

OHIO INVESTIGATORS ASSOCIATION

The Professional Association for State Investigators

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NEWSLETTER

November Issue

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

OIA MEETING DATES 2005

November 9 (2nd Wednesday)
BANQUET FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9th

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

By Gary Kennedy

Greetings! I want to thank Beth Shaffer of the Dietetics Board and Joel Demory of the Department of Taxation for their informative presentations at the last meeting. They did a great job!

This month I am pleased and honored to welcome Dr. Kathy Sullivan as our guest speaker. Among many of her accomplishments, she was the first woman to walk in space. Please refer to her bio on the website. She is an amazing individual.

This will be my last newsletter as President. I want to thank everyone for their help over the past two years, and the trust you have shown me. It has been an honor to serve. See you on the 9th.

AWARDS BANQUET

The annual awards banquet will be held on Friday, December 9th at the Doubletree Hotel located on Front Street in downtown Columbus. Tickets will cost \$15 per person. Please reserve your space by purchasing a ticket at the meeting or by emailing Kelli at kelli.coleman@exchange.state.oh.us

5:30pm Cocktail Hour

6:30pm Buffet Dinner

(Children are welcome: meals cost only \$5)

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INVESTIGATOR OF THE YEAR

We are now accepting nominations for Investigator of the Year.



Nominations can be forwarded to any OIA officer and should include the nominee's name, title and a short narrative about why you think your nomination should win. The winner will be announced at the Awards Banquet.

**The nomination deadline is
November 11, 2005.**

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OIA MEMBER PROFILE

Name: Carolyn Knauss

Position: Investigator

OIA Membership: Since 2005

Carolyn is an Investigator for the Board of Psychology and has been with the Board for a little over a year. She investigates complaints against psychologists or those practicing psychology without a license. Before starting with the Board, Carolyn spent 14 years in the Corrections field. Her first position was with the Corrections Center Northwest Ohio where she served as a case manager. In 1997 Carolyn moved to Columbus to take a job with Southeast, Inc. as a Mental Health Liaison for the Franklin County Corrections Center II. In 1999, Carolyn took a position as a Social Worker for the Franklin County Sheriff's Office and worked at the Main Jail in downtown Columbus.

Carolyn was a Licensed Social Worker with the CSM&FT Board for 10 years and received a Paralegal certificate from Capital University Law School in 2004.

In her free time, Carolyn enjoys volunteering at the Citizens for Humane Action shelter in Westerville and enjoys taking her three rescued dogs, Simon, Rocky and Baby, to the park. She is also an active member of the Vineyard Church.

AGENCY PROFILE

Agency: Board of Orthotics, Prosthetics and Pedorthics

The State Board of Orthotics, Prosthetics and Pedorthics was established by legislation passed in late 2000. The first wave of licenses were issued in 2001. Licenses are renewed annually with a high renewal fee (\$300) necessary to fund agency operations, since the licensee base is presently under 500.

The professions licensed by the OPP Board are in the allied health field, with specialties in medical bracing (orthotics), artificial limbs (prosthetics), and therapeutic footwear (pedorthics).

The Board itself is comprised of seven members appointed by the Governor, consisting of four (4) members representing the professions of orthotics and prosthetics; one (1) member from the field of pedorthics; one (1) member who is an MD, DO, or DPM licensee of the Medical Board; and one (1) member who is a consumer of services regulated under the Practice Act. The Board is served by a single full-time employee and employs a part-time clerk. Meetings are held in the evening about five or six times a year.

The agency reviews and approves applications for licensure, promulgates rules to further its purposes, tracks continuing education compliance, fields and processes complaints, and seeks to educate the public and allied professions regarding the appropriate role of these professionals in the health care spectrum. The website address is: <http://opp.ohio.gov> .