



# Online CE Webinar Class

## Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup>

Open to All MN Home Inspectors

MSHI & ASHI Heartland Chapter is Hosting this CE Class  
(4 hours of ASHI CE Credits applied for)

- When: Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>
- Register @ <https://www.mshi.org/online-ce-class-registration>  
(Class fee is Only \$20.00)
- 2 Live Classes (9:00am -11:00) & (11:30am -1:30pm)
- How to Visually Inspect Fiber Cement Board Siding
- 12 Ways to Improve Your Writing Style & Technique for Better Reports
- Location: Your Computer via Zoom ½ hr. break between classes

- Please Sign up, must Register by Friday 12:00 Noon April 3<sup>rd</sup> to Attend Live Class
- Register @ [www.mshi.org/seminars](http://www.mshi.org/seminars) / Class fee is Only \$20.00
- Your Webinar Login link will be emailed to you on Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Anyone that Registered Will Receive the Class Recording

### Class Topics:

Report Writing Style & Technique (2 hours)

How to Visually Inspect Fiber Cement Siding (2 hours)

Presented by:

Dylan Chalk

Dylan is the co-founder of ScribeWare LLC [www.getscribeware.com](http://www.getscribeware.com)

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In 2017 Dylan became the Vice President of the American Society of Home Inspectors Western Washington chapter.

Dylan is a Washington State licensed home inspector #365 and Structural Pest Inspector #65540, and a licensed real estate clock-hour instructor #14978. He has made a business out of his personal mission to advocate for homebuyers, homeowners, home inspectors, and real estate professionals. Honing his talents from carpentry in his youth to construction and remodeling through college, and eventually establishing a career in home inspection, Chalk literally understands houses from the ground up. His new book, *The Confident House Hunter* draws on his experience to help readers make informed decisions in the important process of purchasing and maintaining a home.

## Report Writing Style & Technique

**Harness the power of the written word to transform your business.**

While one class can't transform your writing overnight, we will present tools for improving your writing instantly and plant the seeds for finding your own style and writer's voice over the long-haul.

The class will cover:

- Techniques to improve your general writing skills
- Examples of poorly written statements and how to improve them
- A review of frequently misused home inspection words
- A look at report writing techniques such as using qualifiers, following the SOP, writing representative observations and how to write a descriptive report.
- A chance to compete in the report writing contest

## How to Visually Inspect Fiber Cement Siding

Visual Inspection of Fiber Cement Siding will focus on visual inspection of the most widely installed modern siding system: fiber cement siding. Technical installation details will be based on the James Hardie brand as this is the most widely installed fiber cement siding. We will focus on lap siding, but we will also review panel siding systems, the shingle system and rain screen installations. The class will start by reviewing James Hardie installation requirements.

We will follow this with observations from the field where field slides will be employed to discuss how installation requirements have changed and the difference between best practices and the 13 Major Components. This class will leave inspectors with useful skills for inspecting fiber cement siding installations and strong and accurate language for reporting on defects.

