



The Inspector

Quarterly Newsletter

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Points of Interest

- The LSBHI office is open and accepting visitors by appointment only. Please contact the board office to schedule an appointment at lsbhi@lsbhi.la.gov
- Stay up to day with coronavirus updates. Click below.

CORONAVIRUS Information

2020 MEETING DATES

- March 6, 2020
- June 5, 2020
- Sept. 11, 2020
- December 4, 2020

All LSBHI Board meetings will commence at 9am unless otherwise noted. Special meetings, when needed, will be broadcasted. All meetings will be held at 5211 Essen Lane Suite 9, Baton Rouge LA 70809.

2020 Third Quarterly Board Meeting

The Louisiana State Board of Home Inspector's third quarter Board meeting was held September 11 2020 at the Board office in Baton Rouge. The meeting was also streamed via ZOOM.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, James Yaeger at 9:05a.m.

The Board began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Board members reviewing and approving the minutes of the previous Board meeting.

The Board reviewed and approved the In-field Trainer provider application for Ricky Thibodeaux of Lafayette LA.

There were three complaints on the agenda two of which were dismissed as the SIE found no probable cause for a hearing. The board did hear C-20-002 LSBHI v. LeBlanc.(see page 2)

The Board unanimously voted to extend the temporary rule change allowing home inspectors to receive continuing education credit for attending LIVE Streaming CE and have it count as "In-Class" credit throughout the COVID 19 recovery. This change is now extended until December 4, 2020. At that time, the Board will again assess the situation to determine if it should be extended or not.

Board Attorney, Albert Nicaud gave a quick update on the matter of Mr. Thomas Kelting versus the LSBHI. The matter went before the court on August 10, 2020 on appellant Thomas Kelting's petition for judicial review regarding the board's findings pertaining to C-19-001 Poche v. Kelting. The 19th JDC Honorable Judge William A. Morvant DENIED the petition and the ruling made by the board dated June 21, 2019 was AFFIRMED.

The Board meeting was later adjourned by Chairman, James Yaeger at 10:30 a.m.



Pictured: LSBHI Board members (Left to Right) Scott Hearne, Mike Roberts, Bill Harris, Ashley van der Meulen, James Yaeger and Gordon Atwell

Thank you!!

Thank you Louisiana home inspectors for donating supplies to the families affected by Hurricane Laura! We also want to thank Board member, Mike Roberts for delivering the donations!

Disciplinary Actions from September 11, 2020

C-20-001 Ross v. LeBlanc LHI#10628– SIE found no probable cause, complaint was dismissed.

C-20-002 LSBHI v. LeBlanc LHI#10628– Mr. LeBlanc was present and sworn in by Chairman, James Yaeger. Mr. LeBlanc admitted that he failed to report monthly reporting due to technical/computer issues. After hearing testimony the Board stated that Mr. LeBlanc should have found a way to report monthly regardless of the computer issues finding him in violation of LAC46XL.117B-failing to submit monthly reporting for over a year. The Board found that Mr. LeBlanc failed to notify the Board of his address change and contact information in violation of LAC46XL.133A– failing to notify the Board of his address change. The Board levied a fine of \$3120.00 for violating LAC46XL.117B and \$300.00 for violating LAC46XL.133A. Total fine:\$3420.00

C-20-003 Thompson v. Naquin LHI#10951- SIE found no probable cause, complaint was dismissed.

Live Streaming CE

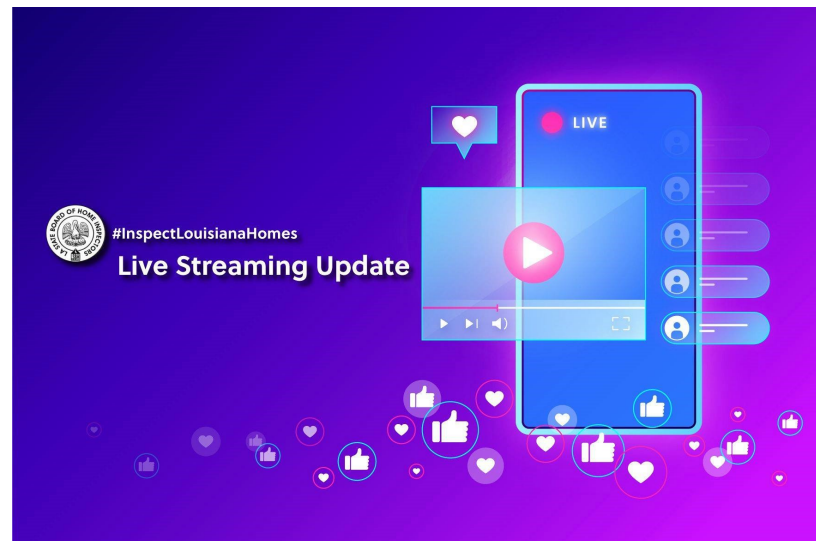
The Board unanimously voted to allow home inspectors to receive continuing education credit for attending LIVE Streaming CE and have it count as “In-Class” credit throughout the COVID 19 recovery. This change is in effect until December 4, 2020. At that time the Board will reassess the situation to determine if it should be extended or not.

LIVE Streaming Rules:

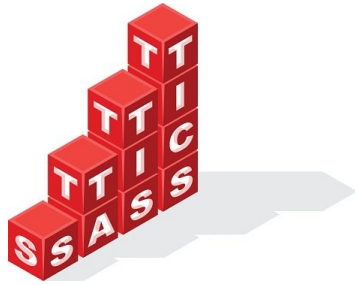
Class size is limited to 25 participants
Each participant must use video (no blank screens allowed) and must participate
Each class is limited to 2 hour blocks with a maximum of 6 hours per day.

LIVE streaming should not be confused with online CE. Online CE* is still limited to 10 hours of CE per licensing period.

All LIVE streaming courses will be broadcast by the LSBHI as well as listed on the calendar which can be found on our website.



The LSBHI is committed to working with you to provide the highest level of service possible during this difficult time.



Monthly Reporting Totals

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
January	2918	3431
February	3483	3759
March	3996	4280
April	4687	3163
May	4662	4700
June	4301	5699
July	4242	5586
August	4173	5216
September	3582	-
October	3718	-
November	3111	-
December	2695	-

2019 Total Inspections: 45596

2018 Total Inspections: 42697

2017 Total Inspections: 41044

The Louisiana State Board of Home Inspectors would like to recognize our newest Licensed Home Inspectors for 2020. These inspectors were licensed during the third-quarter of 2020:

- Dustin D'Avy #11165
- Robbie McKay #11166
- Natasha Botway #11167
- Jonathan Bordelon #11168
- Derek LeBlanc #11169
- Dustin Rothell #11170
- Paul Kinnerson #11171
- Russell Rothell #11172
- Marion Bozman #11173
- Matthew Mularoni #11174
- Mark DeLoach #11175
- James Hudson #11176

Louisiana State Board of Home Inspectors

Governor
John Bel Edwards

1st Congressional District
Ashley van der Meulen

2nd Congressional District
William B. Harris Jr.

3rd Congressional District
James Yaeger

4th Congressional District
Paul Collucci

5th Congressional District
Mike Roberts

6th Congressional District
Gordon Atwell

At Large Member
Scott Hearne

Chief Operating Officer
Morgan Spinosa



Legal Counsel
Albert Nicaud



LSBHI Launched A New Website

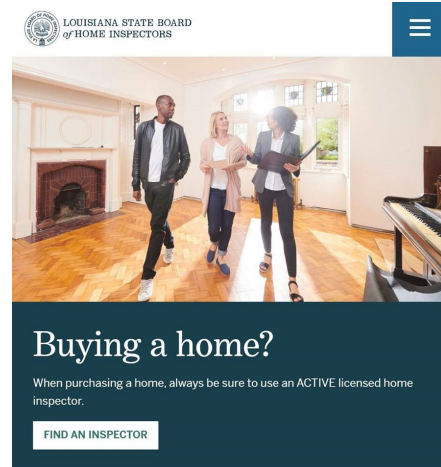
The Louisiana State Board of Home Inspectors is happy to announce the launch of their new website. The site is not only user friendly but ADA compliant.

During the transition some information reverted back to some inspectors old contact info. We would like to request that you take a minute to review your listing. If any corrections need to be made please use the attached form. All corrections must be submitted on the form or it will not be accepted.

We appreciate your patience during this process as we still have a few kinks that are being worked out.

[Website Update Form](#)

Click Here
For the new site



The LSBHI website provides up to date information regarding upcoming continuing education courses.

Click below to view the calendar that is updated daily.



2020 Board Meeting Dates

December 4, 2020





[Second Quarter Board Meeting Minutes 2020](#)

[Pre-Inspection Agreement](#)-updated 7/15/2020

[Change of Address Form](#)

Title 46 Professional and Occupational Standards Part XL. Home Inspectors

Are you looking for continuing education? Visit our website for a list of Board approved providers.

[CLICK HERE](#)



Filing Monthly Reports Online

The LSBHI prefers for monthly reporting to be filed online. This service is available to all Home Inspectors. The online service is only available for filing monthly reports.

All ACTIVE inspectors must file a report every month regardless of the number of inspections performed. Be sure the that “report month” matching the month the inspections were performed.

Instructions for filing online [click here](#)

Create an account: [click here](#)



**Start
Report**

Board Members Term Soon to Expire

The term for the board members representing **congressional district no. 3 and no. 4** will expire **March 2021**. The board shall be composed of one member from each of the six congressional districts and one at-large board member that can be drawn from any of the congressional districts. Each member is appointed by the governor from a list of nominees submitted by the board of directors of the [Louisiana Chapter of the American Society of Home Inspectors](#), the [Louisiana Realtors Association](#), and the [Louisiana Homebuilders Association](#). Each member of the board shall serve a four year term. Each member shall have been actively engaged in the home inspection business on a full-time basis for three years preceding the appointment.

In order for the Governor to accept a nomination from the organizations mentioned above, an application must be submitted. Click below to complete the application.

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NOTICE: LA RS 37:23.2: Each applicant or licensee may submit complaints about actions or procedures of the Board to the Board (5211 Essen Lane Suite 9, Baton Rouge LA 70809, 225-248-1334, LSBHI@lsbhi.la.gov) or directly to the House and Governmental Affairs Committee (P.O. Box 944486, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, 225-342-2403, h&ga@legis.la.gov) or to the Senate and Governmental Affairs Committee (P.O. Box 94183, Baton Rouge, LA 70804, 225-342-9845, s&g@legis.la.gov).