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## President's Message

BY Brian King

The 2011 AGM was a wonderful success. We had over 150 people attend various functions during the four day event in Boston. We all owe a big thank you to Jay Groob and his staff for all the assistance we received.



*Incoming President Brian King is given the oath by Vicki Marr.*

If you have ever been on the planning side of an AGM, you would appreciate the behind the scenes effort that went into making Boston a special event.

I was very pleased with the support we received from those in attendance as well as those who were unable to join us in Boston.

I wanted to recognize and thank the speakers who gave up their time and expenses to travel to Boston and give their various presentations. The presentations were diverse, interesting and educational. I know our members felt the same.

As an association, I hope we can capitalize on the non

# The International Councilor



*The gang at the Gala*

members that were present and encourage them to join CII.

I want to thank those who supported my nomination to President again. I am so proud of this organization. Now that the dust has settled around the AGM, I want to emphasize that we are moving things forward. The plan for 2011 is to focus on initiatives that have been outlined and implement the strategic plan of vision that our former executives presented at the 2011 AGM. We all feel very strongly that these new initiatives will stream line our processes and make day to day operations of this volunteer organization a lot easier.

I encourage those who want to get more involved to do so by contacting myself or other members of the executive team.

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## CII Annual General Meeting

2011 Conference  
Boston, MA

Sept. 14-17, 2011

# Recap of the 2011 AGM

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Again, many thanks for a successful AGM and I am looking forward to implementing the goals for our organization in 2011-2012. ☐

If you weren't with us in Boston this year, then you missed a splendid time. The CII's 57th Annual General Meeting was held from September 14-17 in Boston, USA at the Boston Marriott Copley Place Hotel. Hosted by Jay Groob (American Investigative Services) and Brian King (Canpro King-Reed LP), the conference featured an impressive and diverse line-up of speakers.

New York Times best-selling author and novelist **Joseph Finder** kicked-off the week when he gave us insight over lunch into how a successful author gets the subject matter for his book. During his presentation, Finder confessed to having wanted to be a spy and referred to Jack Devine as both resource and inspiration for his characters. Finder has

a new book entitled *Vanished* that has just hit the shelves. We will read it and give you a book review!

Then was **Mark Spencer** of Arsenal Consultant who spoke on computer forensics, information security, and electronic discovery. Spencer walked us through some of his experiences and provided a mini course in computer forensic methodologies. Members walked away with all useful tips for identifying domain names, emails and other issues that arise in our investigations. Spencer should be at every AGM.

**Joe Bergantino**: Co-Founder, Co-Director, and Senior Investigative Reporter for the New England Center for Investigative Reporting based at Boston University was



*Rooms with a view from the Hotel at the AGM Boston 2011*

engaging and very low key about his many talents. His life would make any PI's life look bland and his accomplishments are many.

**Norman J. Groot:** Commercial and Insurance litigation lawyer, CFE, gave us an education on police and private sector investigations. His presentation covered criminal, civil, and regulatory actions.

**John Milkiewicz:** U.S. Diplomatic Security Liaison Office for Special Operations Command in the U.S. provided a unique glimpse into US diplomatic security as he expounded upon emerging threats abroad, DSS capabilities, embassy operations and global threat information.

**Frank Thibodeau,** Vice President at Bruker Detection spoke about chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive threats (CBRNE) around the globe. His insight into detection options and technologies was fascinating.

**Amit Gavish,** General Manager, BriefCam Inc., North America brought 14 years of experience in security as he demonstrated what's emerging in CCTV technology. The audience was spellbound as Amit demonstrated a



software that compacts hours of video events into a "brief" film clip. The software is good for all cameras and usage patterns. If you want to take a look, visit [www.briefcam.com/products](http://www.briefcam.com/products)

The AGM in Boston was well attended with 150 guests, with members coming from Netherlands, India, France, England, Portugal, and Hong Kong to name a few. First Vice-President Eduard Sigrist helped unveil the plans for the 2012 AGM October 8–13th at Kwa Maritane Bush Lodge in South Africa. Members are advised to make their reservations now as there are only 60 spots available.

The 2011 AGM also had several noteworthy social events. The week started out with a round of golf and libations at the famous Granite Links Golf

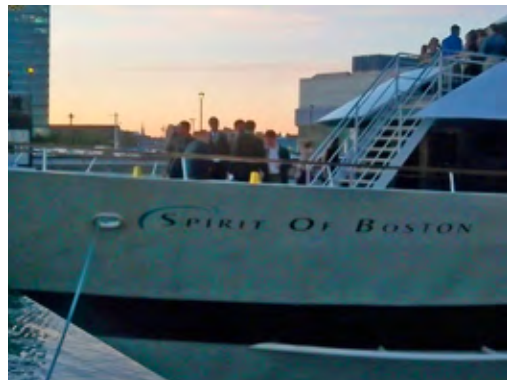
Course. Situated to the South of Boston, the course was named to the list of "100 Greatest Golf Courses in America," and it proved to be a challenge to most of our golf guests. Followed by the golf was a visit to Boston's famed Fenway Park to watch the Red Sox play in what was unfortunately a 9-1 losing effort against the visiting Tampa Bay Rays.

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# Spirit of Boston Dinner Cruise

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2011

A night out on the Boston Harbor where CII colleagues set sail for fun filled evening. A tour on the Spirit lead many of CII members out on to the deck to see the stars and lights of Boston from the harbor. Even the wind did not keep us from venturing out there. We feasted on a delicious buffet and watched the youthful entertainment



The Spirit of Boston cruise offered a beautiful view from the Harbour

with fantastic voices that filled the room with energy. This of course led the CII dance team onto the floor where we twisted, moon-walked and jived. It brought back fond memories of our youth! We joined hands, danced and rocked the boat until we docked. What a great way to spend a Friday night. ☐

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Perhaps of all the evening's group events the most memorable was the dinner at Hennessey's Irish Pub and the Blue Man Group show. From catching marshmallows, to spitting Captain Crunch cereal, to shooting off 10" beach balls into the audience, the Blue Man Group show was a unique and memorable experience. As with every preceding AGM there were several opportunities to network and meet fellow members in the hospitality suite.

There was a well-attended "Duck Tour;" a tour of Boston in a WWII-style amphibious landing vehicle and lots of laughs in the CII suite during evening hours. Rumor has it that hotel security was dispatched to sequester the noise emanating from our suite. We all know whose fault that was! ☐



The entertainment made CII members want to get up and dance.

And CII members did dance!!!!!!



And to celebrate our organization by joining hands

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*It made others sing, like member, Bill Joynt*



*Others weathered the wind on the second floor...with a view of Boston*



# The Gala In The Ball Room

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2011

The Boston 2011 Gala brought the CII members out in their tuxedos and gowns. The CII President, Brian King awarded Joan Beach with the Malcolm Thompson Award, and Jack Chu with the Meritorious Service Award. A warm elegant dinner party in the romantic ballroom allowed members to relax. With 23 countries represented at the 57th Gala, it was a wonderful experience to speak to those professionals from all corners of the globe. As the band Secret Service, played on into the night, the CII dance team took over the floor once again. The night wound down with members at the Hospitality Suite for good-byes and well wishes. The success of the conference shone through the relationships built at this great event. 📷



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*Tanya DeGenova, Roy Whitehouse, and Joan Beach*



*Trish Dehmel, Bertram and Jacqueline Fortin from Canada catching up*



*Jay Groob, host of the Boston AGM finally gets to relax*



*Maurice and Chandra Amres – Romance does exist in the CII Boston Conference*

*CII members  
celebrate the  
last night at  
the Hospitality  
Suite!!*

