



OHIO INVESTIGATORS ASSOCIATION

The Professional Association for State Investigators

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COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215

NEWSLETTER

May 2004 Issue

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

OIA MEETING DATES- 2004

May	26
July	28
September	22
November	10 (2 nd Wednesday)

TRAINING DATES

October 14 & 15, Attorney General's 2004
Conference on Law Enforcement

SURVEY RESULTS

By Kelli Coleman DelGuzzo

1. The majority of members prefer to keep the current lunch meeting schedule and one evening meeting, the Holiday Banquet.
2. The majority of members are interested in rotating the lunch vendor and are willing to spend between \$7 and \$10 for lunch.
3. The majority of members prefer to receive the newsletter and other email attachments in WORD format.
4. The majority of members would attend a 1-day training co-sponsored by the OIA and CFE.
5. Members requested speakers regarding public records law updates, cyber crime info, ethics in the workplace and many other topics. The officers will do their best to arrange for speakers that the membership has requested.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

This is your last chance to renew your membership with OIA in order to ensure that you will be listed in the 2004 Membership Directory. Dues are only \$20.00! Please contact Gary Kennedy by email at gkennedy@serb.state.oh.us to obtain a membership form or visit our website at www.oia.homestead.com/home.html

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

By Gary Kennedy

Greetings, I don't know if all of your work schedules have been as hectic as the OIA officers, but it seems like government is surely doing more with less . . . and less . . . and less. No matter how busy you are I hope you will take time to attend the May 26th meeting. We will welcome Marty Susec from the Attorney General's office to address public records requirements and any recent changes to the public records law.

I'd like to say a special thanks to Arnie Schropp, Jr., for his excellent presentation at our March meeting. Arnie also volunteered to spearhead the committee that is organizing a training seminar with the Central Ohio Chapter of Certified Fraud Examiners. The seminar is tentatively scheduled to take place sometime next year.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members and former members who have rejoined: Kathy Marie Bolton, Thomas Huston, Ron Kolbach, Kenneth Marshall, Jason Mclean, Richard D. O'Claire, Daniel Winterich, Philip Pavarini, Jr., Jamison Underwood, David Russell, William Tenney, David Haynes, Vickie DiCesare, Dave French, and Gregory Bucholtz. We are in the process of compiling a new membership list for 2004. If you haven't renewed your membership for this year, please do so ASAP. This may be the last newsletter you'll receive if you don't renew now.

The Attorney General's Office has asked OIA for suggestions on selecting speakers and workshop topics for the Law Enforcement Conference being held October 14 and 15, 2004. Please forward your suggestions to me at gkennedy@serb.state.oh.us including the speaker's contact information, estimated reimbursement for fees and any other pertinent information. You may also send information using the website located at www.oia.homestead.com/oia.html

Thanks to everyone and see you on the 26th.

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OIA MEMBER PROFILE

Name: Beth Shaffer

Agency: Ohio Board of Dietetics

Position: Compliance Specialist

OIA Membership: Since 1995

Beth is one of the original members of the OIA and served as the OIA President in 1999. Prior to serving as president she also served as Secretary and Vice President.

Beth's educational accomplishments include an Undergraduate Degree from BGSU, a special student at OSU, a dietetic internship at the University of Alabama Medical Center in Birmingham, and a Masters Degree from YSU in counseling. Beth is a registered, licensed dietitian who practiced dietetics in Warren, Ohio for 25 years, most recently as a Certified Nutrition Support Dietitian in acute care. Beth completed the Basic and Advanced National Certified Investigator/Inspector Training Programs given by the Council on Licensure and Enforcement Regulation (CLEAR) as part of her induction to state investigation. Beth Shaffer has been the sole investigator for the past eleven years at the Ohio Board of Dietetics. Beth credits OIA members Rex Waldenmyer and Mike Moran with assisting her in her career with the state.

Beth says that the skills utilized in the practice of dietetics carried over nicely to her investigative work. Gathering facts, interviewing, assessment, education and counseling, problem solving, report writing, and presenting are amongst the skills that Beth continues to use and seeks to improve upon. With the formal title of Compliance Specialist, Beth involves herself in continuing professional development in dietetics as well as investigation.

At the end of the day Beth enjoys her house on the river, aerobics class, and good food. She also enjoys the company of her two grown children and two grandchildren. Beth wants everyone to know that, "OIA is a great organization thanks to all of its willing members. I am glad to be a part."

AGENCY PROFILE

**Agency: Supreme Court of Ohio,
Office of Disciplinary Counsel**

The Supreme Court of Ohio regulates the conduct of attorneys and judges through the Code of Professional Responsibility ("CPR") and the Code of Judicial Conduct ("CJC").

Funded through attorney registrations fees, the Office of Disciplinary Counsel ("ODC") is charged with the enforcement of the CPR and CJC under authority of Gov. Bar R. V. ODC, along with local bar associations, investigates allegations of ethical misconduct filed against attorneys and judges. ODC also has jurisdiction over matters relating to attorneys and child support, license resignations, reciprocal discipline, mental illness, and the unauthorized practice of law, and appeals of dismissals from local bar associations.

ODC's staff (Disciplinary Counsel Jonathan E. Coughlan, Assistant Disciplinary Counsels, administrative personnel, paralegals, and full- and part-time investigators) receives an average of over 3000 grievances each year. A case not dismissed after investigation is submitted via a formal complaint to the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline ("BOC"). Following a hearing, the BOC makes a recommendation to the Supreme Court of Ohio regarding the imposition of discipline. Only the Court is empowered to impose discipline that may range from a public reprimand, probation, definite or indefinite suspension, or disbarment.

For more information about ODC or filing a grievance, contact OIA members Randy McGough, Mike Kozanecki, or Linda Hardesty-Fish at 614.461.0256. Additional information about the office and the grievance process is available by accessing the internet at <http://www.sconet.state.oh.us/BOC/odc/Default.asp>



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JOB OPPORTUNITY

FULL-TIME, PERMANENT POSITION
APPLICATION DEADLINE: May 21, 2004
CLASSIFICATION: Ethics Commission
Special Investigator (26221)
Non-Exempt, Classified PCN 4.6
SALARY RANGE: \$18.97 – \$27.76 ph
\$39,456 - \$57,741/year (Pay Range 32)
MAIL APPLICATIONS: (614) 466-7090
Susan J. Loe, Office Manager
Ohio Ethics Commission
8 East Long Street, 10th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215
BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Conduct
investigations of potential criminal charges
involving government employees. Prepare
reports & evidence, interview witnesses,
create forms/charts/graphs. Maintain
confidentiality. Handle calls, work with law
enforcement & other government agencies.
Requires travel.
FIND FULL POSTING, REQUIRMENTS AT:
<http://ohio.gov/index.stm>

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INVESTIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Nominations for Investigator of the Year are now being accepted. Please visit our web site, listed in the footer, for more information or contact Gary Kennedy. The submission deadline is Monday, November 1, 2004.