

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

of

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF HOME INSPECTORS

Friday, September 9, 2011
9:00 AM
Office of the LSBHI
4664 Jamestown Ave., Suite 220, Baton Rouge

Board Members in Attendance:

District 1 – Terry Hardouin
District 2 – Roy E Burst III
District 3 – Cal Grevemberg

District 4 – Foxe Smothers
District 5 – Michael Burroughs
District 6 – Michael LeBas, P.E.
District 7 – Ceil Fuselier

I

Those members being in attendance, Chairman Mike Burroughs called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the previous Board Meeting. Mr. Foxe Smothers motioned to approve the minutes as written. Mrs. Ceil Fuselier seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

II

C-11-014 LSBHI v. Rodney- the Board explained to Mr. Rodney that all monthly reports are to be paid on time and excuses will not be tolerated. Mr. Rodney apologized to the Board and has made a point to be on time in the future. Mr. Smothers motioned to accept the fines of \$310.00. Mr. Hardouin seconded the motion and the motion was carried.

C-11-015 LSBHI v. Reddoch – the Board also explained to Mr. Reddoch that all monthly reports are to be paid on time and excuses will not be tolerated. Mr. Smothers motioned to accept the fines of \$160.00. Mrs. Fuselier seconded the motion, Mr. Grevemberg sustained and the motion was carried.

C-11-020 Denoux v. Swain- Mr. Swain file a continuance and this complaint will be heard at the December 2, 2011 Board meeting.

C-11-022 LSBHI v. Kelting- Mr. Smothers motioned to approve the pre-hearing resolution of a \$100.00 fine plus properly displaying license number on all advertising materials within 30 days. Seconded by Mr. Burst and the motion carried.

C-11-023 Cross v. Donaldson Education- Mr. LeBas motioned to continue this complaint because the Board needs more information in regards to how many hours prior students were being taught. Mr. Grevemberg seconded and the motion was carried. The Board requested that the SIE obtain more information on Donaldson education instructors and the Mr. Chris Donaldson submit any copies he may have of documents regarding classroom hours.

III

Review Pre-licensing Education, Continuing Education and In-field Trainer applications for the following:

Robert Cross (Pre-licensing Classroom) - Mr. Smothers motioned to approve Robert Cross; Mr. Hardouin seconds and the motion was carried.

InterNACHI (Continuing Education Online) - Mr. Smothers motioned to approve InterNACHI as a CE provider; Mrs. Fuselier seconded and the motion was carried.

William Wallace (In-field Trainer)- Mr. Smothers motioned to accept Mr. Wallace's application and Mr. Burst seconded and the motion was carried.

Gordon Atwell (In-field Trainer)- Mr. LeBas motioned to accept Mr. Atwell's application and Mr. Grevemberg seconded and the motion was carried.

IV

Reports and cost of repair estimates – The LSBHI currently cannot legally prohibit cost repair estimates. If the LHI chooses to perform cost repair estimates for his or her client, they are doing so at their own risk. Most insurance companies will not cover cost repair estimates. Reporting cost repair estimates does exceed our Standards at this time. Mr. Smothers motioned to have cost repair estimates prohibited added to the Standards and sent for review at the next legislative session. The motion dies.

V

Continuing Education providers who are not actively providing CE- Topic closed

**Mr. Michael Lebas excused himself from the Board meeting at 11 A.M.

VI

Massachusetts Board of Home Inspectors request to gain reciprocity- The Board discusses at length the Standards of Practice set by Massachusetts. Mr. Smothers motioned to send our Standards of Practice along with a letter informing the State of Massachusetts that we consider their invitation to gain reciprocity. Mrs. Fuselier seconded and the motion was carried.

VII

Mr. Smothers addressed the Board and went over the items that were unintentionally left out of the State Register for the changes regarding continuing education. The appropriate changes will be made and voted on at the December Board meeting.

VIII

Board Attorney Albert Nicaud spoke to the Board about the continuing education changes entered into the State register. Mr. Nicaud also advised all Home Inspectors not to print Standard of Practice in booklets because they can be changed often.

Mr. Hardouin motioned to re-open the Cost of Repair Estimate agenda item (IV**). Mr. Smothers seconded and the motion was carried. Mr. Hardouin would like to see what other State's Laws that do not allow cost estimates. Mr. Burroughs appointed Foxe Smothers, David Aloisio, Kevin Rodney and Barry Landry to look at other States and their Laws and what other limitations other states have.

IX

Mike Burroughs spoke briefly about HUD inspections. He stated that no matter what kind of inspection you perform where you inspect two or more components of a residential resale property as a HUD inspector, you must meet the Louisiana State Board of Home Inspectors Standards.

X

Mike Burroughs spoke briefly about report reviews. He stated, when submitting your annual report for review you must include all contracts and a copy of the Standards of Practice in order for the report to be considered complete.

Executive session 12:45 P.M.

Open session 1:40 P.M.

Meeting adjourned 1:45 P.M.

Mr. Grevemberg motioned to adjourn. Mr. Smothers seconded and the motion was carried.

Other attendees: Albert Nicaud, Board Attorney; Morgan Spinosa, COO; Charles Hall; Robert Cross; Kevin Rodney; Keith Blanchard; Dick Chance; Brent Roberts; David Aloisio; Michael Roberts; Jeff Jordan; Fred Rittler; Barry Landry; Sidney Chaisson; Claston Bernard; Joe Cook; Gordon Atwell; Dan Dormady; Chris Donaldson; Robin Campbell; Bill Wallace; Ken Kinkade; Tom Axelrad; Turk Schexnayder; Jeff Reddoch; Jerry Womack; Mike Jordan; Dave Hartmann; John Hoskins; Douglas Frickey; Douglas Frickey Jr.; Roland LeBlanc; Fritz Gurtler

Minutes recorded by: COO