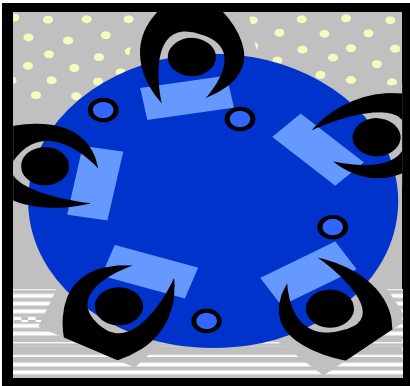


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MESSAGE FROM I&E CHAIR DAN LEVINSON

On September 6, 2007, I hosted my first I&E Committee meeting. At this gathering, the Committee discussed its goals and activities for fiscal year 2008. Unlike the Office of Audits and Investigations, the I&E function is not statutorily mandated and therefore is not present in all OIGs. This brings a special challenge to the I&E Committee—to serve as a central body to facilitate the sharing of ideas and best practices, as well as to support I&E units.

To that end, the Committee endorsed work on two action items:

(1) providing training and development for the OIG inspection and evaluation community, and

(2) exploring the concept of voluntary external reviews of I&E units.

I look forward to working with the Committee and the Roundtable on these and other projects.

Finally, I would like to use this monthly newsletter to highlight significant activities throughout the evaluation community. I encourage you to submit reports, testimony, speeches, or articles that would be of interest to your OIG colleagues to share for a future newsletter.

Many thanks,

Dan Levinson

HHS OIG ASSUMES CHAIR OF I&E COMMITTEE

In July 2007, the HHS OIG assumed the Committee chairmanship left vacant by Johnnie Frazier's retirement. In a message to Committee members,

IG Levinson noted that the HHS OIG has exercised leadership responsibilities in the I&E area

in the past, and placing the chairmanship of the Committee in this office represents something of a homecoming for HHS. He noted that over the past 6 years, the Commerce OIG moved Committee activities forward on a number of important fronts, not the least of which is the development and promulgation of revised Quality Standards for Inspections. IG Levinson stated that he looks forward to building on the Committee's successful record and working to ensure that the Committee continues to support our community's I&E responsibilities. IG Levinson also expressed gratitude to the staff at Commerce in working to ensure a smooth transition.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

HHS OIG will host an I&E Roundtable meeting in early- to mid-November. Details coming soon!

