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Summary of Qualifications

Professional Credentials:

- Nineteen years' experience as a professional inspector of single and multi-family dwellings, commercial properties, and industrial properties.
- Certified member of the American Society of Home Inspectors (ASHI #109204).
- Full member and Past President of the Oregon Association of Home Inspectors – ASHI (OAHI-ASHI).
- Oregon Certified Home Inspector #15.
- Washington Licensed Home Inspector #425

Supplementary Credentials:

- Oregon general contractor #94435.
- Oregon pest control operator #122541.
- HUD certified contract inspector #M37953

Professional Experience

ASSOCIATED MASTER INSPECTORS (AMI) Tigard, Oregon

Partner, (2008 - Present)

Worked as a partner in a four-member firm specializing in home inspections.

BENCHMARK INSPECTION SERVICES, Gaston, Oregon

Owner, (1993 - Present)

Founded and operated a consulting service specializing in inspections of single-family, multi-family, commercial, and industrial properties, and the documentation of building component failures. Provided litigation support services, including expert witness testimony.

INTERSTATE PROFESSIONAL GROUP (IPG)

HUD Contract Inspector, (2007 - Present)

Provided progress, draw, and 223f inspection services of multifamily construction projects in northwestern Oregon.

HUD REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENT CENTER

Contract Inspector for REAC, (1998 - 2000)

Performed several hundred multi-family housing inspections of public housing projects in accordance with the HUD REAC protocols.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF HOME INSPECTORS

Recipient, ASHI Ironman Award (2012)

Established in 1998, the Ironman Award recognizes an individual member who has given his or her time, energy, talent and determination to ASHI over a long period of time and with little recognition.

Chair, Technical Committee (2011, 2012)

The ASHI National Technical Committee is responsible for reviewing the technical accuracy of articles submitted for publication in the national magazine, The ASHI Reporter. The committee also provides review of technical content for the ASHI web sites and serves as a technical resource for the society.

Moderator, ASHI Forum (2010, 2011, 2012)

Moderated discussions of all topics on the association's online discussion forum.

Member, Technical Committee (2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010)

Served on the ASHI National Technical Committee under Chairs John Cranor ('03-'05), Garet Denise ('06-'07), Bryck Guibor ('08), Mike Conley ('09), and Bryck Guibor ('10).

Member, Council of Representatives (2000, 2001, 2002, 2003)

Representing the Oregon Association of Home Inspectors.

Member, Membership Committee, (1999)

Served on the ASHI membership committee under Chair Don Norman.

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OREGON ASSOCIATION OF HOME INSPECTORS - ASHI, Portland, Oregon

President (2000)

Served as president during the then 12-year-old association's first full year as an ASHI chapter. Oversaw a four-fold increase in ASHI membership.

Vice President, Board of Directors (1999)

Served as an officer on the board of directors for three years as they dealt with State legislation, competency testing and training programs.

Secretary, Board of Directors (1997, 1998)

Maintained the official records of the organization on a day-to-day basis.

Chair, Membership Committee, (1997, 1998)

Recruited and provided guidance to new members.

Instructor, Waterproof Balconies & Decks (2009)

Taught a two-hour class about recognizing and evaluating different types of waterproof balconies & decks above living spaces.

Instructor, Air Conditioner & Heat Pump Inspections (2006)

Taught a two-hour class about performing inspections of air conditioners and heat pumps.

Instructor, Home Inspection Mythbusters (2004)

Taught a two-hour class that explored common myths that surround and permeate the home inspection profession.

Instructor, HVAC Inspection Compliance (1998)

Taught a four-hour class on the subject of performing HVAC inspections to comply with the ASHI standards of practice.

NORTHWEST HOME INSPECTORS ASSOCIATION, Portland, Oregon

Instructor, Home Inspector Quiz Time (2009)

Taught a two-hour class in a game show format on the subject of inspecting electrical systems, plumbing systems, and structural systems.

THE INSPECTOR'S JOURNAL ONLINE

Moderator, Electrical Forum (2004 - Present)

Fielded questions and moderated discussions on inspections of electrical systems.

Moderator, Report Writing and the Written Word (2006 - Present)

Fielded questions and moderated discussions on report writing techniques.

Moderator, Photography Forum (2007 - Present)

Fielded questions and moderated discussions on home inspection photography methods and techniques.

EXAMINING BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL HOME INSPECTORS

Member, Editorial Committee (2004, 2005)

Provided final editorial review of the existing item bank as well as the newly developed items for the 2004 and 2005 versions of the National Home Inspector Examination.

Subject Matter Expert, Annual Exam Maintenance Workshop, (2001, 2002)

Helped to develop questions, answers, and distracters to add several hundred items to the item bank for the National Home Inspector Examination.

Education

State University of New York at Purchase, B.F.A. (Theater Design & Technology), 1981
Structural Design Training, Yale, 1983/84