

Andy Shaw, who retired in January as chief political reporter for WLS-Ch. 7, in Chicago, is the new executive director for the Better Government Association. The BGA is a nonpartisan government watchdog organization established 86 years ago by citizens concerned about the growing influence of Al Capone's mob in Chicago. Its mission is to expose and combat waste, corruption and inefficiency in government through investigations, litigation and public policy studies.

Andy is an award-winning Chicago journalist who spent 35 years covering politics, business, education and day-to-day news at the City News Bureau, Chicago Sun-Times, NBC 5 and ABC 7. He retired as ABC 7's political reporter in January, 2009 after covering the Obama inauguration. Andy covered city, county, suburban, state and national politics and government since joining ABC 7 in September 1983. He concentrated on city hall in Chicago. Shaw also covered political campaigns and elections, presidential primaries, conventions and debates, including poll coverage for ABC 7.

Prior to joining ABC 7, Shaw was an education reporter and then the editorial director at NBC 5 from 1976 to 1982, where he won several awards, including two local Emmys. He also contributes freelance articles to a variety of publications.

Before working in television, Shaw had been the education editor at the Chicago Sun-Times. He joined the paper in 1974, during which time he won several major awards, including first prize in the 1976 American Association of University Professors competition, for a series he wrote on the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Shaw was born in Chicago and raised in suburban Evanston. He received a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago. His hobbies include running, cycling, reading, crossword puzzles and traveling with his family.

Shaw and his wife Mary live in Chicago's Lincoln Park area and have three daughters.