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The Professional Association for State Investigators

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

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

-- By Kelli Coleman DelGuzzo --

Members:

By all accounts the OIA/CFE conference went very well. Participant evaluations were very positive. Great job to all committee members, especially committee chairman Gregg Thornton.

The officers are still in the process of securing speakers for the 2007 meeting calendar. We have some very strong possibilities, but if there is someone you'd like to hear from or a specific topic you're interested in, please email me. We're always looking for suggestions.

We are co-sponsoring the Auditor's Fraud conference again this year. Information about the conference can be found on the OIA website.

2007 memberships are due by March 31st. If you have not done so, please submit your renewal applications ASAP. Faith has been handling applications in my absence, so if you have a question please contact her at faith.ottavi@acc.state.oh.us.

Finally, I will return full-time from my education leave on April 16th. VP Melissa Vermillion will be taking care of next week's meeting.

If you need something from me please feel free to contact me via email or leave a voicemail. I will get back with you.

Have a great week! See you in May.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

-- OIA MEETING DATES 2007 --

March	28 th	
May	30 th	(2-for-1 lunch special)
July	25 th	
September	26 th	
November	5 th	
December	7 th	(Holiday Banquet)

Emerging Trends in Fraud Conference
May 21-22, 2007

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AGENCY PROFILE

Ohio Department of Drug and Alcohol
Addiction Services (ODADAS)

According to the ODADAS website:

Our Mission: "To provide statewide leadership in establishing a high quality addiction prevention, treatment and recovery services system of care that is effective, accessible and valued by all Ohioans."

Our Vision: "An addiction-free Ohio that promotes health, safety, and economic opportunity"

ODADAS is responsible for the development of a comprehensive statewide plan, emphasizing abstinence as its primary goal, to distribute federal and state funds for the prevention and treatment of alcohol and other drug addictions. The ODADAS Outcome Management Framework was used to determine priorities and plan for establishing, monitoring and reporting interim successes and end result of efforts. The planning process utilized need and resource data from a variety of national, state and local sources including: community need assessments through Community Plans, community forums, client service data, survey data and administrative data.

<http://www.odadas.state.oh.us/>

INVESTIGATIVE ARTICLES: RECOGNIZING FRAUD

By Mark R. Simmons, CIA CFE

A government agency official directs the owner of a company doing business under contract to provide equipment and contractor staff that will be used to perform non-contract related work for the agency. When seeking payment, the contractor bills the hours for non-contract work as having been expended on contract related activity. The billing occurs with the knowledge of the agency official, and the agency official instructs lower level staff to approve the bill for payment from agency accounts. Because the contract is part of a federally funded program, the agency in turn files a claim for reimbursement with the federal government, which the federal government, in good faith, pays. Some people might say that the agency official is a creative manager. I'd say that agency official is a crook.

FRAUD occurs when all of the following elements exist:

- an individual or an organization **intentionally** makes an **untrue** representation about an **important** fact or event;
- the untrue representation is **believed by the victim** (the person or organization to whom the representation has been made);
- the victim **relies upon** and **acts upon** the untrue representation;
- the victim **suffers loss of money and/or property** as a result of relying upon and acting upon the untrue representation.

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<http://www.mrsciacfe.cjb.net/>