



The Institute of  
**Internal Auditors**  
*Inland Empire*

# Annual Report

## 2024-2025

Elevating **Impact**



# President's Reflection

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**It is a tremendous honor and privilege to continue serving as your Chapter President for the 2025–2026 term. Words cannot fully express the gratitude and excitement I feel as we reflect on the past year and look ahead to what's next.**

**Chapter Year 2024–2025 was a remarkable journey for the IE. Together, we again, achieved incredible milestones that have strengthened our Chapter and advanced the internal audit profession across the Inland Empire. We delivered 29.5 CPE hours featuring dynamic and relevant topics—from emerging areas like AI, cyber threats, and fraud to foundational skills such as writing, data analytics, ethics, audit tools, and more. Additionally, we partnered with several West District Chapters to bring great training opportunities with excellent speakers at reasonable costs. Our programs reflected a strong commitment to excellence and continuous growth.**

**Our chapter continued to make a meaningful impact in the academic and student community. In partnership with the Los Angeles Chapter, we proudly sponsored five students from California Polytechnic University at Pomona to attend the IIA Student Global Conference—one of whom earned second place in the case competition! Additionally, we supported our first student volunteer attendee, all of whom returned with renewed enthusiasm and a strong interest in pursuing internal audit as a career. We participated in three Meet the Firm events (two at Cal Poly Pomona and one at Cal State San Bernardino), and our dedicated volunteers served as guest speakers at Cal State Fullerton and UC Riverside. We continue to hold a seat on the Cal Poly Pomona Advisory Council Committee, ensuring our profession remains visible, impactful and engaged in shaping the next generation of auditors.**

**To each volunteer who dedicated time, energy, and passion this year—THANK YOU VERY MUCH! Your contributions were meaningful! To the 2024–2025 Board of Governors and Chapter Leaders, I offer my heartfelt appreciation for your support, service, and friendship. To our incoming 2025–2026 Board and volunteers, thank you for stepping up—we have an exciting road ahead, and I am confident we will accomplish extraordinary things together.**

**There are still many opportunities to get involved with IIA! If you have ideas, would like to contribute your creativity, and share your passion to make a difference, we welcome you to join our growing community of professionals.**

**I am excited and optimistic about the opportunities that lie ahead!**

**Warm regards,**

*Teresa Velarde*

**President, IIA Inland Empire Chapter**

# Membership



**241**

Active  
Members

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Members CIA  
Certified

**55**

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**61**

Members with an  
IIA Certification

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Members with multiple  
IIA Certifications

**9**

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**68**

Student Members



**2025-2026**

# **Chapter Leadership**

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## **Chapter Officers**

**Teresa Velarde, President**

**Wilson Ramos, Vice President**

**Tanya Ho, Treasurer**

**Melanie Cortez, Secretary**

**Monica Macias De Loera, Secretary Co-Chair**

**Saccara Lim, Programs Chair**

**Zarina Mapes, Certifications and Membership Chair**

**Carolyn Phu, Academic Relations and Communications Chair**

**Ron Jacobs, Academic Relations Co-Chair**

**Kirsten Furlong, Technology Co-Chair**

**Christopher Ruiz, Technology Co-Chair**

**Albert Armijo, Facilities Liaison**

## **Board of Governors**

**Jane Rutledge**

**Meihau Koo**

**Menaka Burkitt**

**Sapna Nangia (also Technology Co-Chair)**

**Aileen Yan (also Treasurer Co-Chair)**

**Ryan Santacruz**

**WE GOT THIS!**

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Samuel Gibbs

Mark Cousineau

Rene Casillas

# **THANK YOU!**

# Meeting and Events

Month	CPEs	Topic
October	2	Business Ethics for the Auditor
November	1.5	Joint collaboration with SGV and ISACA Information Technology Governance Risk and Control
December	7	In-Person Chapter Conference A Winter Workshop for Auditors: All About AI and Cybersecurity
January	4	Writing To Achieve Results for Auditors
February	2	Joint collaboration with SFV VITAL: Violent Incident Tracking and Logging Requirement
March	8	In-Person Joint Collaboration with West District 2025 West District Conference: Spring Into the Future with CEO Anthony Pugliese and Distinguished Leaders
May	8	Joint collaboration with SGV, SFV, and LA Driving Excellence Through Internal Audit: Tools for Success! (Included Emerging Risks, Ethics, Fraud, Personal Development, and Audit Tools)
May	1	An Exclusive Evening of Appreciation, Insight, and Inspiration CEO of the IIA, Anthony Pugliese State of the Profession

29.5 CPEs

# WE WANT YOU!



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THE INLAND EMPIRE CHAPTER IS  
LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO  
FILL CHAPTER ROLES.



## VOLUNTEER ROLES

### Officer

**Time: ~2-3 hours/month**

- Academic Chair
- Certifications Chair
- Communications Chair
- Membership Chair
- Programming Chair
- Technology Chair
- Treasurer Chair

### Team Member/Officer Support

**Time: ~1-2 hours/month**

- Academic
- Certifications
- Communications
- Membership
- Programming
- Technology
- Treasurer

### Secretary

**Time: ~2 hours/quarter**

Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes

### Student Volunteer

**Time: ~1-2 hours/month**

Activities & Time may vary depending on your interest area and availability

### One Time Event Volunteer

**Time: ~1-2 hours/week**

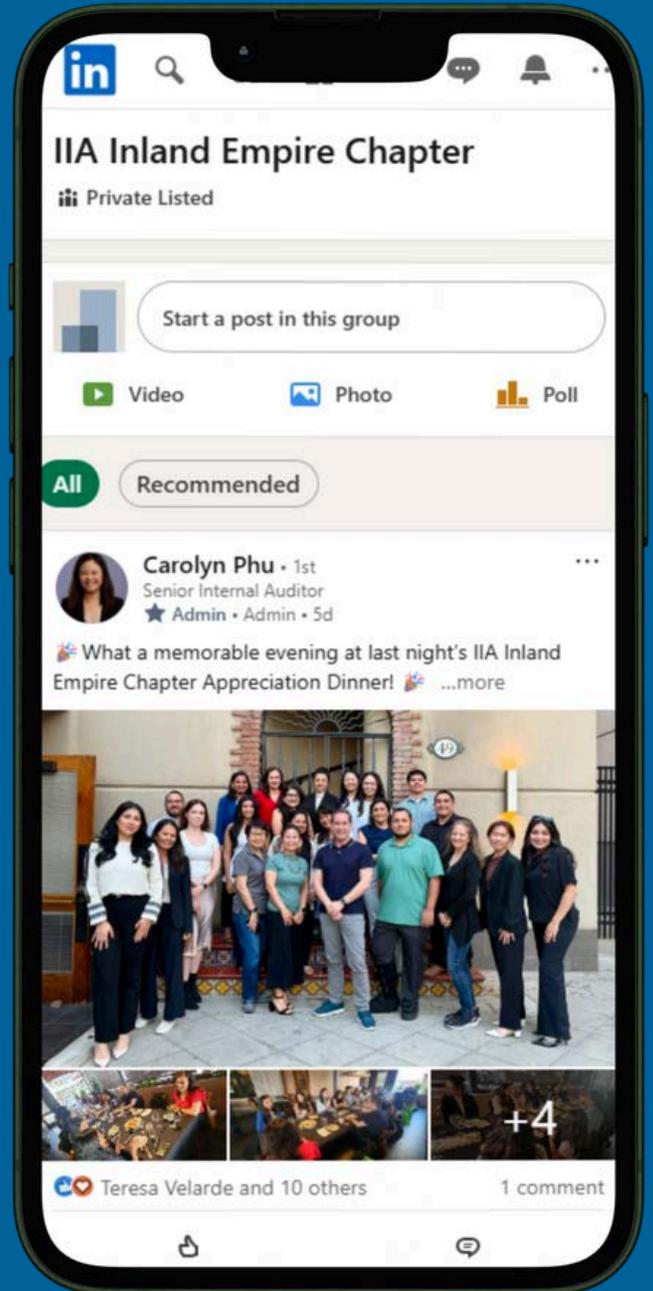
Activities may include logistics for training events, as scheduled. Usually quarterly

**We have volunteer opportunities for all schedules (1-4 hours/month), from one-time events to monthly to annual activities. Contact us to learn more!**

**We will work with your interest and availability!**

If you are eager to share your time, talents, and passion, we welcome your ideas and involvement. Join our dynamic community of motivated professionals. Take the opportunity to grow your leadership skills while making a meaningful impact and making new professional connections!

# CONNECT WITH US ON LINKEDIN



 <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/4704784/>

In case you missed our Newsletter and LinkedIn Posts

## Meet the Firms at Cal State San Bernardino



## Meet the Firms at Cal Poly Pomona



# Leadership Academy 2025



# Cal Poly Pomona Scholarship Gala



# West District Conference



# All About AI



# GET CERTIFIED!

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