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**Andy Helgeson**  
President



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### LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW, LET IT SNOW...

Call me crazy but I **love** winter. Don't get me wrong, I love summer too, but I couldn't live in a hot climate - I'd miss winter and all it brings...snow ball fights, skating, sledding, fresh snow falls.

In that vein, if you haven't already heard, the State Legislature has eliminated the Weatherization program - as of January 1st, it is done. If that is a service you offer, see Legislative Committee Chair David Strandberg's piece on page 4 of this newsletter for important details.

#### Current Events:

WAHI was contacted by the American Legion for help with their [Camp American Legion](#) near Tomahawk. The camp enables veterans and their families to spend a week at no cost and experience the great outdoors with views of the lakes surrounding the camp, go fishing, just enjoy a boat ride, and get help or counseling for their body and soul. The camp has 19 rustic cabins overlooking the lakes that are in various states of repair. The property also has 3 additional buildings - a main lodge, a bath house and an activity center with housing for their onsite therapist.

A group of WAHI leadership inspected the cabins and facilities on the 24<sup>th</sup> of October and will provide inspection reports detailing the condition of each building to help the American Legion make informed decisions on what needs to be done to ensure the vets stay in safe and healthy accommodations.

WAHI is honored to help those who have sacrificed so much for our country. The camp is a non-profit organization which serves all vets regardless of their level of need. American Legion posts from across the State, along with other groups, sponsor individual cabins and provide additional support to the camp as well. It is likely that a local post in your area is involved - check it out.

If you read this newsletter before our Fall 2017 seminar weekend - I hope you plan to attend and take advantage of another quality event WAHI has planned for **you!**

Andy Helgeson, WAHI President

**WAHI Fall 2017 Education House and Seminar**  
**November 3rd and 4th**  
**Chula Vista Resort in the WI Dells!**  
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**NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, November 15**

Social at 6:00 pm & Meeting/Dinner at 6:30 pm

Meeting and meal is \$30; meeting only is \$10.

[Palms Supper Club Steak House, 5912 Business Hwy 51, Schofield](#)

*Speaker: General Contractor, Affiliate member and Contractor Arbitrator, Steve Schlei, from Schlei Brothers Construction*

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**For speaker information, or to provide a suggestion/lead, please contact the Chapter President, Richard Duerkop at 715-241-8222.**



The October meeting with past WAHI President, Dave Waraxa, was a bit hit! We had a good turnout (with several members we have not seen in a while) and we had a really good Q&A forum.

**NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, November 1**

Buffet Dinner at 5:30 pm & Meeting at 6:00 pm

[Jade Garden Restaurant, 3620 Gateway Dr., Eau Claire](#)

*Speaker: Daniel Kegley, Renewable Energy Management Consulting, LLC*

Daniel is a master electrician and will be discussing panel inspections and wiring issues.

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**For speaker information, or to provide a suggestion/lead, please contact Chapter Education Chair, Pete Saltness at 715-829-7348.**

Thank you Bruce Low and Bob Turicik for providing pictures of electrical panel problems for our roundtable discussion group! Speaker and Affiliate member Dave Brehmer from ABT Foundation Solutions gave a PowerPoint presentation and spoke about several types of foundation problems - wet basements and crawlspaces, drainage problems, settling foundations and bowing walls.



**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, November 21**

Social at 5:30 pm & Meeting/Dinner at 6:00 pm

[The Stone Toad, 1109 S. Oneida St., Menasha](#)

*Round Table Discussion: Future roundtable suggestions and pictures should be emailed to Dave VandenHeiden at [thdlc7@gmail.com](mailto:thdlc7@gmail.com)*

*Education: Home Inspection Report Writing Systems*

We will discuss various home inspection writing systems. We ask member to share/show your report format.

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**For speaker information, or to provide a suggestion/lead, please contact Chapter Education Chair, Scott Hansen at 920-716-3025.**



**NEXT MEETING: Thursday, JANUARY 18 (2018)**

From the Madison Chapter leadership - Enjoy the holidays ahead and we look forward to seeing everyone when we resume in January!

Roundtable at 6:00 pm & Meeting/Dinner at 6:30 pm

[Alt 'n Bach's Town Tap, 2602 Whalen Lane, Madison](#)

*Speaker: To be determined*

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

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**For speaker information, or to provide a suggestion/lead, please contact Chapter Education Chair, Ron Miller at 608-235-9836.**



**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, November 14**

Social time from 5:30 - 6:30 pm, Buffet Dinner available from 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Business Meeting and Educational Presentation at 7:00 pm

[Klemmer's Banquet Center, 10401 W. Oklahoma Ave., West Allis](#)

*Speaker: Steve Pipson, Focus on Energy and Kristine Dehart, Raise-Rite Concrete Lifting, Inc.*

Steve will share information regarding their Energy Star Program. Kris will address concrete lifting and leveling.

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**For speaker information, or to provide a suggestion/lead, please contact Chapter Education Chair, Steven Knoebel at 414-828-4217.**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WAHI?

### October 2017

- **Meeting with the new Secretary of the Department of Safety and Professional Services (DSPA):** WAHI Lobbyist, Kathi Kilgore, arranged for a small group meeting between WAHI and DSPA leadership. On Wednesday, October 4th, President Andy Helgeson, Legislative Committee Chair David Strandberg, Kathi Kilgore and myself met with Secretary Laura Gutierrez and Assistant Deputy Secretary Kristen Reader. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce WAHI to the new secretary (WAHI had a great relationship with former Secretary David Ross) and talk a little about how WAHI should prepare for the Occupational License Review councils - defect legislation was not discussed. WAHI will be made aware of any public hearings regarding the licensing review.
- **Welcome Committee:** Each chapter now has a Welcome Committee. The purpose of this committee is to invite their new members to a meeting, give them a friendly face in the crowd to look for/sit with at a meeting...make them feel... **welcome!** WAHI is an unique organization - it is made up of the most congenial "bunch of competitors" I have ever seen! The sharing of experiences, be it something encountered during a home inspection or with a client (often with a theme of....Don't let this happen to you!) is amazing and the way the members work together for the good of the industry is really commendable. Members who do not attend meetings truly do not know what they are missing. See page 12 in this newsletter for a listing of all the Welcome Committee members and their contact info. If you haven't attended a meeting, give one of them a call - take advantage of their genuine interest in making you feel comfortable and "welcome" at the meetings. 😊
- **Zoom, online meeting provider:** Remember, for any "long distance meetings" WAHI has an account with an online meeting provider, Zoom. This service is available for use by the Board of Directors, Chapter leadership and State and Chapter committees. Contact me for further information or to schedule a meeting for your group.

### November 2017 and Beyond...

- **Fall 2017 Education House and Training Seminar:** It's NOT too late to join us in the Dells for the Education House on Friday, November 3rd or the classroom training at Chula Vista on Saturday, November 4th. Sign up at <https://wahigroup.com/event-2649742> . We have added Atty. Lauren Triebenbach of von Briesen & Roper to the Saturday speaker line-up - an increase in litigation makes her a very welcome addition!
- **Board Meeting:** All members are welcome to attend the upcoming board meeting on Friday, November 3rd at Chula Vista in the WI Dells. Contact Julie at [julie@wahigroup.com](mailto:julie@wahigroup.com) or 414.299.9766 to add your name to the list of attendees.
- **Spring 2018 Elections:** It's not too early to start thinking about stepping up to a leadership position in WAHI. We will hold the election of the State President and Vice President in March.
- **Spring 2018 Education House and Training Seminar:** We are confirmed for the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point - March 9th and 10th. More details to come!



**Julie Arnstein**  
**Executive Director**

This is a brief recap of activity in the past month and a preview of what lay ahead.

If anyone would ever like further information on something mentioned in this piece just let me know...

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# WISCONSIN RENTAL WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM

## The Rental Weatherization Program in WI is ending January 1, 2018.

If a property owner has a rental property involved in a real estate transaction during the remainder of 2017, and it falls within the regulations of the Rental Weatherization Program, the Registers of Deeds throughout Wisconsin will need a Certificate of Compliance to be able to transfer the property.

Real estate transactions after January 1, 2018 will no longer require a Certificate of Compliance.

Companies that have offered Weatherization inspections are being told to maintain their records for 5 years. Unfortunately, refunds of any unused stamps/stickers will not be issued.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments - dstrand8@charter.net or 608.255.3966

Sincerely, David Standberg, Madison Chapter WAHI Legislative Committee Chair



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The next WAHI Board of Directors meeting will be Friday, November 3, 2017 starting at 2:00 pm. This meeting will be held in conjunction with the Fall 2017 Education House and Training Seminar at Chula Vista in WI Dells.

All WAHI members are welcome to attend. Please contact Julie Arnstein IMMEDIATELY if you would like to attend - [julie@wahigroup.com](mailto:julie@wahigroup.com) or (414) 531-3199.

## MADISON CHAPTER HAS A NEW TREASURER

Home Inspector member, Misty Russell of Four Corners Home Inspection, will serve as the Madison Chapter Treasurer for the next 2 years - effective immediately. Thank you, Misty, for stepping up to serve the chapter and thus, the association as well.

Further thanks to outgoing Madison Treasurer, Danny Kruger. He actually served 2+ terms as the chapter sought his replacement - WAHI appreciated your willingness to stay on, Danny!



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## Fall 2017 Education House WI Dells

Education House Chair, Mike von Gunten, is pleased to announce that longtime Affiliate members, Scott Campbell of Lifetime Radon Solutions and Cassidy Kuchenbecker of Environmental Initiatives will "tag team" on a radon presentation at this year's "house." Scott will be installing a radon mitigation system in the property and then plans to address how home inspectors should inspect and report on the systems - he will also share new info from AARST. Cassidy will go "Beyond the Basics of Radon" as he covers various factors which impact data collection and testing results. Hope to see you there!



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## WAHI 101 - INSTRUCTIONS TO UPDATE YOUR PROFILE IN 5 EASY STEPS:

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2. From the Home Page - upper right corner, **select "LOGIN."** ENTER your email address on file with WAHI and password. \*If you have questions, contact Julie at [julie@wahigroup.com](mailto:julie@wahigroup.com).
3. 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.
5. After making your updates, **select "SAVE"** in the gray rectangular box at the bottom of the page.

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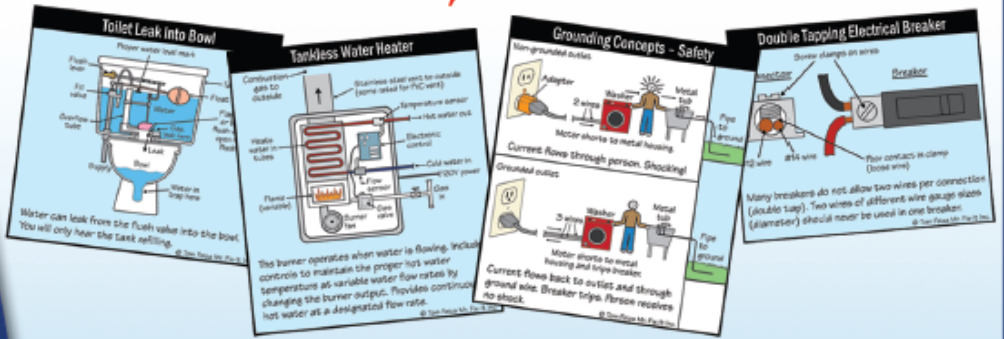
It has come to our attention that many of you may be unaware that the WAHI website hosts an interactive forum on the Members Only page. We encourage all members to check it out! This is a very useful tool for communicating directly with fellow members and with our large membership, chances are very good that you will find someone who has a shared experience similar to yours or an answer to your question! To access the forum section of the website you need to log-in to the website.

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If you have any questions, please contact:

**Bob Turicik**  
 920-892-7654  
[homeview@wi.rr.com](mailto:homeview@wi.rr.com)



## WAHI Arbitration Program

Not every homeowner/inspector interaction goes smoothly. Although all members are encouraged to make every effort to resolve disputes on their own, we know that is not always successful.

*WAHI's Dispute Resolution Program* is here for you during those difficult times.

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Contact Roy Wagner at  
(414) 287-1250 or  
[rwagner@vonbriesen.com](mailto:rwagner@vonbriesen.com)

## DISPUTE PROCESS

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

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

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## WAHI WELCOME COMMITTEE

Our Welcome Committee is intended to do just that....*welcome* our new members into WAHI. As a new member, expect a call from a member from your chapter. If you are a "newer" member – maybe you joined a while ago but haven't yet attended a meeting - feel free to reach out to a committee member from your chapter and make arrangements to meet at the next or an upcoming meeting.

We want our new members to feel "welcome", feel a connection with the group... and the members listed below are the right people to do that!

### CENTRAL

Mike Carson - 715-212-4051 or carsonhomeinspector@gmail.com

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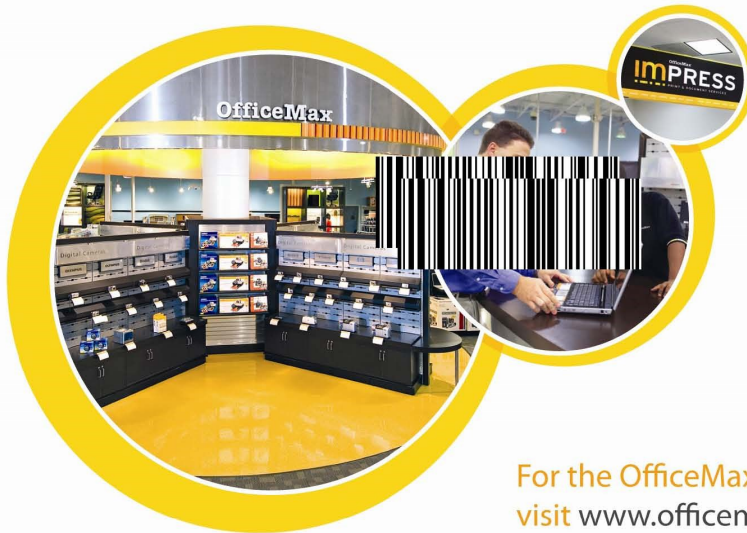
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