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Nick Gromicko
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Dear Mr. Gromicko,

The department recognizes the importance of professional associations such as yours in giving members opportunities for professional growth. Your example that a previous board member held membership in more than one home inspector professional association is a good example of the need to clarify the statute. The benefits of membership in any professional association should not discourage or deprive a professional wanting to volunteer to serve on a state board. The department currently asks all applicants wanting to serve on the board to an interview to ensure fairness in appointments. We ask applicants to inactivate their membership if there are other members of an association already on the board. There will be three board positions open for appointment by the Director of the Department of Licensing in the coming months. Hopefully you can encourage members of your association who are licensed in Washington to consider applying.

The home inspector board is advisory to the department and the home inspector board has no disciplinary functions. The board cannot create rules. The rules development process is the responsibility of the department. The board is utilized to for their expertise in advising the department on technical practices within the home inspector profession.

The department along with the board is currently reviewing the current rules. The department welcomes all courteous communication and will be seeking comment when the decision is made that the current rules need to be modified.

I hope this information is useful.

Sincerely,

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