



OHIO INVESTIGATORS ASSOCIATION

The Professional Association for State Investigators

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NEWSLETTER

September 2004 Issue

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

OIA MEETING DATES- 2004

September 22
November 10 (2nd Wednesday)
December 2 HOLIDAY BANQUET

TRAINING DATES

October 14 & 15, Attorney General's 2004
Conference on Law Enforcement
SEE WEBSITE FOR BROCHURE

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

By Gary Kennedy

Greetings, the holiday awards banquet is now set for December 2, 2004, at the Ohio Historical Village, American House, from 6:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. We have seating for 40 so, if you're interested in attending, please RSVP by contacting me at gkennedy@serb.state.oh.us or by telephone at 644-5955. (When emailing be sure to get a confirmation email from me to be sure that your reservation was received and be sure to include OIA in the subject.) We are hoping to keep the cost per member to between \$15.00 and \$20.00. The website will be updated and an email will be sent when information becomes available.

If you have recently changed jobs, been promoted, received special recognition, etc., or on a more personal note had a baby, got married, won the lottery (we would all like to know about that), or anything else you care to share with the membership, please contact our Secretary, David Crawford. The information will allow us to update our membership list and will add a different twist to the newsletters.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new and returning members: John

Monce, Jr., Don Petit, Brian Lynn Weiss, William Hegarty, Tracey Hosom, and Steven Polovick. We now have 93 members!

Reminder, the OIA Bylaws will be voted on at this month's meeting. A copy of the Bylaws can be found on the website.

A special thanks to our July speaker, Mike Moran, for his excellent presentation regarding the Ohio concealed handgun-licensing law. Mike has offered the membership a group discount on weapons training. If you are interested, please contact one Mike directly by accessing his information in the directory.

We are pleased to have the Honorable John P. Bessey of the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas as our speaker for the upcoming meeting. Please visit the website to read his bio and topic for the meeting.

Thanks to everyone and see you on the 22nd!

JOB OPPORTUNITY

PART-TIME, PERMANENT POSITION
APPLICATION DEADLINE: September 18, 2004

CLASSIFICATION: Department of Insurance, Insurance Investigation Officer 2 – 26272 Bargaining Unit, Classified

SALARY RANGE: \$18.97 ph

(Pay Range 32)

MAIL APPLICATIONS: Dept. of Insurance H R. Div., 2100 Stella Court, Columbus, OH, 43215-1067

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OIA MEMBER PROFILE

Name: Mark Levy

Agency: B.O.P.P.

Position: Board Director

OIA Membership: Since 19

by Gary Kennedy

This month we are profiling long-time OIA member Mark Levy. He has served on several OIA committees including the by-laws review committee and newsletter editor. Mark resides in Worthington with his wife, two children, dog, and two cats. He was born and raised in the Boston area and graduated with a BA from Ohio Wesleyan University in 1976 majoring in politics and government.

Mark is currently the Board Director for the State Board of Orthotics, Prosthetics and Pedorthics. Previously, Mark worked 10 years with a private, not-for-profit advocacy organization, beginning as local chapter volunteer and activities coordinator, and finally serving as Associate and Acting Director. He held a license as a private investigator from 1987 through 1993. His service to the State of Ohio began as an investigator with the State Board of Psychology from 1993 to 2002.

Mark believes his wide range of experience with agency management, public relations, governmental relations, complaint investigation, and investigative roles both public and private, provide "an interesting background" for his current role as agency administrator and Board Director. "I've been a license holder; I can empathize with an individual trying to make sense of regulatory provisions and processes that use unfamiliar terms," he noted.

For anyone who knows Mark, his great sense of humor stands out among his many attributes. When asked for some words of wisdom to share with our members, Mark replied, "Duck and cover!" On a more serious note, he added: "Don't underestimate the power of nine simple words: 'I am an investigator for the State of Ohio'."

AGENCY PROFILE

Agency: Office of Inspector General

by Gregg Thornton

The Office of Inspector General investigates fraud, waste, abuse, and corruption within the executive branch of state government. Complaints received by the office are reviewed and evaluated to determine whether there is reasonable cause to believe the underlying allegations, if true, would constitute a "wrongful act or omission" on the part of a state officer, agency, or employee.

The jurisdiction of this office extends to the Governor, his staff, state agencies, departments, boards, commissions, and any other entities appointed, employed, controlled, directed, or subject to the authority of the Governor.

At the conclusion of an investigation by the Office of Inspector General, a report of investigation is completed and provided to the Governor and the agency subject to investigation. The report may include recommendations for the agency to consider in addressing and avoiding the recurrence of fraud waste, abuse, or corruption uncovered by the investigation. When appropriate, a report of investigation may also be forwarded to a prosecutor for review to determine whether the underlying facts give rise to a criminal prosecution.

The Ohio Inspector General serves a valuable role in our Ohio, working to improve the process of government to ensure that our system of government operates efficiently and without the fraud, waste, and abuse that sometimes finds its way into government bureaucracies. The Inspector General must also shed light on the corruption that would cause citizens to lose faith in that system. In essence, as the "State Watchdog" over state government, the mission of the Office of Inspector General is to make government work for all Ohioans.



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OIA PIZZA SOCIAL WRAP-UP

The pizza social that took place on August 18th was a success, although several people RSVP'd then didn't come. Either way, all had a good time. We are hoping to have another, similar type of event in 2005. If you have ideas or locations, please contact Kelli Coleman DelGuzzo.

INVESTIGATOR OF THE YEAR

Nominations for Investigator of the Year are still 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.

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