

**California Chapter
Association of Inspectors General**

23 September 2010 Meeting Minutes

- I. President's Report- Robert Vogt welcomed everyone and requested that a motion to accept the minutes from the June 10, 2010 meeting be made. The minutes were approved as presented. The Chapter presented an award of appreciation to outgoing Chapter President Eric Feldman. Eric was instrumental in establishing the California Chapter. His leadership and guidance have been invaluable to the organization. President Vogt will be attending the National AIG's next conference in Newark, NJ in November.

- II. Vice President's Report –
None.

- III. Treasurer's Report- Austin Onwualu, LAUSD, discussed the current financial status of the California Chapter.

- IV. Old Business –
None.

- V. New Business –

- VI. Featured Topic and Speaker: President Bob Vogt introduced Lawrence Middleton, Chief of Public Corruption, United States Attorneys Office, Central District of California. Mr. Middleton told us that his office has just reinstated the Public Corruption section. Mr. Middleton discussed how, in the start-up phase of this section, his office has no duty officer so far, will not require investigative reports upfront and is in the process of developing guidelines. He stressed that discussing a case with an AUSA early in the investigative process is the most important step for an investigative agency wishing to bring cases to the Public Corruption group.

Mr. Middleton also addressed the importance of the Garrity Warning, emphasizing that if a subject or witness feels compelled to make a statement under threat of losing their job, the statement could be unusable for prosecution -- AND the investigator could be tainted. Mr. Middleton encouraged all investigators to be very aware of the role of the Garrity Warning.

- VII. Next regular meeting scheduled: **Wednesday, December 1, 2010, at 11:30AM-1:30PM.** Restaurant Location: **Taix**, 1911 Sunset Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90026; Tel 213-484-1265
<http://www.taixfrench.com/index.html>