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MINUTES OF MEETING HOME INSPECTOR ADVISORY BOARD

The Home Inspector Advisory Board convened at 11 a.m. on Thursday, February 18, 2010 at the James R. Thompson Center, 100 West Randolph Street, 9th Floor, Chicago, Illinois for the purpose of conducting a general business meeting.

The following members were present for all or part of the meeting:

Debbie Niemann, Chair and Administrator
Robert Claus, Member
Rita Starkey, Member
Dana Strumpher, Member
Corey Friedman, Member
Stephen Swift, Member

Also present for all or part of the meeting:

Ron Hardgrove, Director of Real Estate
John Botner, Director of Enforcement

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Niemann requested additions or corrections to the September 24, 2009 Minutes. A Motion was made/seconded to approve the September 24, 2009 Home Inspector Advisory Board Minutes. The Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

The board members were informed that the IDFPR received three comments for the Home Inspection Rule. The Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) requests that all comments be addressed prior to submission of the second notice of the Rule. The General Counsel for the Real Estate Bureau responded to the comments. The board was informed that the IDFPR legislative liaison will submit the second notice of the rule for the inclusion on the April JCAR agenda. A lengthy discussion was had on several of the comments to the Rule as well as discussion on sections that were rewritten and revised pertaining to the comments sent to JCAR.

The Advisory Board members mentioned some technical issues regarding the IDFPR Website. It was suggested in the previous board meeting to request that the IS Division re-establish the function that allows the general public to access all licensee's from a certain county. The board members were told that this issue was addressed, however is no longer available on the current system that is used. All requests for a list of licensed professions can be obtained via the Roster Processing Unit in Springfield.

The requirement of a completed ethics form was mentioned to the Advisory Board as it was due the end of November 2009. All Advisory Board members stated that they have submitted the form.

Targeting of Entities for unlicensed practice was discussed as well as many different opinions and ideas on the enforcement of entities practicing and advertising without a license.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Niemann gave a synopsis that reciprocity was sought with the State of Indiana. The board members discussed reciprocity and were informed that Indiana has not notified Illinois of any decisions. The advisory board members were also told that the State of Michigan contacted the IDFPR, Home Inspector Section to inquire about procedural matters pertaining to Illinois Licensing Act. The members were further advised that the State of Michigan has pending legislation for home inspection licensing. Chairman Niemann also spoke of the ongoing effort in the Department of Real Estate in contributing to the workload in terms of continuing education for all professions. The continuing education process is on-going due to different professional licenses expiring at different times of different years.

The subject of building id's for access into the James R. Thompson Center (JRTC) was discussed.

An October 2009 Licensing Report was distributed indicating;

- 1,923 Active Home Inspectors
- 334 Active Entities
- 43 Education Providers
- 45 Pre-licensed Courses
- 235 Continuing Education Courses

The advisory board members were advised that mileage reimbursement was changed, and the change should be indicated on any mileage reimbursement being sought.

Information regarding IDFPR and the Funeral Oversight Act was given.

More discussion was had on the Administrative Rule and how IDFPR would alert licensees. Renewal was also discussed and the prospect of alerting licensee's of Rule changes could be within that mailing in September of 2010.

ENFORCEMENT REPORT

John Botner, Real Estate Enforcement Director gave a brief enforcement report. The board members directed questions to Mr. Botner and brief discussions were had regarding number of case files for each profession.

REAL ESTATE

The board members had a conversation with Ron Hargrove, Director of Real Estate. Mr. Hargrove mentioned that meetings are taking place in order to go over the Rules that will accompany the new language within the Real Estate License Act. A transitional phase will be included in order to allow licensees to upgrade their license status. Some of the changes in licenses involved titles that affect sales persons, real estate brokers and managing brokers.

A Motion was made and seconded that the home inspector advisory board meeting be concluded. The Motion passed unanimously.

Upcoming advisory board meeting dates were addressed as follows:

May 20, 2010 - 11 a.m.

August 26, 2010 – 11 a.m.

November 18, 2010 – 11 a.m.

APPROVED:

**Debbie Niemann, Chairperson
IDFPR**