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April 10th, 2007

"The New Congress"

When the 110th Congress convened on January 3, it was the first time that the Democrats were back in control of the two chambers after a twelve year absence. The new majorities were swept in with a mandate to change things in Washington. Making good on that promise will not be easy, and the results thus far are mixed. At the April program, Dr. Lagon and Dr. Gold will examine the following key topics:

- How two major components of the new Congress will affect federal departments and agencies: first, changes in the membership, leadership, and committee make-up of the new Congress; and
- Budget politics and discretionary spending.

Susan S. Lagon, Ph.D. has been a Senior Fellow at the Government Affairs Institute at Georgetown University since 1998. She taught American Government and Constitutional Law full-time as a Visiting Assistant Professor in the University's Department of Government for five years. Her prior experience includes teaching high school and working as Assistant Political Science Editor at Congressional Quarterly Press, where she was a frequent speaker at CQ's "Understanding Congress" seminars.

Kenneth A. Gold, Ph.D. has been the Director of the Government Affairs Institute, which is part of the Georgetown Public Policy Institute at Georgetown University since 1997. He joined the Government Affairs Institute at the U.S. Office of Personnel Management in 1989 and was a member of the Senior Faculty until 1992, when he was named Director of the Institute.

For the past ten years, Dr. Gold has been speaking on the subject of *Working More Effectively with Congress* to federal audiences in Washington and around the country, including *Briefings for New SES Executives* over the last twelve years. He is the author of articles on organizations and management, and of *United States Foreign Economic Policy-Making* (New York: Garland Publishing, 1987).

We look forward to seeing you at the April Professional Development Program.

PLACE: Fort Leslie J. McNair Officers' Club, 4th & P Streets, S.W., Washington, D.C. For directions check the TOC web site.

TIME: 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Please be seated promptly at 11:45 a.m.

COST: \$30 or 2006-2007 Professional Development Program registration.

MENU: Red, White and Blue Buffet: with soup, seasoned vegetables, and dessert.

TO RESERVE: If you have not registered for 2006-2007, call the TOC Information Line (202) 973-8683, or the TOC FAX Line (202) 331-0111 to reserve a place for this month's program.

PARKING: There is parking in the lot near the tennis court. Please do not park on the grass near the river or you will be ticketed and/or towed. If you arrive and see orange cones in the Officers Club parking lot, please feel free to move them and park.

REMINDER: Programs are typically held on the second Tuesday of each month except in the months of January, July, and August for 2007.

2007 TOC Institute & Exposition - April 15-18, 2007

Clarion Hotel
Ocean City, MD

Calendar of Events

TOC 2006 - 2007 Professional Development Program Dates at a Glance:

September 12, 2006
October 10, 2006
November 14, 2006
December 12, 2006
January 2007 - no program
February 13, 2007
March 13, 2007
April 10, 2007
May 8, 2007
June 12, 2007

TOC Professional Development Program Speaker:

May 8, 2007: To be announced

Refer to the TOC website at www.trainingofficers.org for future speaker information.

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FONTAINEBLEAU HOTEL
OCEAN CITY, MD**



April 15 – 18, 2007

TOC Monthly Quote:

“Learning is what you already know.”

–Richard Bach

MESSAGE FROM TOC CHAIR PHYLLIS MCKOY –

Are you ready for the ultimate TOC experience? The time has finally arrived for the 2007 TOC Annual Institute, April 15-18, 2007, in Ocean City, MD. Remember to bring your workout clothes, walking shoes or sneakers for those leisurely strolls on the beach. The Executive Board and I hope to see you at many if not all of the dynamic events. Have a wonderful spring season!

MESSAGE FROM 2007 ANNUAL INSTITUTE CHAIR

RICK WELEBIR: The 2007 TOC Annual Institute is almost here! We'll see you on Sunday, April 15-Wednesday, April 18 at the ocean-front Clarion Resort Fontainebleau Hotel in Ocean City, Maryland. Please plan on arriving on Sunday because you won't want to miss our opening dinner with our dynamic keynote motivational speaker! In addition, we have 37 concurrent sessions, 3 keynote speakers, more than 30 exhibitors, great meals, and a lot of fun special events planned for you. For complete Institute Schedule, please go to our website, www.trainingofficers.org and click on "Complete Institute Schedule."

First Timers Reception: Sunday from 4:00-5:30 p.m. If this is your first TOC Institute, please join us for this informative and fun reception to get you started! Dinner and our first keynote speaker follow at 6:00 p.m.

Special Events: You'll love the special events planned, including Monday Night at the Movies, morning and afternoon exercise programs, the Seafood Buffet Spectacular (including plenty of non-seafood selections as well) on Tuesday evening, followed by the back-by-popular-demand – Casino Night! Also, our hospitality room is open throughout the day for conversation, networking, snacks, and just some time away from it all.

Volunteering at the Institute: Volunteering is the best way to get connected with your TOC colleagues and to contribute to the TOC community. Please consider volunteering in one of the following capacities; there is still time for you to play a part in the Institute!

Registration Booth: Bob Stacy and Andy Leighton are looking for people willing to spend a couple of hours working at the Registration Booth during the Institute. To volunteer for a time that fits well with your Institute schedule, please call Andy Leighton at 703-417-8635 or e-mail at Andrew.Leighton@mwa.com.

Logistics: Rick Barnaby needs people willing to collect evaluations at the conclusion of each concurrent session, as well as to provide directions to people on the first day of the Institute. Please call Rick at 703-235-0520 or e-mail at Rick.Barnaby@FHWA.DOT.gov.

TOC News

Mentors: We need mentors to work with first timers at the Institute. Here is what will be required of our mentors:

- Attend the First-Timers Reception from 4:00-5:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 15. At the reception, first time attendees will be matched with mentors;
- Accompany the first time attendee to one or more Institute activities;
- Introduce the first time attendee to at least five people during the Institute; and
- Provide an informational support system to help the first time attendee to get the most out of the Institute.

Please call Jean Palmer at 703-768-4859 or e-mail at jean@jean-palmer.com to volunteer.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our first time attendees as well as all of our TOC registrants, Institute Committee members and Executive Board members. Have a great Institute!

TOC AWARDS CHAIR/SCHOLARSHIP LIAISON DEBBIE TYLER ANNOUNCES:

The 2007 TOC 52ND Annual Distinguished Service Awards program will be held on June 12, 2007. TOC is now accepting nominations and the deadline is April 27, 2007. The Awards recognize individuals and teams that have made significant contributions to federal HRD management. Help us Identify and Celebrate Innovation, Creativity and Excellence in Training and Human Resource Development.

The nomination process is streamlined and is now available on-line. Check the TOC website at www.trainingofficers.org or call Debbie Tyler at (202) 927-7673 for complete information.

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