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The Formation of the Association of Inspectors General

In the spring of 1996, Robert A. Cerasoli, then the Inspector General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, invited inspectors general from across the United States to meet in Atlanta, Georgia "to consider formation of an association of state and local inspectors general." Bob's vision was to create an association that "could promote the exchange of information, ideas, and best practices, and assist in ensuring [that] the inspector general staff are well-trained to perform their duties."

Twenty-two inspectors general and staff met on July 1, 1996 in Atlanta for this purpose. At the meeting, participants discussed many issues, including IG independence, thresholds for undertaking investigations, ethical issues and staff training. At the conclusion of the meeting, Bob was asked to serve as organizing chairman for the association and a motion was passed to meet in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in October to hold a charter meeting.

Representatives from across the inspector general community met in late October of that year to establish a framework for the association, including drafting its articles of organization, constitution and bylaws. Given the varied organizational structures of the jurisdictions represented – including different enabling statutes, scopes of authority, appointing processes and jurisdictional priorities – it was an immense challenge to create an organization that would represent the IG community as a whole.

Nevertheless, because of their vision, focus and dedication, the group was able to reach consensus on the organization's founding principles. Consequently, on October 26, 1996, forty-nine participants convened at Historic Carpenters' Hall in Philadelphia and signed the charter, thereby establishing the Association of Inspectors General. This document became the basis for the organization and has sustained it for the last twenty years.

Today, two decades later, the Association of Inspectors General has grown to over 1,500 members representing 150 jurisdictions in 15 countries on 5 continents. The growth and success of the Association of Inspectors General is due to the contributions of its members over the years, including the past presidents, the boards of directors, the general membership and its founding members.

The names of those who attended the meetings in Atlanta and Philadelphia are listed on the next six pages. The Association extends it sincere appreciation to these founding members for their commitment and vision in creating this organization.

PARTICIPANTS AT THE JULY 1, 1996 MEETING IN ATLANTA

(TITLES CURRENT AS OF JULY 1, 1996)

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Wendy Haynes, Deputy Inspector General for Contract Audit and Review Office of the Inspector General, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Denise Kane, Inspector General Illinois Department of Children and Family Services

Harold Lewis, Chief Inspector General Florida Executive Office of the Governor

James Mathews, Inspector General Florida Department of Labor and Employment Security

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Arthur Sinai, Inspector General Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority

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