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MINUTES
HOME INSPECTOR ADVISORY BOARD
May 21, 2008

The Home Inspector Advisory Board convened at 11:00 a.m. on May 21, 2008 at the Department of Financial & Professional Regulation, Division of Professional Regulation, 100 West Randolph Street, Suite 900, Chicago, Illinois for the purpose of conducting a general business meeting.

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

Dana Strumpher, Member
Rita Starkey, Member
Rob Claus, Member
Corey Friedman, Member

Present for all or part of the meeting:

Debbie Niemann, Chairman
Ron Hardgrove, Real Estate Director
John Botner, Chief of Prosecutions
Craig Capilla, Attorney

General Public:

Greg Bary
Frida Ramos

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made/seconded to approve the January 23, 2008 Illinois Home Inspector Advisory Board Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

A discussion was had regarding education providers and course curriculum. Having an Education Provider update course materials can be made without notification to the IDFPR office, however, prior to any change in course curriculum, the education provider would need to submit changes for approval to the IDFPR.

A brief discussion was had regarding education and the possible changes within the Administrative Rule.

The Advisory Board Members discussed continuing education. Further discussion was had regarding matters involving the audit for the November 2006 home inspector renewal period.

The board members were asked to provide their drivers licenses in order to be copied so that IDFPR can submit to Central Management Systems. Building passes for easy access to the JRTC Building will be provided to the board member for attending meeting dates as well as conferences.

ENFORCEMENT:

Chief of Prosecutions, John Botner gave a report indicating that there are approximately 303 real estate cases in Prosecutions, approximately 800 in investigations for real estate and 4 open investigations; 47 CE Audit Cases for the Home Inspection Section. Mr. Botner explained to the advisory board members how the real estate broker audit was achieved in terms of notices sent, fines and fee's collected.

MOTION:

A motion was made/seconded to follow a similar protocol such as the real estate continuing education broker audit for the home inspector continuing education audit for 2006. Motion passed unanimously.

LICENSING:

A licensing report on home inspectors was distributed. Pass rate for the Home Inspector Exam is at 71.4%.

Active Licensee's: Inspectors 2867

MOTION:

A motion was made/seconded to recommend to IDFPR that all past voice recordings for advisory board meetings be taped over that proceed the year of 2005. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion made/seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. The next scheduled meeting of the Home Inspector Advisory Board is June 21, 2008.

APPROVED:

Respectfully submitted,
Home Inspector Advisory Board

Debbie Niemann
Advisory Board Administrator/Liaison

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