



# The Inspector

## Quarterly Newsletter

### 2011 Board Meeting Dates

- **March 4, 2011**
- **June 3, 2011**
- **September 9, 2011**
- **December 2, 2011**

All LSBHI Board meetings will commence at 9am unless otherwise noted. Special meetings, when needed, will be broadcasted. All meetings will be held at 4664 Jamestown Ave Suite 220, Baton Rouge LA 70808.



### Points of Interest

- Your LSBHI license# must be on all reports, advertisement materials and or websites.
- Use of the LSBHI logo is strictly prohibited.
- Each LHI must complete 20 hours of CE each year by an approved CE provider.
- New Standards available on the LSBHI website.

**SPRING**

*"Celebrate what you have accomplished, but raise the bar a little higher each time you succeed."*

- Mia Hamm

### 2011 First Quarter

The LSBHI's 1st quarter Board meeting was held on March 4, 2011. The Board addressed 5 complaints. Of the 5 complaints, 3 of them were for the LHI's failure to file monthly reporting forms. These were resolved by Pre Hearing Resolution. LSBHI v.

DiLeo was a Board filed complaint against a LHI for performing home inspections with an expired license and failing to report monthly reports. (how was it resolved?) The board also addressed the complaint of Kelting v. Darbonne (in-field trainer) for violating Board Rule § 119 (aiding and abetting a non-licensed person to violate the Rules). This resulted in revocation of Mr. Darbonne's home inspector license. Mr. Darbonne has appealed the findings and will be addressed at the next Quarterly Board Meeting. The Board also approved one new Pre-licensing provider, World Inspection Network International (WIN), and one continuing education provider, University of Louisiana Lafayette.

### No. of LHI By District

District 1— 95	District 2— 31
District 3— 33	District 4— 51
District 5— 45	District 6— 88
District 7— 49	*Active and Inactive

### Report Reviews

The Board discussed the format of the Report Reviews in the last quarterly newsletter. As a reminder to all Home Inspectors, these reports must be in the same format you give to your clients. This includes, but is not limited to, Pre-Inspections agreements and a copy of the Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics. If these things are not included in the report then the report will not be considered complete.

### Preferred Vendor Programs

A number of preferred vendor programs have been circulating in and around the state. Participation in these programs is a violation of the LSBHI ethics. If you have a question about such programs please do not hesitate to call the Board office for clarification.

### Monthly Reporting

In recent months the amount of Home Inspectors who are not filing their monthly reports is increasing. Please keep in mind that all ACTIVE Home Inspectors must file monthly reports, whether reporting 50 or 0 inspections. Failure to report will result in a complaint being filed and a hearing before the Board. Late fees are as follows: A \$25 dollar fine is assessed to all reports filed after the 15th of the following month. In addition a \$5 dollar per inspection late fee is assessed making each Inspection a total of \$10 dollars.

### Websites and Advertising

Do you have a website? Are you on Facebook? We all find ourselves working hard in these hard economic times to market our businesses in every manner possible. It is very important that you remember that your LSBHI license number must be displayed on ALL advertising materials. This includes Facebook, your personal websites and brochures. The most common mistake we find is that Home Inspectors forget to put their LSBHI license number on their Home Inspection report. Let's eliminate future penalties and fines by making sure your license number is easily accessible on ALL advertising materials.