

OHIO INVESTIGATORS ASSOCIATION

The Professional Association for State Investigators

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NEWSLETTER

-- May 2007 Issue --

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

-- By Kelli Coleman DelGuzzo --

Members:

We are co-sponsoring the Auditor's Fraud conference again this year. For more information visit the OIA website or www.auditor.state.oh.us.

2007 membership applications have been collected and added to the 2007 Membership Directory. We now boast 125 members. Membership directories will be distributed at the May meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting OIA will send a copy to you.

Due to work responsibilities and scheduling conflicts Melissa Vermillion has stepped down as the OIA Vice President. I have asked David Crawford to take her place for the remainder of the term and will appoint him at the meeting. Thanks, David!

We are looking for OIA members to serve on two committees: Banquet and Professional Development/Training. If you're interested, please email me today!

Thanks to Gregg Thornton, the 2006 Professional Development and Training Committee chairperson. His efforts allowed the OIA and CFE to have another successful conference. Gregg will not be chairing the committee this year, so we are looking for someone to take on this very important position. Are you interested?

The speaker for this month's meeting is Paul Nick, Chief Investigative Attorney for the Ohio Ethics Commission. Mr. Nick will address the topic, "Ohio Ethics Laws: What All Investigator's Need to know!"

We are also hosting the 2-for-1 lunch special featuring Donato's catering. So, bring a non-member and OIA will buy their lunch.

See you at the Auditor's Conference and on the 30th! We're off to a great 2007.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

-- OIA MEETING DATES 2007 --

May	30 th	(2-for-1 lunch special)
July	25 th	
September	26 th	
November	5 th	
December	7 th	(Holiday Banquet)

Emerging Trends in Fraud Conference
May 21-22, 2007

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NOTE: Please contact any OIA Officer or Chair if you would like more details about getting involved as an OIA committee member.

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AGENCY PROFILE

Ohio Ethics Commission

According to the Ethics Commission website:

The Ohio Ethics Commission promotes ethics in public service to strengthen the public's confidence that Government business is conducted with impartiality and integrity. The Commission was established as part of the Ohio Ethics Law in 1973. The law, effective January 1, 1974, created new ethical standards for public officials and employees by: requiring personal financial disclosure; creating new restrictions upon unethical conduct with criminal sanctions; and establishing uniform review of ethics issues by statewide commissions of the three branches of government. The Commission has jurisdiction over Ohio's "executive" branch, ie. for all public officials and employees at the state and local levels of government, except legislators, judges, and their staffs.

<http://www.ethics.ohio.gov/About.html>

INVESTIGATIVE ARTICLE

Recognizing and Meeting Title III Concerns In Computer Investigations

By Robert Strang, Assistant United States Attorney, Southern District of New York

The dramatic increase in crimes involving the Internet, and computer crimes more generally, is well documented. The "2000 CSI/FBI Computer Crime and Security Survey" documented that 90% of the 643 respondents (primarily large U.S. corporations and government agencies) detected computer security breaches within the last twelve months, totaling hundreds of millions of dollars in losses.

In light of the increased criminal opportunities created by the ever-growing reliance on, and growing interconnectedness between network computers, there can be no doubt that experienced and sophisticated computer criminals pose a substantial challenge to law enforcement. There has also been a corresponding increase in the difficulty in catching computer criminals. There are a number of reasons why this is so. The anonymity provided by computer communications has long been recognized as one of the major attractions to would-be computer criminal subjects.

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<http://www.forensicexams.org/content/view/1419/>