



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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ELECTION OF A MEMBER OF THE AUDIT REVIEW COMMITTEE (ARC)

San Jose, Costa Rica

Article 3 (j) of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Committee and the Article III of the Statute of the Audit Review Committee ("ARC Statute") stipulate that the Executive Committee is responsible for electing the members of the Audit Review Committee.

Pursuant to the ARC Statute, at least one of the three members of the ARC shall be elected from among the candidates presented by the six Member States that are the largest contributors to IICA, and at least one member shall be elected from among candidates nominated by the other Member States.

The Executive Committee, at its Twenty-first Regular Meeting and in response to an offer from the Government of the United States, appointed Mr. Robert W. Young as a member of the ARC from among the candidates presented by the six Member States that are the largest contributors. Mr. Young served on the ARC from January 2002 to January 2003. When he was not able to continue as a member of the ARC, Mr. Young was replaced, in accordance with Article III. 3.3, by Mr. Raymond G. Poland, who assumed this responsibility in March 2003 and completes his term December 31, 2007.

In compliance with the rules currently in effect, the Director General on January 29, 2007 asked the Member States to nominate candidates for the Executive Committee to select a new member to sit on the ARC from January 2008 to December 2013. In response to that request the following nomination has been received:

United States of America: Mr. Tracy LaPoint

Attached is the curriculum vitae of the candidate.

United States Department of State
*United States Permanent Mission to the
Organization of American States*
Washington, D.C. 20520

March 1, 2007

Dr. Chelston Brathwaite
Director General
Inter-American Institute for
Cooperation on Agriculture
P.O. Box 55-2200
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San José, Costa Rica

Dear Director General Brathwaite:

I am pleased to formally notify you that, in accordance with Article 3.2 of Appendix B of the Statute of the IICA Audit Review Committee (ARC), the Government of the United States nominates Mr. Tracy LaPoint, Deputy Assistant Inspector General, of the U.S. Department of Agriculture to serve on the ARC following the expiration of Mr. Raymond Poland's term.

I have enclosed Mr. LaPoint's curriculum vitae for your information as I believe he is a highly qualified candidate that will serve the ARC well.

Please allow me to take this opportunity to reiterate to you and your Administration the assurances of this Mission's highest consideration.

Sincerely,

Margarita Riva-Geoghegan
Acting, Permanent Representative

Dr. Chelston W.D. Brathwaite
Director General
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Coronado, Costa Rica

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Highest Civil Service Grade: Senior Executive Service, October 2004 to present.

Education: Masters of Science, Information Systems, 1987
Naval Postgraduate School
Monterey, California

Bachelors of Science, Business Administration
State University of New York at Buffalo
Buffalo, New York

Work Experience:

October 2004 to present

Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Audit

United States Department of Agriculture
Office of Inspector General
Washington D.C.

Responsibilities: I am responsible for all audit work performed in four areas. These include financial statement audits performed under the Chief Financial Officer's Act, information technology audits (security, general controls, and application controls), Rural Development audits (housing, water and waste, and small business loans), and Forest Service audits. These audits are performed both by OIG staff and independent public accountants. I oversee all audit training for the entire OIG. Three audit regions report to me for administrative matters such as personnel actions, staffing, equipment purchases, etc. I serve as a technical expert on Departmental working groups related to A-123 and information technology security.

May 1997 to October 2004

Director

United States Postal Service
Office of Inspector General
Arlington, VA

Responsibilities: I served as the Director of Financial Statements, Information Systems, Development and Engineering audits at various times during this period. My primary responsibility was to audit Postal Service initiatives to improve processing operations, delivery, business mail entry, retail operations, transportation, and information technology infrastructure. I audited capital investments totalling over \$9 billion dollars. I also performed numerous audits on the Postal Service's response to the anthrax attacks. I was instrumental in growing the organization from a staff of less than 30 when I arrived to over 750 when I left. I performed extensive recruiting, interviewing, and staff development. Also, during this period I served eight months as the Acting Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Business Operations. I was responsible for all Financial, Transportation, Accepting and Processing, Delivery, and Marketing audits.

April 1990 to May 1997

Assistant Regional Inspector General/Program Manager
 United States Department of Agriculture
 Office of Inspector General
 Washington D. C.

Responsibilities: As an Assistant Regional Inspector General, I supervised nationwide audits of the \$30 billion plus Food and Nutrition Service. This included their financial statements as well as their implementation of Electronic Benefits Transfer for food stamp benefits. As a Program Manager, I helped with OIG's implementation of the Chief Financial Officer's Act. I also provided oversight on the financial statement audits and all Information Technology audits. I also performed staff work to respond to Congressional requests and Hotline complaints.

January 1981-April 1990

Auditor
 Naval Audit Service
 Washington, D.C.

Responsibilities: Performed nationwide audits of Navy and Marine Corps operations.

Awards:

PCIE/ECIE FY 2003 Award for Excellence - Audit of Automated Seamless Dispatch

PCIE/ECIE FY 2002 Award for Excellence - Audits of Postal Service response to anthrax attacks

PCIE/ECIE FY 2000 Award for Excellence - Audit of Corporate Call Management

1999 Inspector General Award, Director of the Year