



Investigations Committee

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Undercover Review Committee

The Attorney General Guidelines for Agencies with Statutory Law Enforcement Authority require the formation of an OIG Undercover Review Committee. Recently, a team of three AIGIs (Steve Hardgrove, Bill Hamel, and Joe McMillan) was formed to reinvigorate this project. They have updated a previous draft proposal and have forwarded it to the Investigations Committee for review and comment. Ultimately, DOJ approval will be needed.

Annual AIGI Conference

The Annual AIGI Conference will be held on April 16–17, 2008 at FLETC. A block of rooms has been reserved at the King and Prince Resort on St. Simon's Island (Government per diem of \$125). Reservations must be made by March 15th. Individuals planning to attend should submit their information (name, title, agency, telephone number and email) to Joan Dwyer of FDIC at jdwyer@fdic.gov. While the agenda has not yet been finalized, the conference will include a tour of FLETC.

Issuance of Credentials to Retired OIG Agents

Some variance exists in the application of criteria for issuing credentials to retired agents within the OIG community. The requirement for employment as an officer with statutory powers of arrest for 15 years or more has been found to be interpreted in a number of ways; the same may apply to the retirement in good standing clause. The Investigations Committee will examine this issue since the credentialing process may benefit from a standardized reading of the terms contained in the controlling statutes.

Mutual Notification Update

The new chief of the FBI's Public Corruption and Government Fraud Unit, Luis Valez, is now in charge of the Mutual Notification Project. He has stated that the project is still moving forward. The Assistant Director of the Criminal Division/FBI has now signed off on the effort. Technical computer specialists at the FBI currently are developing prototypes and mock-ups for implementation. Another update will be available before the AIGI Conference in April.

Credential Prototype Update

As previously reported, an AIGI working group has been formed to spearhead an effort to develop a credential prototype for the community. The group's first order of business was to meet with Government Printing Office (GPO) representatives. During the meeting, the participants established certain base standards regarding paper type, size, and color variety as well as placement of photo, logos, signature line, and related features. They also discussed inclusion of visual security measures, differentiation between armed/unarmed employees, and the need to consider HSPD-12. The group will be meeting with GPO again in the next few weeks to review a few samples and hopes to have samples to share at the AIGI conference in April.

Upcoming Meeting:
March 26, 2008
at 10:00 a.m.