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Upcoming Meetings

Central Wisconsin Chapter

Wednesday, November 20

Social 6 p.m., dinner/meeting 6:30 p.m.

Palms Supper Club Steak House

5912 Bus. Hwy 51, Schofield

Speaker is a heating specialist.

Chippewa Valley Chapter

Wednesday, November 6

Dinner 5:30 p.m., meeting 6 p.m.

Jade Garden Restaurant

3620 Gateway Dr., Eau Claire

We will review state standards of practice, and discuss the WAHI arbitration program.

Fox Valley Chapter

Tuesday, November 19

Roundtable 6 p.m., dinner 6:45, speaker 7:15

Stone Toad

1109 S. Oneida Street, Menasha

Speakers are affiliate members Cassidy

Kuchenbecker and Tracy Schulz of

Environmental Initiatives on water issues.

Madison Chapter

Thursday, January 16

(No meeting in November or December)

Roundtable 6 p.m., dinner/meeting 6:30 p.m.,
speaker 7 p.m.

Rex's Inkeeper

301 N. Century Ave., Waunakee

Speaker: See website for speaker details.

Milwaukee Chapter

Tuesday, November 12

Social 6 p.m., dinner 6:30 p.m., meeting 7 p.m.

Klemmer's Banquet Center

10401 W. Oklahoma Ave., West Allis

Speakers are Tim White and a representative from affiliate member Accurate Basement Repair, on urethane injections used to fill cracks in poured concrete foundation walls.

From the President: Winter Safety



As we enter the colder fall months in Wisconsin, with winter definitely on its way, home inspectors should think seriously about cold weather safety.

Are you geared up for cold weather? Gloves, hats, face masks, long underwear, electric mitten heaters, whatever works – it's time to remember where you put the warm stuff.

Wisconsin inspectors are exposed to brutal weather conditions, and frost bite is a real and common winter danger on the job. At times we might be outside for up to an hour at temperatures well below freezing. Dressing for the weather also helps us do our jobs well. I never want to be tempted to skimp on the exterior portion because I'm freezing my butt off!

While I always think about safety when placing a ladder in summer, it's even more important in winter. The ground may be hard, or frozen, or icy – be careful not to climb a ladder that may slide out from under you. Icy gutters are just as hazardous, because ladders can slide sideways, too. And although I want my customers to know as much as possible about the house, if the roof is covered with frost, ice, or snow, walking that roof is not a risk I am willing to take.

And it's not just our own safety we should think about. We should also consider our client's safety. When they schedule their inspections, do we remind them to dress appropriately for the weather? To me this is important for good customer service and my own self-interest, because a client who is outside with me will not only have a greater understanding of the home, but also of the inherent difficulties and limitations of inspecting in a Wisconsin winter.

As a follow up, we have been informed by Swandby/Kilgore Associates that the cleanup bill on a number of regulated professions has been introduced in each house of state government. The bill includes language that will affect continuing education credits and renewal of licensing for home inspection in Wisconsin. Your board is keeping a close eye on the proposed changes and will keep all members informed of the outcome.

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President

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The training schedule for the fall seminar has been completed. Again, we are fortunate to have a dedicated education committee, and the topics will be interesting for both novice and experienced inspectors. In addition to seeing your fellow inspectors and learning more about houses and the art and craft of inspecting, WAHI's educational events are also an affordable way to get your continuing education credits. The seminar brochure is included in this newsletter for detailed information on topics, location and registration.

We will also be holding a silent auction of used or no longer needed or retired inspection

tools. If you have items in your tool cabinet or garage that you think might be of use to someone else, bring them to the seminar and see what you might get for them!

We will also be holding the fall board meeting on Friday Dec 6 in the afternoon. If you would like to see exactly what your board does on your behalf, please join us as a guest – just contact Executive Director Julie Arnstein and let her know that you'd like to attend. Stay warm out there!

Michael Von Gunten
WAHI President

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Chapter Meeting Highlights



Our next meeting will be Wednesday, November 20th at Palms Supper Club Steak House, 5912 Bus. Hwy 51 in Schofield. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. The cost to attend a monthly chapter meeting is \$25 with dinner or \$10 without the meal. Contact Rich Duerkop with any questions at 715-241-8222 or e-mail americansentry1@charter.net. Our speaker will be a heating specialist.



Our October speaker was Jason Barnes from Certified Inc. Jason gave a great presentation on general plumbing venting, water heaters and piping concerns, causes and cures. We followed up with numerous in-the-field photos and discussion.

Our next regular meeting will be Wednesday, November 6th at the Jade Garden Restaurant, 3620 Gateway Dr., Eau Claire. The buffet supper starts at 5:30 p.m., followed by our meeting at 6 p.m. The cost of supper and meeting is \$20 (tip extra). We will review the state standards of practice and how they relate to inspections and inspection reports. We will also be discussing the WAHI arbitration program.

Note: The chapter normally meets on the first Wednesday of each month. Due to production dates, members may not receive a newsletter issue until very close to our meeting date, or even after. To avoid missing a meeting, please mark your calendar in advance.



The October speaker was Bob Kulp with Kulp's of Stratford Roofing & Insulation Contractors. Thanks, Bob, for an informative presentation about metal roofing systems and reporting their condition.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 19th at the Stone Toad, 1109 S. Oneida Street in Menasha. Cocktails and roundtable discussion start at 6 p.m., 6:45 dinner, 7:15 speaker, meeting to follow. Members are asked to send in confusing, funny, strange, entertaining, etc. photos to Paul Birschbach and/or Kent Schwanke for the Roundtable Discussion. The November speaker will be affiliate members Cassidy Kuchenbecker and Tracy Schultz of Environmental Initiatives. Their primary focus will be "water issues."



The Madison chapter meets six times per year on the 3rd Thursday in January, February, May, June, September and October. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, January 16th at Rex's Inkeeper, 301 N. Century Ave., Waunakee. Roundtable begins at 6 p.m., dinner/meeting at 6:30 p.m. and speaker at 7 p.m. Watch the website for speaker details or contact Chapter Education Chair Ron Miller. Contact Education Chair Ron Miller or President Dennis Kruger with speaker leads.

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Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 12th at Klemmer's Banquet Center, 104th & Oklahoma Ave. in West Allis. Social at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7 p.m. Cost is \$25, which includes dinner and the continuing education. Our speaker will be Tim White who, along with affiliate member Accurate Basement Repair, will be providing a demonstration regarding urethane injections used to fill cracks in poured concrete foundation walls.

Member Updates

New Home Inspector Member

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Inspector Member Update

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Tool Auction

President Mike von Gunten is pulling together WAHI's second Tool Auction at our upcoming Fall seminar in Oconomowoc. Find a good home for your old tools and/or pick up a new one for yourself at a good price!

Do a little year-end cleaning in that tool box, work bench, garage, etc. and plan to join in the fun! Bring your tools (or shopping list!) to the seminar; the auction will be on Saturday.

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How does a 10-year-old masonry chimney that was built as an addition onto a house, start to lean above the roof line when only a pre-fabricated fireplace vents up it?

Great question! I just had one like this. Put my level on the chimney and it was two inches out of plumb in 6' above the roof line. My personal opinion is that the chimney was built wrong. It's basically a three-sided chimney below the roof line and a four-sided chimney above the roof line. (Masonry fireplace facades are almost never load supporting; just for looks.) The chimney is on an outside wall, is 6' wide, has two 24" side walls below roof line, is 6' wide and has 36" side walls above roof line. Its cantilevered fourth side stuck out too far. It had all the earmarks of having the fourth side and parts of the two shorter sides above the roof line being held up by roof joists or wall studs that shrink over time (as pretty much all construction wood will). When I called for a structural engineer to come out because there was a vaulted ceiling (no attic), the engineering company said everything was fine. I still believe I'm right, but when an engineer makes that conclusion there's not much else to say. I apologize but I have no idea why a 10-year-old masonry chimney, on a 10-year-old addition, would lean otherwise. I do know that I have had this be the case in dozens of other chimneys I've come across. Often you can crawl into the attic and see this is exactly the case.



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Ghosting: Not That Scary

*By Cassidy Kuchenbecker, MS
Environmental Initiatives*



What do poltergeists, Casper, and carbon and particle sources have in common? They all produce a form of ghosting. Which is more troubling? Considering that poltergeists and Casper the friendly ghost probably don't exist, ghosting by carbon and particle sources wins.

Cause of Ghosting

Ghosting is the term for the buildup of particles on surfaces. In most residential situations, the particles are carbon being released from combustion sources. Grinding and other activities that produce high levels of micro-sized particles may also result in ghosting. Typically, ghosting appears on cooler portions of exterior walls and ceilings as shown in the picture of a living room that is presented. The carbon is typically created from the burning of candles and incense, back drafting of gas-fired water heaters and furnaces, and rarely from improperly combusting gas-fired fireplaces and ovens, idling of vehicles in attached garages, and oil lamps.

Ghosting of particles on cool surfaces is the result of the particles losing energy. All particles have varying levels of kinetic energy that make them vibrate. The hotter a particle is, the more it can vibrate. A particle with a lot of kinetic energy will hit a wall and bounce off. However, particles bouncing into cold walls and ceilings lose their energy, experience less vibration, and stick to the surface. Ghosting doesn't just occur on cold surfaces, however.

Ghosting is also commonly observed on plastics, electronics, and in carpeting. The particles stick to plastics and electronics because of static charges. Air movement through floors can result in particle buildup in the carpeting. Typically, the particle deposition

in carpet will be seen at doors, the edges of the carpeting at walls, and in the outline of the 4x8 sheets of the subfloor. Most inspectors likely see darkening of carpeting at walls several times each month.

Occasionally, ghosting is observed on walls above both forced-air registers and water/electric registers, such as in the picture presented. In those situations, the increased air movement over the wall surfaces simply allows more particles to go past and stick to the wall. For the water/electrical registers, the heated air rises above the registers, causing the increased air movement over the wall.

Addressing Ghosting

The first step in addressing any problem is, of course, identifying and eliminating the cause. If a home inspector observes ghosting, the inspector may want to carefully observe the functionality of any gas-fired appliance. Idling of vehicles in attached garages can also sometime be the culprit. If a current source is not identified, assume the previous occupants were burning candles, especially jar candles.

After the source has been presumably identified and eliminated, the entire residence and forced-air system must be thoroughly cleaned. The carbon and particles are actually all over in the dust, not just where the ghosting is occurring. Carpeting should be professionally cleaned with a wet extraction process and forced dry. If the ghosting is severe, the carpeting and pad will likely release enough of the particles for the ghosting to recur, usually during the next winter. At Environmental Initiatives, we warn clients that the ghosting may recur due to the carpets. We then instruct the client to clean and paint only a minor portion of the wall where ghosting occurred. If ghosting does not recur

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the following winter, then the carpeting can be kept and the walls and ceilings painted. If the ghosting recurs, it's time to invest in new carpeting and pad.

Health Effects

The release of the particles and carbon likely do not impact the health of occupants, even environmentally-sensitive occupants. However, other chemicals co-releasing with the carbon from combustion appliances can impact occupant health. Besides the well-known effects of carbon monoxide, other irritant gases are also produced.

Suggested Report Wording

The following is suggested report wording for when ghosting is observed:

“Dark staining was observed in <insert locations>. The staining appeared to be from carbon or particle buildup. The carbon is typically released by the burning of candles or incense. Occasionally, the carbon is released from a gas-fired appliance,

such as a furnace, water heater, or stove. The staining itself is cosmetic. Based on site observations, the likely source of the carbon is <insert candle burning if combustion appliance appears normal, or note combustion issues>. If the ghosting is affecting the carpeting or if the walls are extensively discolored, then the carpeting will be releasing carbon and causing additional ghosting on walls and ceilings for several years and may require replacement. The surfaces affected can be cleaned and painted. The discoloration may return if the residence and any forced-air HVAC systems are not thoroughly cleaned and the source of carbon or particles not addressed.”

Cassidy Kuchenbecker is a microbiologist serving as an environmental and indoor air quality consultant for Environmental Initiatives. For questions, he can be reached at CK@enviroinit.com or at 877-653-6847. Environmental Initiatives serves all of Wisconsin and upper Illinois.

WAHI has a Facebook Page



Thanks to Public Relations Chair Bob Turicik, WAHI has joined the “new generation” and invites you to join in as well! Facebook is a very user-friendly, cost efficient, speedy way to get the word out to WAHI members. The WAHI Facebook page will be a wonderful venue to make chapter announcements (meeting changes, speakers, location updates, meeting reminders, etc.), board announcements, post State Board meeting minutes, etc.

Please see below for instructions on creating a Facebook account if you do not have one yet, and how to find the WAHI page

How do I sign up for Facebook Account?

To create an account, go to www.facebook.com. Enter your name, birthday, gender and email

address. Then create a password. After you complete the registration form, Facebook will send you an email. Just click the confirmation link to complete the sign up process.

How do I find the Wisconsin Association of Home Inspectors page?

After you have finalized creating your Facebook page, type in Wisconsin Association of Home Inspectors in the search box. Request to be “liked.” You will get a response when WAHI accepts the request. The WAHI Facebook page is a closed group – only WAHI members can view and participate on the page.

Any questions? Contact Bob Turicik at homereview@wi.rr.com or 920-892-7654.



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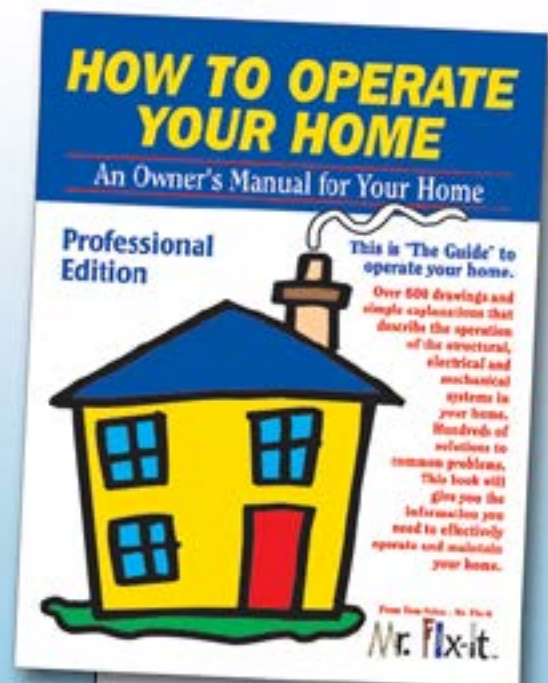
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Wisconsin Realtors Association Convention

Public Relations Chair Bob Turicik is already on to the next WRA convention – January 29-31, 2014 at The Waters of Minocqua. Bob is again coordinating the WAHI booth at the event. If you are interested in volunteering your time to help staff the booth, contact Bob at 920-892-7654 or homereview@wi.rr.com.

2013-2014 WAHI Membership Roster

The 2013-2014 membership roster is now on the website and available for viewing and/or printing. All members are encouraged to check their listing. It reflects the information that WAHI has on file for you. Please submit updates/corrections to Julie Arnstein at juliewahi@gmail.com or info@wahigroup.com

Fall Seminar

Mark your calendar for the weekend of December 6-7! The Fall Seminar and Board Meeting will be held at Olympia Resort, Spa and Conference Center in Oconomowoc, WI (I-94 & Hwy 67). Don't miss this great opportunity to obtain up to 15 continuing education credits – as always, the credits will be accepted by the state of Wisconsin, NAHI and ASHI. See pages 16 & 17 of this newsletter for details and a registration form. Hope to see you there!

Please consider bringing your spouse, significant other and/or family and make a weekend of it! The resort offers a lovely spa (15% WAHI discount on all spa services scheduled three days in advance), indoor pool and lots of shopping and dining in the general area.

WAHI State Board Meeting

The next WAHI Board of Directors meeting will be Friday, December 6th at 2:30 p.m. This meeting will be held in conjunction with the Fall 2013 Training Seminar at Olympia Resort, Spa and Conference Center in Oconomowoc, WI. Contact Julie Arnstein at juliewahi@gmail.com or (877) 399-WAHI by Monday November 25th if you would like to attend.

New Email Address for WAHI Executive Director

Please update your email address book for Julie Arnstein. Effective immediately her new address is juliewahi@gmail.com.

Ride Along Program

The WAHI Ride Along Program assists new members as they embark on their business. Experienced members interested in sharing their knowledge and experience with a fellow member by allowing them to accompany you on an inspection are asked to contact Julie Arnstein. Julie will add their name to a list given to a member looking for guidance of this type. Contact Julie at (414) 299-9766 or (877) 399-WAHI or juliewahi@gmail.com.

WAHI Arbitration Program

All members are encouraged to make every effort to resolve homeowner/inspector disputes without outside help. When that is not successful, know that the WAHI Dispute Resolution

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Program is there for you. The process begins when the complainant (homeowner) contacts Resolute Systems, the program administrator, via mail at 1550 N. Prospect Ave., Milwaukee 53202, e-mail at info@ResoluteSystems.com or their Web site at www.resolutesystems.com.

For information contact Arbitration Committee Chair Dave Strandberg at (608) 255-3966 or dstrand8@tds.net.

We Need Your Current Email Address!

Via our website, WAHI sends mass emails containing important announcements and interesting articles/information. Having your correct email address is vital in terms of WAHI communication. Take a look at your listing in the member database on the website and let us know if your info is not up-to-date.

Office Max Discount

The Office Max corporate discount is available to all members of WAHI. Purchase online at www.OfficeMaxSolutions.com. The user name is wahi and the password is member1. In-store purchases require use of a WAHI Retail Connect Card. See the November 2012 issue (page 16) of the newsletter at www.wahigroup.com for a printable card. Office Max will laminate the card for you when you visit the store.

Member News

Share your news, joys, recognitions, temporary setbacks (illness or injury), etc. Privacy should be recognized, and information provided must be okayed by the person involved. Send submissions to Julie at juliewahi@wi.rr.com. Deadline is the 20th of the month before the newsletter (ie. March 20th for the April issue).

Updating Your Contact Info

Please visit www.wahigroup.com and find your listing under the members tab on the home page. If you have recently moved or if your information is not correct/complete, please contact Julie at info@wahigroup.com, (877) 399-WAHI or fax at (262) 785- 6765. Updates are listed every month in the WAHI Inspector.

Special Spaces

Andrew Risch, longtime Milwaukee Chapter member and architectural designer for Embassy Homes, has made WAHI aware of a valuable program that he and Embassy Homes are involved in. Special Spaces is a non-profit organization that creates dream bedrooms for children with life threatening illnesses. To make this program a success they are seeking volunteers. For information, contact Andrew at 262-241-8510, x111 or Andrew@emabass-syhomes.com. You may also be interested in visiting www.specialspacesmilwaukee.org.

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Chapter Secretaries

Chapter Secretaries are reminded to include upcoming speaker and topic information when submitting monthly meeting minutes to Julie Arnstein. The information will be included in the newsletter and will also be posted on our Web site at www.wahigroup.com.

Add a Photo to the WAHI Web Site & Link to Your Site

WAHI's new Web site is up and running. We've been adding member photos and are now ready to add your company Web site to your member profile. Submit photos and web site addresses to juliewahi@gmail.com.

Chapter Presidents

Please give your WAHI Board Member-at-Large an opportunity to share information from recent Board meetings. They are the liaison between your chapter and the WAHI Board.

Communication

All member-to-member or member-to-association disputes must go through the Membership Committee. A member going public with a member or association dispute will be grounds for disciplinary action. The Membership Committee will implement this policy. Contact Committee co-chairs Doug Hoerth (920-375-0723 or finallookinspectionsservices@yahoo.com) or Glenn Schmidt (920-923-0440 or gcschmidt1@att.net).

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Wisconsin Association of Home Inspectors Inc.™ (WAHI™)
Fall 2013 Training Seminar - 15 Credits
Friday, December 6th & Saturday, December 7th, 2013

Friday, December 6th (up to 7 credits)

Education House

7:30 am Registration
8:00 am Inspection Review Begins
 12:00 pm Inspection Review Concludes

Break for Lunch (on own)

1:00 pm Training Rotation Begins
 5:00 pm Education Rotation Concludes
 Distribution of CEU Certificates
(See event details and registration form on the back of this sheet)

 7-9 pm Vendor Room Cocktail Party
 Olympia Resort and Conference Center

Saturday, December 7th (8 credits)

Classroom Training

7-8 am Registration and Breakfast
8:00 am Report Writing – Part 1
Steve Preins, Quality Education Group
 9:45 am Break and Visit the Vendors
10:15 am Report Writing – Part 2
Steve Preins, Quality Education Group
 12:00 pm Lunch and Visit the Vendors
1:00 pm Flat Roofs – Installation and Analysis
John Goodman, Luebke Roofing
 2:45 pm Break and Visit the Vendors
3:15 pm Insulation – Types, Uses, Systems
Gary Morgen, City Wide Insulation
 5:00 pm Distribution of CEU Certificates

Friday, December 6th, 7-9 pm Cocktail Party in the Vendor Room!
 Door Prizes and Appetizers!

Continuing Education Credits

This seminar is approved for up to 15 continuing education credits with the State of WI,
 Up to 14 with ASHI and NAHI

Location: Olympia Resort & Spa, 1350 Royale Mile Rd, Oconomowoc, WI 53006

To reserve a room, call (262) 369-4999. A block of rooms is being held for Friday, Dec. 6th and Saturday Dec. 7th (rates starting at \$79.00/night). Be sure to mention **WI Association of Home Inspectors – WAHI** when reserving your room. **The room block expires Monday, November 25th.**

-----Please Submit **Saturday** Registration Form-----

Name and Company Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ Email _____

Make checks payable to: WAHI
MasterCard or Visa: _____ **Exp:** ____ / ____

Circle Your Registration Fee (**Friday registration form on back**):

	By 11/20	After 11/20	On Site
Saturday	\$145	\$175	\$205
Friday & Saturday (\$50 savings)	\$230	\$260	\$290
Non-members, add \$30.00 to fees stated			
Fee includes Saturday breakfast, breaks & lunch			

Return this form, with payment, to:
 WAHI, c/o Julie Arnstein
 4590 S. Raven Lane
 New Berlin, WI 53151

Fax: (262) 785-6765

Email: juliewahi@gmail.com
 Questions? (877) 399-WAHI

- I plan to attend the Education House on Friday, Dec 6th (Complete form on other side)
- I plan to attend the Friday Night Cocktail Party, 7-9 pm in the Vendor Room
- I plan to bring a guest on Friday night

Education House – Inspection Review and Training

Friday, December 6th, 2013

This on-site inspection event is comprised of two parts – an inspection *review* in the morning, followed by inspection *training* in the afternoon. WAHI has obtained the use of a home in the Oconomowoc area for this program.

Inspection Review

This peer review event is an opportunity for you to evaluate and refine your inspection skills with the aid of a panel of your peers, rather than a person in a black robe with a big “hammer” (i.e. gavel). Results will be kept strictly confidential.

Participants will have two-hours to complete their inspection (electrical panels will already be removed, ladders in place, cover off the furnace, etc., to aid in the time limit). Upon completion participants will present their findings and their completed report to the panel as if to a client – the panel have inspected the house and identified defects.

Participants are asked to bring two recently completed inspection reports for review by the panel to see if they are meeting state standards. There will be “must find, must report” items that the panel will be looking for. The panel will be focusing on the identification of major defects, not issues such as windows or doors sticking. During the inspection process communication between participants will not be allowed as this event is intended to help participants evaluate their personal skill level. The morning session will be worth **three continuing education credits** and is limited to the first 10 registrants.

Inspection Training

The afternoon session will be inspection training at the same property. Experienced experts will be posted throughout the house in numerous locations to provide approximately 45-minute presentations on how to inspect various components, focusing on the WI Standards of Practice. Participants will then rotate to the next area/presenter. The training will take place from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm and will be worth **four continuing education credits**. The afternoon portion will be limited to the first 40 registrants.

WAHI Member cost to attend this event is as follows:

Educational Review (morning) - \$75.00

Inspection Training (afternoon) - \$60.00

Review **and** Training (all day) - \$135.00

Non-members, add \$30.00 to the fees stated

All participants must preregister as space is limited – no on-site registrations.

All participants will be notified by a member of the Education House Committee with the specific location.

Lunch break from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm for all day participants - on own.

For further information, contact Chair Kent Schwanke at (920) 229 -7854 or kents@slhi.com

-----Please Submit **Friday** Registration Form-----

Name and Company Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

- I plan to attend the Inspection Review Only (Morning) - \$75.00
- I plan to attend the Inspection Training Only (Afternoon) - \$60.00
- I plan to attend all day - Review **and** Training - \$135.00
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