



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.
- Beginning June 1, 2010 monthly reporting returns to \$5 per inspection.

"Every one of us gets through the tough times because somebody is there, standing in the gap to close it for us." -Oprah Winfrey

2010 Fourth Quarter

The LSBHI's 4th quarter Board meeting was held December 3, 2010. The Board addressed 3 complaints all three complaints were dismissed. The Board then reviewed pre-licensing provider applications and approved Kary Stevens as a new CE provider. The Board greatly appreciates all the participation and feedback they receive at each Board meeting. Please keep in mind that you can receive up to 4 CEU's per year for attending Board meetings.

No. of LHI By District

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| District 1— 94 | District 2— 28 |
| District 3— 33 | District 4— 49 |
| District 5— 45 | District 6— 86 |
| District 7— 47 | *Active and Inactive |



2011 Officers

2010 was a great year with Mr. Michael LeBas serving as Chairman of the Board and Mr. Terry Hardouin as Vice Chairman. We appreciate all the hard work and dedication they provided during 2010. As we roll into 2011 the Louisiana State Board of Home Inspectors elected two new officers for the Board. We would like to congratulate Mr. Mike Burroughs as our new Chairman and Mr. Foxe Smothers as Vice Chairman. We are looking forward to another successful year with our new officers.

Special Board Meeting

Tuesday December 14, 2010 the LSBHI held a special meeting. This meeting was held in Metairie at the Law Office of Albert Nicaud to review the budget for the 2011 fiscal year. This budget was adopted by a unanimous vote. The comprehensive budget is completed annually in compliance with the Louisiana Revised Statutes (R.S.) 39:1331 through 1342. The information will be used to prepare the Legislative Auditor's annual report on boards and commissions.

Standards of Practice

The Board has made numerous changes to the Standards of Practice and other administrative rules of the State Board. Most of these changes involve minor typographical errors, rearranging definitions and other non substantive matters. Others involve substantive changes you need to be aware of. The updated changes can be found on the website at www.lsbhi.state.la.us

These Rules will become effective on December 20, 2010 and you will be expected to abide by the revised rules and provide your clients with a copy of the new Standards of Practice beginning January 1, 2011. While this synopsis of the changes attempts to point out the highlights of the changes, it is your responsibility to fully read through the changes and modify your reports and report writing techniques to remain in compliance.

Annual Report Reviews



“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them”

-John F. Kennedy

Starting January 1, 2011 the LSBHI will resume reviewing inspectors’ reports. These reviews are to aid the inspector in learning and applying the new Standards of Practice. The reports will be reviewed based on what the inspector is required to report in a home inspection. The results of the report review will be sent to the inspector for them to make the needed corrections in their future inspection reports. These reviews will be used to show the board and education providers areas in which home inspectors may need more education. No information from the report such as the inspector’s name or other like information will be released.

The review process will begin with a standardized report review form being supplied to the inspector, listing a specific report. The inspector will complete the



Annual Review of Home Inspection Reports resume in 2011.

review form and return to LSBHI. A board member or LSBHI staff will compare the self-reporting form to the

actual report on file. If deficiencies are disclosed, the inspector will be given a period of time to correct their future inspection reports. If significant deficiencies are discovered the inspector may be required to supply a second report in the near future.

If the reviews show that an inspector does not follow the SOP or make needed changes to their future reports, the inspector may be brought before the board to answer questions and for possible complaint resolution. Failure to respond to any request by the LSBHI can result in fines, suspension, or both. -Mike Burroughs



REMINDERS!!

- Monthly reporting is to be post marked by the 15th of the following month! Late fees will be assessed to ALL late reports
- Reports must be filed even if you are reporting ZERO inspections.
- Renewals are due by the last day of the month. No exceptions. There is a \$100.00 late fee assessed for all renewals past due.

LSBHI Has A New Look

The LSBHI is excited about the mini face lift that it received in 2010. We welcome you to stop by our office in Baton Rouge to see the changes. The mini face lift included a new Board table with name plates of each Congressional members and a beautiful State Seal. We are also working on expanding our library of books in the office. We look forward to more improvements within the next year.

2010 Complaints

The LSBHI addressed 19 complaints in 2010. More than half of these complaints were for violating 46LACXL.135D(Standards of Practice §135D). In most cases a pre-hearing resolution of a \$100.00 fine plus adding their LSBHI license number to ALL advertising material was set. The Board also addressed other violations such as 46LACXL.311.C-4.C, 305.3, 321.5, 117B. These fines ranged from \$150-1200.00. The Board dismissed 5 of the 19 complaints.

46LACXL means the following:

46 (Chapter) LAC (Louisiana Administrative Code) XL (Part 40)

To find the violation mentioned, you can visit the website at www.lsbhi.state.la.us and view the Standards of Practice.(46LACXL) Then look up the number to see exactly what SOP or COE was violated (ex: 135 D)

