuing education credit certificates on-site, at the conclusion of the day - most of the time has worked out well. On occasion, some attendees needed to leave early and we would modify their certificate. Altering the certificates for early departure resulted in a hand-written change on the preprinted certificate. Now that the WI Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) is monitoring CE credits more closely, WAHI felt this hand-written edit may appear unprofessional in the eyes of the State. Sometimes a few individuals have not been present for all of the sessions without having their certificate adjusted, resulting in these individuals receiving more credits than they actually earned. In addition, some attendees would forget to take their certificate and Julie would then have to send the certificate to that individual.

As a result of the issues stated above, the WAHI Board of Directors has decided to use the same credit verification forms used at chapter meetings for the seminars as well. This will prevent any confusion and put the tracking of continuing education credits directly in the attendees' hands. The forms and the necessary speaker information will be provided at the start of each session. Each speaker will provide a password at some point during their presentation. Hopefully this process may eliminate any future issues.

Thank you all for your cooperation and support of the WAHI seminars. See you at the fall seminar!

Sincerely, ~Kent Schwanke Inside this issue:

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# Fall 2015 Seminar

Join us November 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> at the Wilderness in Wisconsin Dells!

Friday - Education House and Vendor Cocktail Party Saturday - Training Seminar

Saturday speakers are Steve Preins of Quality Education Group on new technology in residential construction, WAHI members Tom Feiza, Andy Helgeson and Arbitration Committee Chair Mark Thomas sharing the details, benefits and importance of the WAHI Arbitration Program and Josh Fulfer of KVF Marketing on getting increased exposure through your website and social media.

See the website for registration and further details on the WAHI website the week of September 7th. See you there!



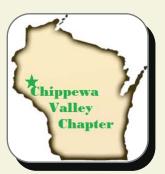
Our August speaker was Jay Cricks, owner of Northstar Cleaning & Restoration. In his presentation he discussed ways to identify mold. He also gave information on how mold is treated and mitigated.

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, September 16

Social at 6:00 p.m. & Dinner/Meeting at 6:30 p.m. Meeting and meal is \$30; meeting is only \$10.

Palms Supper Club Steak House, 5912 Business Hwy 51, Schofield

Speaker: A representative from Home Insulation.



**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, September 2

Buffet Dinner at 5:30 p.m. & Meeting at 6:00 p.m. Jade Garden Restaurant, 3620 Gateway Dr., Eau Claire

Speaker: Jason Barnes, Certified Inc.

Jason is a plumbing department supervisor and journeyman plumber for Certified. He will be discussing sewage lift stations, cross-connections and drain tile system and pumps. We encourage members to bring photos for the

presentation.



This month's education was on-site at Fox Valley member Scott Hansen's home where we learned about the equipment and technique for foam-jacking concrete slabs. A big thanks to Eric Turner, Dave Brehmer, et al with ABT Foundation Solutions for the lessons.

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, September 15

Social at 6:00 p.m. & Meeting/Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Stone Toad, 1109 S. Oneida St., Menasha

**Speaker**: To be determined.

The Madison Chapter meets only the following months: January, February, May, June, September and October.



**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, September 17

Roundtable at 6:00 p.m. & Meeting/Dinner at 6:30 p.m. *Rocky Rococo's Pizza, 1753 Thierer Rd., Madison* 

**Speaker:** Marti Bethke, Judd Plumbing.

Marti is an expert on water wells, septic systems and general plumbing. A door

prize will also be given away.



NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, September 8

Social at 6:00 p.m., Dinner at 6:30 p.m. and Meeting at 7:00 p.m. *Klemmer's Banquet Center 10401 W. Oklahoma Ave., West Allis* 

**Speakers:** Lori Oberman Huber, Engineered Woods

Lori is the Regional Manager and she will be addressing AnvanTech subflooring

and ZIP System wall and roof sheathing.

# **Fox Valley Education Committee Chair**

WAHI would like to thank outgoing Education Chair and former member Paul Birschbach for his <u>many</u> years of service to the Fox Valley chapter. In addition, we want to welcome (and thank!) new Education Chair Scott Hansen for stepping up to take over the position!



Scott would appreciate feedback and suggestions from Fox Valley members with leads on potential speakers and topics of interest. Contact Scott at 920-716-3025 or hansenhis@sbcglobal.net.

# Kent's Chapter Meeting Challenge – Now through November 30, 2015!

I am hoping you have not forgotten the challenge I presented to all WAHI members in my May 2015 President's Article. Just in case it has slipped your minds already...<u>I am offering a \$50 gas card to the WAHI member who visits the most chapter meetings outside of their own chapter from the dates of May 1, 2015 - November 30, 2015.</u> The only condition - you MUST have a minimum of three other chapter visits (it can be the same chapter). There are over 30 chapter meetings between now and November 30<sup>th</sup>.

I encourage you to visit other chapter meetings. What do you have to lose? Nothing! What do you have to gain? A LOT! At a minimum, you will meet new members and who knows what they may offer to help you become a better inspector.

Over the course of my 17+ year membership in WAHI, I have visited Fox Valley (my chapter) over 90 times, Milwaukee over 45 times, Madison over 10 times, Central at least 8 times and Chippewa Valley 4 times. I have learned new ideas, different points of view and gained new perspectives. These chapter experiences have been invaluable to my business decisions - ranging from report writing to business/company policies. It's amazing how different each chapter looks at various issues.

I ask you, I encourage you, I challenge you to do this. I suspect less than 5% of the membership has attended another chapter meeting. For that matter, I bet it is less than that who has attended multiple outside chapter meetings. Challenge yourself, experience other points of view, become better for the effort...and possibly win the \$50.00 gas card!

# **Outgoing Emails Through the WAHI Website**

The updated WAHI website has the capability to send out mass emails and this is great because we can reach all of you at once!

However, some mass emails get rejected by email accounts because they believe them to be spam. In order to make sure you receive your WAHI emails in your <u>inbox</u>, and they don't return as undeliverable or filter to your junk/spam folders, the WAHI Website Committee is asking all members to please add <u>wahinews@wahigroup.com</u> to their email address books or contact lists. Taking time to do this one easy step, tells your email account to recognize any emails from WAHI as legitimate/safe. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

# **NEW MEMBERS**

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# To Level II or Not To Level II

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Happy home inspecting!

Sincerely, Kurt Soens

# COMMUNICATION

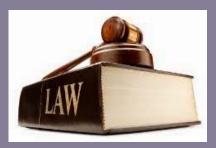
All member-to-member or member-toassociation disputes must go through the Membership Committee.

A member going public, with disputes of these types, risks disciplinary action.

The Membership Committee will implement this policy.

Contact Joy Douthwaite-Bott at 414-243-5895 or joy@thoroughinspectionservices.com

# **WAHI Legal Support**



Attorney Roy Wagner of von Briesen and Roper continues to offer risk-free initial counseling to members with legal concerns. If further legal assistance is requested, the cost of the initial consultation will be included in the bill.

Contact Roy at (414) 287-1250 or rwagner@vonbriesen.com.

# **WAHI Arbitration Program**



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For more information, please contact Arbitration Committee Chair, Mark Thomas at (414) 486-2367 or mark@thomasbuildingconsulting.com



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# WI Realtors Association (WRA) Convention

WAHI is happy to report that once again our Public Relations Chair, Bob Turicik, is coordinating a WAHI booth at the upcoming Wisconsin Realtors Association Fall Convention in the Wisconsin Dells. Bob is looking for members to staff the WAHI booth at the Kalahari on Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> between noon and 6 pm and Wednesday September 16<sup>th</sup> between 8 am and 3:30 pm. Contact Bob at 920–892–7654 or <a href="mailto:homereview@wi.rr.com">homereview@wi.rr.com</a> if you would like to volunteer or have questions. WAHI volunteers may bring their own business cards to distribute while working the booth.



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# **WAHI Ride Along**

The WAHI Board of Directors has decided to discontinue the Ride Along Program, effective immediately. This was, and remains, a valuable learning opportunity for new inspectors.

However, concern has been raised regarding liability issues that come into play with a WAHI program of this nature. Members who wish to offer this to a fellow member on a personal level may certainly do so but it would not be WAHI sanctioned. Our thanks to all of the WAHI members who have offered their time and experience to a new member!







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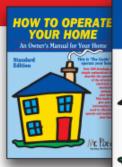
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# specialspacesmilwaukee.org



# **CHAPTER SECRETARIES**

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- Once logged in, the upper right corner shows your name, "Change Password" and "Log Out." CLICK on your name.
- 4. You should now be on the "My Profile" page. Select "EDIT PROFILE" in the gray rectangular box.
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# **WAHI Fall Seminar**

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November 6-7 2015 Wisconsin Dells, WI

See website for further details next week.











Effective immediately! Executive Director,
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