ASHI has had positive membership growth during the past year, in part due to The ASHI School, as well as many new members coming into our organization. In addition, ASHI’s membership retention levels have exceeded expectations.

Over the past year, ASHI has advanced in the areas of social media, production of educational webinars, video broadcasts of area chapter meetings and the virtual ASHI chapter. The 2016 program “The Year of the Chapter” produced a positive effect as well.

A goal for 2017 will be welcoming all our new members into our society and into our chapters for the benefit of all.

Membership highlights:
• 1998, joined ASHI
• 2007-08, Great Lakes Chapter President
• 2009-2010, Governance Task Force
• 2006, Complaints Committee - Logo Use
• 2004-2008, 2009-2013, EBPHI/NHIE, Director and Treasurer
• 2008-2014, Amvets, VFW
• 2009-2010, Speaker of the CoR
• 2014, Secretary
• 2015, Vice President
• 2016, President-Elect

The two significant issues facing ASHI are increasing membership while keeping and developing strong chapters.

ASHI needs to budget funds to market on a national level while providing marketing tools to local chapters and members to help them advertise, promote and market ASHI® and their business.

In addition to a strong marketing/advertising campaign, putting on quality education is a must. Continuing to promote IW and chapter education is the key. Quality education not only improves the profession, but provides value to national and chapter membership.

Membership highlights:
• 2012-2015, Director ASHI National
• 2013, Director ASHI Education Inc.
• 2013, Board Liaison Membership Committee
• 2013, Board Liaison Finance Committee
• 2013, Member Strategic Planning Committee
• 2010-2011, Member Council of Representatives
• 2011, Instructor, The ASHI School
• 2009-2011, President Ohio Chapter
• 2015-2016, Treasurer

Two significant issues facing ASHI are improving the success of our new members and increasing ASHI’s presence in the marketplace so that the general public will ask for an ASHI Inspector. The first issue can be accomplished by increasing and tailoring the new member benefits so that ASHI helps them succeed in the marketplace. The second issue can be done by increasing our exposure on social media; this is such an untapped market for ASHI.

Strategic plan goals include increasing online education options for our members. In addition to presenting our annual InspectionWorld® conference, we should add one or two smaller regional (two-day) events. Also, we should create two other certificate programs to go along with our ACI certification.

Membership highlights:
• 1996, joined ASHI
• 2001-2003, Education Committee Member and Chair
• 2003-2005, Mississippi ASHI Chapter President
• 2005-2007, 2011-2012, Membership Committee Chair
• 2008-2015, Mid-Tennessee, ASHI Director
• 2011-2012, ACI Certification Committee
• 2013-2015, ASHI Board of Directors
• 2014-2015, ASHI Certification Committee, Board Liaison
• 2015, ASHI Education Inc., Director
• 2016, Treasurer
One of the issues facing ASHI is finding a way to engage with a higher percentage of active members. We have a high number of paid members not affiliated with a chapter or active with ASHI in any other way. These members are missing out on some of the great benefits of membership and ASHI is missing out on the talents and experience these valuable members can contribute. This untapped source of talent could also address another significant issue ASHI is facing, which is the development of qualified new leaders and an improved long-term leadership development plan. We are in a unique position to set the foundation for growth by attracting, engaging and retaining quality individuals to ASHI. Promoting the inspection profession and ASHI to attract young, talented and dedicated individuals will be a critical driver of the association’s blueprint for long-term success.

Membership highlights
• 1999, joined ASHI
• 2001, Committee Member Chapter Relations Committee
• 2003-2004, INASHI and Great Lakes Director
• 2014-2016, Director Board of Directors

Donald E. Lovering
Treasurer
Stonehouse CO.
Indian Trail, NC

Member benefits have taken a whole new role for the organization. We must provide more benefits to members for the dollars of membership fees paid. Staff is encouraged to advertize these member benefits at least quarterly. I have found that home inspectors are “tight-fisted and narrow minded” when it comes to return on investment. We need to prove that state licensing can be a requirement for membership, and that membership in ASHI comes with a truckload of benefits.

Town hall meetings are frowned on due to budgetary requirements. Many members would be thrilled to “GRILL” the leadership and have face time, which many will NEVER obtain. We need to move the officers out and about if for nothing more than a “Hi, glad to be here” speech, listen to the members and take back what they say.

Membership highlights
• 1990, joined ASHI
• 1999-2000, National CoR Rep New England
• 1999-2002, Membership Committee
• 1999-2005, Committee Chair Meetings ASHI NE
• 2002-2003, Officer, VP New England Board of Directors
• 2003-2004, Membership Chair
• 2004-2005, Chapter New England Board of Directors, President
• 2004-2005, Chapter New England Board of Directors, President
• 2006-2007, Tech Committee
• 2006-20011, EBPHI, Past Treasurer and President
• 2014, CoR Rep Northern New England

Mike Wagner
Secretary
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Candidates identified issues in matrices

Officer and director candidates for 2017 were asked what they considered to be the two most pressing problems ASHI would be facing in the next 12 months. The comments shared here and on the following pages were taken from their answers to this question in the matrices they submitted to be considered by voting members for their respective offices. Links to all the matrices can be found in this section of the January 2017 issue at www.ashireporter.org.
Council Elects New Directors

Four new Directors and one Alternate will take their seats at the April Board meeting.

The Council of Representatives elected four new ASHI Directors and one Alternate. The introductions are excerpts from the matrices submitted by candidates for the three-year terms. Links to the candidates’ full matrices are available via the online January 2017 ASHI Reporter, www.ashireporter.org.

Michael Conley
Company Straight Inspection Service
Anna Maria, Florida

Increasing non-dues revenue without added burden to the membership. Increasing more significant benefits for the membership, while reaching out to non-affiliated home inspectors.

1. As a previous board member and alternate member serving actively, I have studied ASHI governance and the issues ASHI is currently facing.

2. I feel I can bring opportunities to the table, as well as resolutions to issues that the membership faces.

3. My conduct and voting record are something I can be proud of and stand by. All, I feel, were the result of doing what was best for the organization to the best of my abilities.

Bryck Guibor
Brick by Bryck Home and Building Inspections
Tucson, Arizona

We are not giving the inspectors what they want; we are giving them what we think they need. Ask the inspectors who have left ASHI why they left and address the issues that are global. Second item: We have lost the reason that has existed over time. The inspector joined the chapter for something and now finds that ASHI is not relative. The reasons they leave must be found and corrected. The Hudson Valley chapter used to have 50 members and education with 100 to 150 attending. The chapter is on the verge of disappearing. ASHI must offer support to the chapters in the form of speakers and education support to bring inspectors back.

I have years of experience and the ability to listen so an agreement can be achieved.

James Funkhouser
Fairfax Home Inspections, Inc.
Manassas Park, VA

There are so many issues facing ASHI at this point in time including membership retention, the need to increase brand awareness, meeting the needs of an ever-electronically dependent membership, increasing chapter participation, providing an avenue for leadership participation for those unable to belong to a chapter, etc. You’ll notice that there are intersections in those issues where a single program or guided change in position of ASHI would address. So, let’s try to kill more than two birds with one stone.

My knowledge of ASHI, leadership and working with people comes from not only 27 years as an ASHI member and chapter leader, but also serving six years on the Examination Board of Professional Home Inspectors, two years as its President, four years in charge of the question writing for the exam. I also have a bachelors degree in communications, which has helped me effectively listen to others and express my concerns in a manner that builds consensus.

Reuben Saltzman
Structure Tech, Inc.
Saint Louis Park, MN

Membership retention for new associates seems to be broken. The membership path for new associates is very difficult to follow and I suspect that this is a large part of why so many new associates never make it to full ACI status. WAY more hand-holding is needed. I see this firsthand with my newest inspectors. I would help make the membership path for new associates much easier to follow, which would help to increase membership retention. This should be a priority item. A distant, second issue is the online forum is barely used and has been outdated for a long time. I would work with ASHI’s technical staff to either re-vamp the existing forum or to create an official, private Facebook group only for ASHI members.

I’m excellent at problem solving, I’m tech savvy and I work well in groups.

The alternate had not been chosen at the Reporter print date.
ASHI 2016 Committees:
Thank You for Your Service

During 2016, ASHI members chaired and served on the society’s standing committees, contributing ideas and plans, and carrying out the Board’s directives. They deserve recognition for their service.

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