

# From the Home Inspector:

## Well it's time to move to another chapter for the WSRAR committees...or is it?

The REALTOR®/Home Inspector Committee is closing out the 2007 year as all committees are. The past year has been very productive for this committee. It has kept abreast of the North Carolina Home Inspector Licensure Boards changes as well as changes on the horizon for the real estate industry, and worked on several worthwhile causes. But it might be more appropriate to say 2008 will be a continuation of works in progress.

To name a few, the recent proposal by the Home Inspector Licensure Board's proposal to deal with the Standardized Report Format for home inspections, the new rules regarding the EPA testing protocol for radon testing in residential real estate transactions, and the new changes in the offer to purchase contract. All of these topics as well as others have provided for excellent discussion for educating Home Inspectors and Realtors alike. Since REALTORS® and Home Inspectors share a common denominator, assisting and educating the public (our clients) make informed decisions when buying or selling a home. This committee has provided a forum for these two industries to help understand each others needs and find common ground in reaching their prospective goals.

So with the year coming to a close and anticipating 2008 to be a continuation of works in progress, this committee is looking forward to working with its new co-chairs, Brad Hunter [Brad.Hunter@prucarolinas.com](mailto:Brad.Hunter@prucarolinas.com) and Bill Dillon [dilloninspections@alltel.net](mailto:dilloninspections@alltel.net). This committee has always shared the Chair (a REALTOR® and a Home Inspector) and encouraged equal participation from both industries. The result of the committee's work truly does reflect input from both sides.

One of the items this committee looks forward to working on in 2008 is a program by which home inspection reports can be sent (anonymously) to the committee for a review of compliance with the NC Home Inspector Licensure Boards Standards of Practice. A REALTOR® or Home Inspector may request a review but first must contact either of the co-chairs or Susan Jester [sjester@wsrar.com](mailto:sjester@wsrar.com) at WSRAR office, for the proper procedures of submitting the report for review. Committee work will also include searching for an educational opportunity to compare home inspection documentation and the offer to purchase contract.

The WSRAR is one of the most valuable tools REALTORS® have at their disposal for education. This committee relies on the involvement and participation of the WSAR membership (REALTORS® and Home Inspectors) and is asking for more REALTORS® and Home Inspectors participation.

So as the year closes and a new one begins the outgoing co-chairs, Andy Hilton and Brenda Hutchins, would like to thank those who participated with this committee and wish all a Very Merry Christmas and a prosperous year in 2008.