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The Professional Association for State Investigators

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NEWSLETTER

-- July Issue --

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<http://www.oia.homestead.com/oia.html>

The featured speaker for the meeting will be Gary Croft. Visit the [Speakers & Topics](#) link on the left of the website for more details.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

-- OIA MEETING DATES 2006 --

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| July | 26 th |
| September | 27 th |
| November | 8 th |
| December | 9 th (Holiday Banquet) |

February 9th 2007 (OIA + ACFE training)

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

-- By Kelli Coleman DelGuzzo --

Members:

It was nice to see so many OIA members in attendance at the Auditor's Fraud Conference. Be sure to check the OIA website often for changes and updates to the Training Opportunities section.

It was also nice to see those of you who attended the May meeting. Thank you to Tim Prichard who presented a very interesting PowerPoint presentation on the topic of conducting investigations in a manner that will help your attorney prove your case in court. The video examples that Tim shared with the group were especially applicable and valuable.

Our next meeting is next Wednesday, July 26th, featuring Gary Croft from the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. Gary will explore the functions of his office- the Chief Inspector.

Membership Directory's were distributed at the May meeting. If you have not received a directory, please email Faith Ottavi at faith.ottavi@acc.state.oh.us.

Unfortunately, OIA secretary Judy Knapp has resigned her position citing professional and personal reasons. We will miss her service to the organization. The remaining Officers have decided to leave her position vacant for the remainder of 2006. Arnie Schropp will be looking for suitable replacements for the 2007 term before the annual banquet. Let him know if you're interested.

I look forward to seeing all of you next week.

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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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OIA MEMBER PROFILE

Name: Lora L. Manon, Esquire

Position: Chief Legal Counsel
Ohio Inspector General

OIA Membership: Since 2006

Lora L. Manon was born in Salina, Kansas, and raised in Bryan, Ohio. She graduated with honors from Bowling Green State University, earning a B.S. in Education. She received her J.D. from The University of Toledo College of Law. From 1997 through 2000, she served as the elected Hardin County Prosecuting Attorney. Prior to joining the Office of the Inspector General, she was a senior attorney with the City of Toledo Law Department. She has also served as an assistant prosecutor for Hardin County, Ohio, and as assistant law director for the city of Defiance. She is a member of the federal bar, admitted to practice in the U.S. District Court of Ohio, Northern Division.

Ms. Manon has received additional training at the National Advocacy Center in Columbia, South Carolina and at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, Georgia. She has conducted ethics trainings for the City of Toledo, and she has been a guest instructor for the Toledo Police, 9-1-1 and Citizens Police academies. She has also served as a faculty member for several courses at the National Advocacy Center. Lora Manon is a graduate of the JoAnn Davidson Ohio Leadership Institute, and she is a past state president of the Ohio Federation of Business and Professional Women.

In her free time, Ms. Manon enjoys playing the trumpet and participates in several community groups that perform in Central Ohio and around the state.

AGENCY PROFILE

The Ohio Respiratory Care Board

The Ohio Respiratory Care Board (ORCB) was legislatively established in 1989 and began issuing licenses in 1990. The ORCB regulates the practice of respiratory care and enforces the laws and rules as it relates to respiratory care found under section 4761 of the Ohio Revised Code and the Ohio Administrative Code.

The ORCB in 2005 was charged with the duty of also regulating and enforcing the laws and rules of home medical equipment (HME) providers found under section HME 4752 of the Ohio Revised Code. Home medical equipment can be defined as equipment that serves a medical purpose and is not useful to anyone in the absence of illness or injury. This can include, but is not limited to, life sustaining equipment prescribed by a professional that medically sustains, restores or supplements a vital bodily function, such as breathing.

The ORCB is a nine-member panel including five respiratory professionals, two HME professionals, one public member and one physician member. The board strives to provide the state of Ohio with trained professionals to ensure safeguards to the consumer; protect the patients and public from harm; and, employ a knowledgeable office staff capable of accomplishing these goals.

The Board generally receives complaints from professional members, hospitals, patients, law enforcement agencies; even through anonymous sources. Allegations can range from unlicensed practice, unprofessional and unethical conduct, patient abuses, theft of drugs, substance abuses and gross professional misconduct. The Board employs one full time investigator with an average yearly case load of about seventy investigations; coupled with, enforcing a probation case load averaging around thirty licensees to include substance abusers and those with competency issues.

More information can be found about the ORCB at www.respiratorycare.ohio.gov.