

# CAHI REPORTER



Connecticut Association of Home Inspectors, Inc.

February 2004

## President's Corner

by Dwight Uffer

As I write this column, I find myself relaxing in sunny Florida where the air temperature is approaching 85 degrees and the water temperature is a balmy 59 degrees F. This is a time to contemplate the approach that I will take in marketing my business in the New Year, and also find myself reflecting on the direction that CAHI will take during 2004. CAHI as an organization has experienced growth in its membership during the past few years which has occurred due to the guidance of past officers and directors and also by an interest by the Home Inspection community for an organization that provides quality continuing education to its membership at a reasonable cost. As we pursue additional membership, it also becomes a reality that changes will need to occur in order to accommodate the membership at our monthly meetings and workshops as well as changes in our bylaws. These changes will require the attention of the board of directors within the next few months and to that goal, we as officers and directors would like to solicit the input of the membership in order to formulate the changes in our bylaws necessary to provide positive direction in the years to come. As the officers and directors formulate a rough draft of changes to the existing bylaws, you as members, will be asked to review these proposed changes and to either accept or reject them. I ask all of you to take part in this process, as it will affect the direction in which CAHI as an organization evolves in the future.

For those members who have been with CAHI for over a year and have held a Home Inspection License for the same period in good standing, there is an opening on the CAHI board of directors. Please contact me at 860-649-6765 or [newengproserv@aol.com](mailto:newengproserv@aol.com) if any of you are interested.

## Continuing Education & Training

**February 25th**

Ed D'Amico

**A/C & HEAT PUMPS**

This month's speaker will be **Ed D'Amico**, President of **Shelton Winair**, Shelton, CT. They are the largest wholesalers of HVAC Equipment in the Naugatuck Valley. He will speak to us about AC compressors, Air handlers and Heat Pumps.

**Check Out  
New & Improved  
CAHI website**

[www.ct-inspectors.com](http://www.ct-inspectors.com)

Please check the CAHI web site member area to update your listing, web site link, phone numbers etc. You can contact CAHI at [ctinspect@yahoo.com](mailto:ctinspect@yahoo.com) to make any updates.

The CAHI message board is up & running. When members first get to the site, they have to click on the **REGISTER** icon in the menu. You need to fill out the form, and select a **Username & Password**, and then you will have access to the forums.

## Meeting Information

Monthly meetings are held on the **FOURTH WEDNESDAY** of each month at **Donato's Restaurant** -270 Washington Avenue (Rt 5) Exit 12, I-91, N. Haven, CT 203-239-6011. Dinner @ 6 pm, Meeting starts @ 7 pm.

## 2004 Meeting Dates

**March 24** .....**BUILDING CODES**  
CT Dept of Safety

**April 28** ..... **MOLD**  
Mary Heyman - CT Dept of Health

**May 26** .....**FOUNDATIONS**  
George Torello

**June 23** .....**CEDAR SIDING**  
Ed Burke - Western Red Cedar Council

**July 28** ..... **ELECTRICAL**  
Leo Oulette - CT Electricians Licensing Board

**August 25** .....**NO MEETING**

**September 22** ..... **HEATING**  
Hydronic & Forced Hot Air

**October 27** ....**Wood Destroying Insect**

**November 17** **Insulation & Ventilation**



## CAHI Officers/Directors 2003-2004

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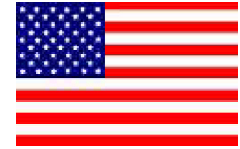
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## Licensing Board Update

*Submitted by Bernie Caliendo*

At the Feb 5th licensing board meeting it was discussed and explained to Consumer Protection that not only is it not user friendly to find home inspectors on their web site, a few licensees listed on their roster have their name and company name listed. At some of the original board meeting it was discussed and determined that businesses would not be registered or licensed, only the individual. Since phone numbers are not listed, we discussed that anyone who's business name was listed could have an advantage in letting potential clients contact the easier. The department said that anyone can have their business name listed. Therefore anyone who would like the business name listed on the state roster should contact the Licensing Division at the DCP at 165 Capitol Ave, Hartford, CT 06106, To the attention of Bob Kuzmich or Rich Hurlburt, or call (860)713-6145. However it may be best to put it in writing.

## How to Contact CAHI

**If you have comments, questions, suggestions or concerns please call one of the CAHI officers listed above.**

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## CT Licensing Board

Bernie Caliendo (Chairman) CAHI  
Rich Kobylenski.....CAHI  
Dana Fox.....CAHI  
Bruce Schaefer ..... ASHI  
William Stanley..... ASHI  
Susan A. Connors..... Attorney  
Denise Robalard.....Realtor  
J. Andre Fournier

The Licensing Board meetings are held at 9:30 in room 117 at Consumer Protection, 165 Capitol Ave, in Hartford. The public is always welcome. E-mail Bernie Caliendo for the latest meeting schedule at:

**[bsurehomeinspect@juno.com](mailto:bsurehomeinspect@juno.com)**

## Smelly Water - *Submitted by Bob Dattilo*

In each domestic water heater at least one anode rod (see parts sections) is installed for corrosion protection of the tank. Certain water conditions will cause a reaction between this rod and the water. The most common complaint associated with the anode rod is one of a "rotten egg smell" in the hot water. This odor is derived from hydrogen sulfide gas dissolved in the water. The smell is the result of four factors which must all be present for the odor to develop:

- 1) a concentration of sulfate in the supply water,
- 2) little or no dissolved oxygen in the water,
- 3) a sulfate reducing bacteria which has accumulated within the water heater (this harmless bacteria is nontoxic to humans),
- 4) an excess of active hydrogen in the tank. This is caused by the corrosion protective action of the anode.

Smelly water may be eliminated or reduced in some water heater models by replacing the anode(s) with one of less active material, and then chlorinating the water heater tank and all hot water lines. Contact the local water heater supplier for further information concerning an Anode Replacement Kit and this chlorination treatment. If the smelly water persists after the anode replacement and chlorination treatment, we can only suggest that chlorination or aeration of the water supply be considered to eliminate the water problem. Do not remove the anode leaving the tank unprotected. By doing so, all warranty on the water heater tank is voided.