

**Welcome
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Southwestern Idaho ASHI Chapter

ASHI National

The American Society of Home Inspectors has been leading the inspection industry since 1976. It now has nearly 7,000 members in over 80 chapters across the nation.

ASHI's goals have always been to build customer awareness of the importance of a quality home inspection and enhance the professionalism of home inspectors.

Southwestern Idaho ASHI Chapter, Inc.

Our local chapter incorporated in 2004 and is rapidly becoming one of the fastest growing ASHI chapters in the nation.

We are currently involved in some exciting and pioneering efforts. There will be many more to come.

- Lock Box Access through the local MLS. Our chapter is making formal presentations to the IMLS (Intermountain Multiple Listing Service) to obtain lock box access for all qualified inspectors.
- Chapter website with a feedback forum for Realtors® or homebuyers. The website has a “Find a Local ASHI Inspector” page. This website is being used by local Realtors® in place of their former brokerage-wide lists.
- Cross-training of inspectors through “Ride-Along’s”.
- Public education regarding the growing national methamphetamine use problem. This is a 2-hour video production that is now being used for mandatory Realtor® continuing education throughout the State of Idaho. A national version is also being produced to help other communities. Our chapter is working to also get in the hands of the public schools.
- Comparison of inspectors’ performances regarding the same house.
- General education of local Realtor(s) regarding ASHI and The ASHI Experience™.
- A shared library amongst local chapter members.
- As always, we are trying to offer more education to help individual inspectors grow their businesses and “raise the bar” in this industry.

Policies for Guests and New Members

We hold open meetings, encouraging all local inspectors to share in the experiences of camaraderie and professional growth. However, please be sure to sign the attendance sheet as it circulates around the room. (This will give us a way to keep in touch so you can be more easily reminded of upcoming events.)

Each guest is invited to attend as many as three educational meetings without obligation. After three meetings, they will be asked to contribute \$20 to the chapter for each successive meeting where educational material is presented. (That would add up to as much as \$240 per year—whereas chapter dues are only \$200 per year. Get the Idea?)

New members may join by paying dues pro-rated through March 1st. (Annual dues are for the period March 1st through the end of February, each year.)

Reminder: Only chapter members in good standing may participate in general meeting business and cast votes.

Benefits of Membership

- Our members enjoy many opportunities for increased professional growth.
- Our monthly meetings usually have one or two educational sessions.
- Group local marketing.
- Alignment with the oldest professional association in the industry.
- Opportunities to obtain continuing education credits (MRC's) without having to leave the state.
- Sharing “war stories” with other inspectors.
- General camaraderie. (It's fun to make friends with other inspectors.)
- A shared inspection textbook loaning library.
- Ride-along's with other inspectors.

Expectations from New Members

We feel that our local chapter has a lot to offer newer inspectors and Candidate Members of ASHI. However, in order to feel comfortable in helping new inspectors in the trade, we feel that they have certain responsibilities back to the chapter.

New members will be expected to progress in a timely fashion towards their “full member” status. We will do what we can to help and encourage them; but they must show that they are serious.

In fact, our local chapter policy discourages any of our full members from conducting “ride-along's” with new inspectors who have not joined both ASHI National and our local chapter and who are not seriously progressing towards certification and full membership.

Chapter's Website

Our new website <http://www.idahoashi.com> is up and running. Its purpose is to provide a list of highly qualified local ASHI inspectors to the Treasure Valley Real Estate and homebuyer industry. Our “Find a Local Home Inspector” page lists all members in good standing who have earned logo privileges with ASHI. Realtors will become increasingly interested in this rather exclusive list of inspectors as they learn more about the “ASHI Experience”.

The website also provides a forum for Realtor(s) and other citizens to ask questions of our inspectors ... whether those inquiries hold technical questions, calls for advice, or simply voice complaints. The site visitors may submit their questions and trust that only full ASHI members will read and respond. With the submittals automatically delivered to all full members, our site visitors should expect timely answers from one or more experienced inspectors. (Questions and answers are kept confidential upon request.)

Chapter Officers and Committee Chairpersons

Our chapter officers and committee chairpersons will be happy to visit with you regarding any of your questions. Their phone numbers and e-mail addresses are listed on the following page. Please feel free to contact them.

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