

Minutes of CAHPI- Atlantic Meeting, Halifax, March 21, 2011

Meeting opened at 10AM.

Chair Blaine Swan

Roll call

Armand Dufresne, Allan Thompson, Bert Gaudet, Bill Corey, Brian Kohler, Blaine Swan, Bill Corey, Chuck Crocker, Clarke Hubley, Cyril Desjardins, Doug Wheatley, Eddy Crocker, Garry Driscoll, Greg Rhyno, James Kane, Jason Matheson, Martin Renaud, Peter Lewis, Perry Gillingham, Pierre Albert, Ray Chevarie(8), Richard Allan, Robert MacArthur, Rod MacKinnon, Roger Balderston, Sam Lorefice, Scott Maclean, Steven Manuel, Tim Ford, Thomas Bogi, Terry Gordon, John Scott, Stephen Hall, Wade Daye (Guest). Martin Lapointe (Guest)

Reports

President-Blaine Swan

Newfoundland held a meeting, and he participated by phone link. There were issues discussed about improper advertising by some members (against our guidelines) i.e. using things like CAHPI Certified, National Certified, use of wrong logo.

There are only 2 designations that our members may use in advertising

- Associate Home Inspector
- Registered Home Inspector.
- These can only be used by the inspector, not a company/franchise, and must appear next to a member's/inspector's name not the company name.

He plans to have some members perform TIPRS at our next meeting in PEI, please let him know if you want to participate, so he can make arrangements for a TIPR house etc.

Treasurer- Sam Lorefice

60 members have paid up, 10 outstanding.

We have about \$33,000 in our bank account.

Membership

New member Peter Lewis introduced himself.

Professional Standards- n/a

Marketing Communications-Lawrence

He will be presenting a recommendation for web based marketing/search tool program to our executive. Designed to increase traffic to our website and monitor site activity.

Registrar-Lawrence

He has started going through member files.

If you need info on what training you are missing, he will go through the files as required. It will take some work and time to get to everyone's. Send him by (email) any updates or recent certificates for training you have completed.

Conference Terry Gordon

2012 Atlantic Conference to be Oct 8,9,10.

Location in Halifax

He wants to have a list of volunteers by June.

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And get started on the project planning and implementation.

Last time we tried doing tours for members, did not go over well.

This time we will look at the possibility of doing TIPRS

Presentation about European Red Fire Ants- Susan Horten

Excellent information session on where to find and how to identify these pests and possible ways to control their spread. People are starting to ask questions about them when buying a property.

There are some locations for concern in Atlantic Canada. They do sting and bite.

Review of the last TIPR House – Blaine

Blaine went through of the pictures of the defects that inspectors would hopefully find during the TIPR process. We had the opportunity to try and spot them and have further discussion on the spotted defects.

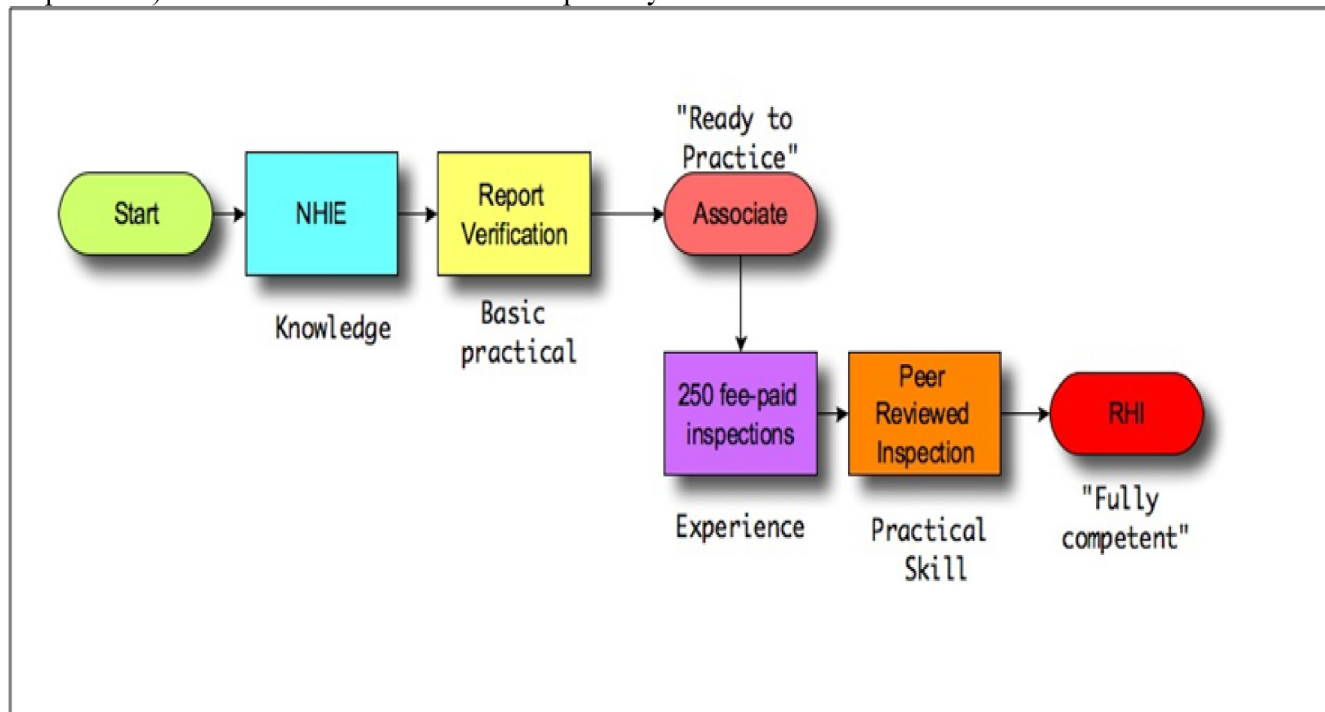
New Business-Blaine

He is involved with a pilot project re a training program for “New Construction” Inspections. Course would be developed by Carson Dunlop on CAHPI- National's behalf. More news to follow.

The National Certification program absorption continues to move forward, program extended indefinitely and there will be no new cost to present certificate holders.

There was a question from Bruce Hennessey regarding his own designation. Blaine clarified that the training Bruce received from CRIS did not grant him a National Certification. Franchisors are not certified bodies to do this.

Blaine talked about a new approach that is being considered for granting member designations that involve the ASHI / NHIE type exam. Members would be able to take courses or training from wherever they wish, an exam along with TIPRS, submitted reports, and other requirements (i.e. number of inspections) would determine member competency.



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Program to be adopted hopefully in May of this year.

Registered Home Inspectors would do retake the exam ever 5 years.

SHOP TALK SESSION- led by Blaine

Range hoods clearance requirements for gas stoves. Info is on or website.

Electrical Panel, there was a question about having to wear protective gear while opening distribution panels. This could be for commercial/industrial work. No clear answer. To be looked into.

Some provinces are adapting the "Blue Seal" for residential electrical panels. If and when Atlantic Canada adapts this same policy; when a Blue Seal is attached to a panel by an electrician, Lawrence mentioned - we should not have to open a panel, as it has already been certified by the electrician.

New Code of Ethics maybe coming. Blaine will let us know.

Blaine talked about a warranty program, called Certified Pre-Owned Homes; they have made an offer to CAHPI members to participate. Something for members to look at, but it does mandate that the Inspector must have performed at least 400 home inspections in the past two (2) years. There is a website for further and to register if members want to take part.

Some members felt that we may find ourselves in conflict (Code of Ethics) since this program is driven mainly by real estate agents. Blaine will look into possible conflict issue. He was not endorsing the program but simply passing the information to members for consideration.

Meeting closed at 3PM

Armand Dufresne Secretary