Report from the PRO-ASHI & PHIC State Law Meeting

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In September, Michael Ashburn, Brendan Ryan and Dan Horvath (a new home inspector who recently trained with Michael Ashburn) made the drive from Pittsburgh to attend the PRO-ASHI & PHIC State Law Meeting. Another eight to 10 home inspectors from central Pennsylvania and the Philadelphia area also attended the hearing.

Brendan Ryan and Jack Milne were able to speak with some of the senators, in particular, the ones who are promoting state licensing here in Pennsylvania. Having licensing for home inspectors in Pennsylvania is an excellent idea, but as it is currently written, it absolutely needs some tweaking to protect the inspectors as well as the consumers.

The senators were very open to reviewing the entire house bill with inspectors to ensure that all voices are heard. Hopefully, they can get together soon to redraft the bill.

The photo shows the Majority Chair/PA State Representative Julie Harhart, Jack Milne, Dave Glick, Brendan Ryan and PA State Representative William Kortz.

NEW ENGLAND 2-day Seminar

The second day of the seminar included a field trip to the Mystic Seaport Museum in CT. The museum includes a re-creation of an early whaling community and some original buildings of the era. The objective was to see how three-mast ship construction and timber framing evolved and was transferred to local building construction. The museum has the last remaining whaling ship, called the “Morgan” on display and the working shipyard will soon begin restoration of the Mayflower. It takes a half-day to walk the acreage and view all of the buildings and walk the wharf. The chapter had a wonderful sunny day and the photo was taken showing the attendees from New England states.
NY Metro Annual Seminar

The NY Metro Annual Seminar was held in Tarrytown, NY, Sept. 23 and 24, attended on both days by a record 93 home inspectors from the NY-NJ-CT region.

Topics covered included pole-frame type construction, insulated concrete foundations, engineered framing lumber and foundation repair science. As in years past, a special session on Connecticut law was presented Friday evening. A highlight of Saturday’s schedule was the closing presentation by NY Metro member Victor G. Faggella on composite building materials.

Victor J. Faggella was recognized for his stalwart and essential 23-year contribution to the organization and conducting the seminar. Electronics wizard Victor G. Faggella was similarly cited for his extraordinary efforts in keeping the technical aspects of the presentations accessible and up-to-date.

Inspectors who attended received 16 ASHI MRC’s and corresponding credits for NY, NJ and CT.

Captions for photos below:
2. Presenter Tim Royer covers a finer point of pole-frame construction for Nick Mancuso.
3. NY Metro ASHI member Evan Grugett, winner of the free 2017 seminar raffle.