



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
HOME INSPECTORS, INC.

ILLINOIS LICENSED HOME INSPECTOR SUMMER SEMINAR 2003

A Smashing Success!



I am pleased to announce the great success of the Illinois Chapter of NAHI's (ICNAHI) Summer Seminar this past June 26 ~ 28, 2003 at the Deerfield Hyatt in Deerfield, IL. The seminars attendance totaled 120 home inspectors and real estate professionals at Friday's Mold seminar and 107 home inspectors at Saturday's continuing education classes with 17 vendors, all from across the country. The Illinois NAHI chapter directors and volunteers worked extremely hard which resulted in our chapter becoming the first state approved continuing education provider in the state Illinois. The three-day seminar kicked off on Friday with several lectures on mold taught by PRO-LAB and continued on Saturday with state licensed educational classes taught by AHIT covering such topics as HVAC and Electrical Systems and wrapped up on Sunday with classes on report writing and the NAHI CRI Exam.

We were especially pleased that Claude McGavic, NAHI President, took the time from his busy schedule to fly from Florida to show his support for our newly formed chapter, as well as attending the awards ceremony on Saturday evening. After everyone enjoyed their dinner, Hy Naiditch, Illinois Chapter President, awarded plaques to Thomas Myers our Secretary, Ron (Spaceman) Isaacson our Public Relations Director and me for Distinguished & Devoted Service to the ICNAHI Chapter. Awards were followed by an inspiring speech on Marketing by Barry L. Bryant from Wylie Home Inspections and concluded with a lively round of "The Inspection From Hell," when stories of inspections-gone-awry were hashed by the dinner attendees.

Our Chapter President, the modest Hy Naiditch, is an endless bundle of energy! Hy orchestrated the forming of the ICNAHI Chapter and the ICNAHI Summer Seminar.

Short story: At the end of our April Chapter Meeting, where we were informed by The Illinois Office of Banks and Real Estate that there were no continuing education providers in Illinois. Hy looked at me and said with a gleam in his eye, "We can do this!" I replied, "You are out of your mind. There is no way we can pull this off by the end of June." Mind you our chapter meeting was on a Thursday. Hy spent countless hours and gathered all the documents required by the state. By Wednesday the following week, we were the only approved continuing education provider in the state.

I would like to thank the other hard working board members, John Bartz, Chapter Treasurer, Allan Monat, CRI Education Director, Thomas Kruger, Membership Director. If it were not for these gentlemen and their wives, our seminar would not have run as smoothly as it did.

The efforts of Mallory Anderson and Gretchen Kelly of National Association of Home Inspectors, Inc. should not go unnoticed. Their assistance, efforts and constant cooperation was instrumental in securing ICNAHI's placement as the first state approved continuing education provider for Illinois. Their continued efforts assured our successful turnout for our first seminar. We are appreciative of the support shown by the staff and Board of Directors at NAHI.

To me, ICNAHI's achievement is astonishing, especially knowing that the chapter was only formed in August 2002, and this Summer Seminar was organized in just 3 months. I am honored to be a part of the National Association of Home Inspectors and The Illinois Chapter.

"Dedicated to the Professionals in our Profession."

Rick Mattern
HomeSpec USA, Inc.
Vice President, ICNAHI

