

# Recognition of Mark Ledman Former Editorial Committee Chair

Mark Ledman stepped down as Editorial Committee Chair at the end of 2007. The AHIA Board chose to honor Mark's long leadership of *New Perspectives* by formally presenting him with well-deserved recognition before fellow home-town internal auditors at the Houston Chapter of the Institute of Internal Auditors.

Mark first became involved with *New Perspectives* a little over 11 years ago. At the time it was little more than a newsletter sent to AHIA members each quarter. Under his influence and hands-on direction *New Perspectives* became a well-respected journal. It took only a short time before the membership and the late legendary Institute of Internal Auditors President Bill Bishop recognized *New Perspectives* as a premier journal in the field of internal auditing.

Since 1997 Mark has served as Editor, Editorial Committee Member and Chair, and Advisory Board member. In recognition of his contributions to AHIA and its members through *New Perspectives*, and many other efforts, our Board chose, in 2002, to honor Mark with the AHIA's highest and most prestigious award—The Founder's Award. This award is reserved for those few members who have gone above-and-beyond the normal call of duty. Founder's recipients represent our Association's Hall of Fame.

When Mark stepped in as Editor he established four objectives:

To establish *New Perspectives* as the recognized resource for internal auditing and a part of every healthcare internal auditor's resource library.

To establish the focus of *New Perspectives* articles to include real-world practical information that serve as audit tools.

To enhance the quality and image of *New Perspectives* consistent with the needs

of members and the demands of the profession of internal auditing.

To help promote the Association and increase membership.

In spring of 1999, a landmark issue of *New Perspectives* was published consisting of a full-color cover and glossy paper throughout. Mark is also credited along with Dr. Glenn Summers from LSU for establishing biennial salary survey benchmarking reported through *New Perspectives*. In addition, Mark was instrumental in efforts to have the journal distributed to all colleges and universities that have internal auditing programs and other colleges that have accounting programs.

Mark led the development of roles and formal responsibilities for the Editor and publisher and assisted in creating the Association's management company and Editor contracts. Throughout his tenure he has provided input and stability to our Association's infrastructure. Mark credits AHIA leadership for supporting ideas and recognizing the importance of *New Perspectives* as a key education and communication tool.

The AHIA Board and Editorial Committee members thank Mark for his great dedication to AHIA and *New Perspectives* and his work in helping develop a solid foundation from which future generations of healthcare auditors will benefit. **NP**



Chairman Barbara Winburn (Right), Mark Ledman (Center), and Paul Pettit (Left) IIA Houston Chapter President at April 7<sup>th</sup> presentation.