

## **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

### **NATIONAL ACADEMY OF BUILDING INSPECTION ENGINEERS A Chartered Affinity Group of NSPE**

The National Academy of Building Inspection Engineers (NABIE) was established in 1989 to serve the public by advancing the art and skill of engineers who offer their services as expert inspectors, investigators and consultants pertaining to the structural and mechanical components of buildings and homes of all types.

It is the purpose of NABIE to lead and advance the integrity, value and understanding of the practice of professional engineering as it applies to the inspection, investigation and consultation involving buildings and homes for the benefit of the users of its members services, including the general public, attorneys, real estate brokers, mortgage brokers and other clients, to better serve the needs of real estate purchasers, owners and investors.

As the field of building and home inspection, investigation and consultation has grown over the years, it became evident that an organization was needed to set the necessary standards and to verify the qualifications and experience of individuals offering these services. NABIE was formed to bring a high level and standard of professional excellence to this specialized engineering practice.

Professional excellence has always been the goal of the Professional Engineer engaged in this field of service involving the home/building prospective purchaser, owner or investor. The fact that the State Boards of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors in a number of states have recently deemed that the inspection and evaluation of structures regarding their structural, electrical or mechanical systems for proper design, integrity or capacity, constitutes the practice of engineering, the need to establish this organization to protect the public with the highest qualifications and standards possible has become even more urgent.

## **INFORMATION FOR NEW MEMBERS**

### **NATIONAL ACADEMY OF BUILDING INSPECTIONS ENGINEERS**

#### **A chartered Affinity Group of NSPE**

The National Academy of Building Inspection Engineers (NABIE) was founded to bring together those professional engineers who have attained substantial experience and recognition in building inspection engineering practice. It seeks to improve the practice, elevate the standards and advance the cause of building inspection engineers.

Membership in the Academy is open to registered Professional Engineers who present verifiable experience and qualified references for their professional building inspection engineering practice and who are deemed to satisfy the further membership criteria of the Academy. Members are required to have and maintain membership in the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE). Subject to certain conditions, registered architects may also be members

#### **1. CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP**

**INTERN MEMBER** - is available to registered engineers and architects whose experience does not qualify them for professional or executive member. It is also available to EIT's or degreed engineers who are in process of taking their licensure exams.

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBER** - Two (2) years experience as a Building Inspection Engineer or Architect and five (5) years total engineering experience.

**EXECUTIVE MEMBER** - Five (5) years experience as a Building Inspection Engineer or Architect and ten (10) years of total engineering experience.

**DIPLOMATE OF THE ACADEMY** - Fifteen (15) years experience as a Building Inspection Engineer or Architect and twenty (20) years total engineering experience.

**FELLOW OF THE ACADEMY** - A special category of membership for distinguished Diplomates who have demonstrated extraordinary achievement in the building inspection engineering profession. Fellows are selected through nominations to the membership committee and individually voted on by the Board of Directors.

## 2. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Please send application and fee (payable to NABIE) to:

**NATIONAL ACADEMY OF BUILDING INSPECTION ENGINEERS  
P.O. BOX 522158  
SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84152**

Also, include with your application for membership, a copy of your registration cards from each of your states of registration with a copy of your current NSPE membership card.

Recommendations indicating experience and qualifications satisfactory to the Admissions Committee for Professional Members from three Professional Engineers, for Executive Members from five Professional Engineers, and for Diplomates from seven Professional Engineers. Professional Engineers used as references shall have at least five years experience as Professional Engineers and a working knowledge of building systems. References must have firsthand knowledge of the building inspection engineering practice and qualifications of the candidate.

Registered Architects who are members of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) may petition the admissions Committee by providing evidence of experience and qualifications comparable to that required above. Admission requires recommendation by the Admissions Committee and approval by the Board.

### AFFILIATIONS

For those persons interested in NABIE but who are ineligible for voting membership, the following affiliations are available.

- **Correspondent**  
Available to associates in business usually having an interest in building inspection, investigation and consultation.
- **Intern Member**  
Available to Registered Professional Engineers but whose experience does not yet qualify them for one of the other categories of membership. This category is also open to Engineers in Training/Intern Engineers. In addition to completing Sections 1 and 8 of the **APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**, the applicant should submit copies of current registration cards, as well as a copy of his/her current NSPE membership card.
- **International Affiliates**  
Available to practicing engineers residing outside of the United States of America who hold membership in recognized engineering societies of their country and whose credentials are acceptable to the NABIE Admissions Committee.
- **Student Affiliate**  
Available to engineering undergraduates or graduate students who are student members of the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE).

All may fully participate in NABIE annual meetings and seminars. The annual dues for Affiliates is \$175.

**3. SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

All grades require membership in NSPE. All grades, except Intern Member, require registration as a Professional Engineer. Further requirements include:

NABIE Membership Class	Years Engineering Practice	Years of Bldg. Insp. Engr. Experience (1)	Review Reports Required	References Required (2)
Intern Member	-	-	-	3
Professional Member	5	2	5	3
Executive Member	10	5	10	5
Diplomate	20	15	15	7
Fellow (3)	20	15	-	-

(1) Building Inspection means a residential or commercial building inspection, evaluation or consultation.

(2) An additional reference sometimes expedites application review when references are delayed.

(3) A Fellow is an honorary membership bestowed on a Diplomate who has been nominated and then approved by the Board of Directors.

**4. FEES AND DUES (As of Sept, 2004)**

**MEMBERSHIP FEE 1 YEAR**

Application Fee (to be sent with application)	\$25
Annual Dues (payable upon acceptance and annually thereafter)	
Intern Member	\$175
Professional Member	\$175
Executive Member	\$225
Diplomate and Fellow	\$275

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

**NATIONAL ACADEMY OF BUILDING INSPECTION ENGINEERS  
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Please Reply To: National Academy of Building Inspection Engineers  
P.O. Box 522158  
Salt Lake City, UT 84152  
Telephone: 800-294-7729  
Fax: 801-943-3689

I have read the information for applicants as set forth in the preceding pages. I hereby file this application for membership based on my record and supporting data submitted as part of this application.

I am applying for membership status of:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Intern Member           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Executive Member    | <input type="checkbox"/> Correspondent           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diplomate           | <input type="checkbox"/> International Affiliate |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student Affiliate   |  |

Note: Correspondents and Student Affiliates complete only Section 1 below and Section 8 on page 8.

**1. GENERAL INFORMATION**

Name in Full (no abbreviations) \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Residence Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_ SSN# \_\_\_\_\_

(not required, but helpful)

**2. REGISTRATION**

Name the state(s) in which you now hold a valid license as a Professional Engineer or Architect, giving state, registration number, classification, how obtained (written or oral examination, experience, reciprocity or other), date issued.

<b>State</b>	<b>Registration Number</b>	<b>Classification</b>	<b>How Obtained</b>	<b>Date Issued</b>
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**3. EDUCATION**

List in chronological order the name and location of each college or university attended: also list graduate and research work and other appropriate educational training.

<b>Name &amp; Location of Institution</b>	<b>Years From-To</b>	<b>Date Graduated</b>	<b>Degree Received</b>	<b>Field in Which Degree was Issued</b>
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**4. QUALIFICATIONS AS A BUILDING EXPERT**

Active in building inspection and evaluation as follows:

- (1) Total years engineering experience \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) Years of building inspections/evaluations experience \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) Total number of building inspections/evaluations performed \_\_\_\_\_

**5. REFERENCES - INFORMATION TO APPLICANTS**

Give names and addresses of references who have personal knowledge of your professional building inspection and evaluation engineering work - particularly those who can substantiate and provide an evaluation of "time in responsible charge of your building inspection and evaluation related engineering work." All references shall be Professional Engineers. References shall not include any business partners or direct subordinates. It is recommended that references represent as broad a spectrum of the applicant's engineering experience as possible and may include references related to general engineering experience as possible and may include references related to general engineering experience as well as specific inspection experience. It is the responsibility of each applicant to see that all references are (1) furnished on the form enclosed and provided by the Academy for this purpose, and (2) are mailed on a confidential basis to NABIE.

Name, Title, Affiliation, Mailing Address and Telephone Number

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
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- (2) \_\_\_\_\_  
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- (3) \_\_\_\_\_  
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- (4) \_\_\_\_\_  
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- (5) \_\_\_\_\_  
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- (6) \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. **SPECIAL HONORS, AWARDS AND OFFICES HELD IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES**  
(if necessary, amplify on separate sheet)

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7. **AREAS OF EXPERTISE** (Please note any areas of special expertise or experience you have in the field of building inspections).

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8. **OBLIGATION**

I hereby agree (1) to be bound by the terms and provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation of the National Academy of Building Inspection Engineers, its By-laws and such other regulations as may from time to time be in force, so far as they affect me; (2) to indemnify and hold harmless each and all of your members, trustees, officers, examiners and agents from and against any liability whatsoever in respect to any act(s), error(s), or omission(s) by you or them in connection with this application, membership, the grade given and/or the granting or issue a membership to me; (3) that any prescribed fee paid by me is non refundable, and (4) that any certificate granted or issued me shall remain the property of the Academy. I agree to keep in good standing my professional registration in NSPE.

I certify that all the information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge.

I further pledge myself hereby to the highest ethical standards in the practice of building inspection engineering.

Signature in Full \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

- NOTES:
- (1) The appropriate number of sample reports shall be submitted with this application
  - (2) A \$25.00 non-refundable application fee is required. If application is accepted, the application fee is credited to first year dues.
  - (3) Please prepare and distribute reference forms immediately.

**REFERENCE INQUIRY**

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APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The applicant named has applied for membership in the Academy. The Academy will appreciate your thoughtful comments on the applicant's **engineering practice** to assist it in making an informed judgment and decision.

1. Please indicate your status: Years experience

Specialty \_\_\_\_\_

NABIE member in grade of \_\_\_\_\_

Other (describe) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name at least one state in which you are licensed or registered to practice engineering and your certificate number \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

3. Relationship to the applicant's building inspection engineering practice

4. How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Based on your knowledge of the applicant's building inspection engineering practice, please comment on the applicant's:

a. Integrity and moral character\_\_\_\_\_

b. Professional ethics\_\_\_\_\_

c. Professional conduct\_\_\_\_\_

d. Professional standing\_\_\_\_\_

e. Building inspection judgment\_\_\_\_\_

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6. Do you know of any instance where the applicant was guilty of unethical or illegal conduct? If yes, state circumstances.

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7. Your business, profession and title

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8. In your judgement, do you consider the applicant qualified for recognition as a Building Inspection Engineer?

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9. Name (print or type)

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Your address and telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: This form may be reproduced for use by your references

When complete, please return to NABIE, P.O. Box 522158, Salt Lake City, UT 84152.  
Thank you for your assistance!