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NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

-- By Steve Schierholt --

Members:

The Association of Inspectors General held its Spring 2008 conference in Columbus April 23-25, hosted by the Ohio Inspector General's Office. Special thanks to the Association and the OIG for the one-day special for OIA members on the 24th. The theme of the conference was "The Innovative Inspector General," but the agenda was full of informative speakers addressing topics of interest to all investigators. In addition to the education and professional development offered, the networking opportunities were tremendous, as well.

The opening ceremony was held in the Ohio Capitol, and Ohio Governor Ted Strickland gave the opening remarks. Gov. Strickland incorporated a significant surprise into the ceremony by bringing along a special guest: former astronaut and United States Senator John Glenn! Nationally, the IG community is celebrating its 30th anniversary, and Sen. Glenn was among the co-sponsors of the Federal Inspector General Act of 1978.

Former U.S. Department of Transportation IG Mary Schiavo delivered the opening keynote address concerning airport and airline security breakdowns relative to the terrorist attacks. One major point from her presentation really stood out: the importance of administrative rules, which she characterized as an executive agency's ability to legislate. Her presentation also underscores the importance of ensuring we do all we can to avoid making it too easy for bad actors seeking to circumvent controls, rules and the law. See page two for more information from other presentations.

BCI Deputy Superintendent Steve Raubenault will be our May speaker. Steve will present a live demonstration of OHLEG (OHio Law Enforcement Gateway). While some of the features are restricted to law enforcement, given the number of joint investigations participated in by our members, I believe it important to know what is available. Given OHLEG's overwhelming acceptance by the law enforcement community, I am sure you will find Steve's presentation quite informative.

See you on May 28th.
Steve

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

-- OIA MEETING DATES 2008 --

May	28 th	(2-for-1 lunch special)
July	23 rd	
September	24 th	
November	5 th	
December	12 th	(Holiday Banquet)

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Ohio Auditor Of State's
Emerging Trends in Fraud Investigation
And Prevention Conference**

May 13-14, 2008

Hyatt Regency Downtown Columbus

Visit the OIA website for more information concerning this and other training and educational opportunities.

Fraud Indicators

US Agency for International
Development publication: *Fraud
Indicators Handbook* can be found at
the following link:

<http://www.usaid.gov/oig/>

The Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC)

offers a wide range of training classes for investigators, as well as a newsletter, The Informer, featuring Supreme Court decisions on topics of importance to investigators. Find FLETC online at: <http://www.fletc.gov/>



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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.

National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C)

Another valuable resource for training and other resources, NW3C can be found online at <http://www.nw3c.org/>.

Association of Inspectors General 2008 Spring Conference Overview

For those of you unable to attend the AIG conference, here is a brief recap of some of the presenters and topics:

Former *Plain Dealer* Statehouse bureau chief Sandy Theis and communications strategist Melissa Swan provided helpful hints and strategies for dealing with the media.

John Besselman of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center delivered a very thorough session on the topic of Fourth Amendment issues and workplace searches. His presentation included case studies, discussion of the "reasonable expectation of privacy" standard, waiver of rights, and reasonableness of scope, among others.

Kenneth Donahue, the Inspector General for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, gave a timely discussion on mortgage fraud and public housing.

Federal Bureau of Investigation Financial Analyst Jeremy Durgin spoke on the topic "Making your Case through Data Mining." He provided an overview of what constitutes data mining, and was then able to demonstrate its application using the Bureau of Workers' Compensation investment scandal involving Mark D. Lay as a case study.

Arnie Schropp, Lora Manon, Gregg Thornton and Joe Montgomery of the IG's office provided an overview of the BWC task force led by Inspector General Charles, followed by a panel discussion featuring task force members including representatives from federal, state and local agencies who participated in the investigation and prosecution of Tom Noe, Mark Lay, and others.