

# The IIA Sacramento Chapter Annual Report

June 1, 2025 – May 31, 2026



The Institute of  
**Internal Auditors**

# Message from Our Chapter President

I am pleased to present our Annual Report and reflect on another successful year of serving our members and advancing the internal audit profession.

Throughout the year, we remained committed to providing high-quality training, professional development, and networking opportunities that support the growth and excellence of audit professionals. Through our in-person seminars and programs, we helped members strengthen their skills and stay current with developments in the profession.

A particularly rewarding milestone this year was the launch of Sacramento State University's first Internal Auditing course. With more than 40 students enrolled, the strong interest exceeded our expectations. Even more encouraging, two students passed Part 1 of the Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) exam and earned the Internal Auditor Practitioner designation, demonstrating the talent and enthusiasm of the next generation of internal auditors.

These achievements were made possible by the dedication of our Chapter Officers, Board of Governors, Committee Chairs, Committee Members, as well as the continued engagement and support of our members. I extend my sincere appreciation to each of you for your contributions.

As we look ahead, we remain focused on delivering relevant learning opportunities, strengthening member engagement, and supporting the evolving needs of the audit profession.

Thank you for your continued support, engagement, and dedication to our profession. I am grateful for all that we have accomplished together and look forward to another year of learning, collaboration, and growth.

With gratitude,

*Aileen Wong*

*President*

*IIA Sacramento Chapter*

# Highlights from the Year

Delivered 34 CPEs in-person and virtually

Hosted IIA North American Board Member, Adnan Rahim as a featured speaker for our chapter program

Invested in leadership development by sponsoring two Chapter Leaders to attend the 2026 Leadership Academy

Supported 6 students and 1 officer to attend the 2026 Global Student Conference

Guest lectured at the inaugural Internal Audit class elective at Sacramento State

Sponsored the PlayFORE Junior Achievement charity event at Top Golf

Celebrated Members by hosting a social and networking event with the Sacramento Kings

Recognized by Sacramento Mayor, Kevin McCarty, in a formal proclamation in celebration of Internal Audit Awareness Month

# 2025-2026 Chapter Leadership

The Chapter's success throughout 2025–2026 was made possible by the dedication and leadership of our Chapter Officers, Board of Governors, Committee Chairs, and Committee Members. Through their volunteer service, they championed the profession, delivered valuable learning opportunities, fostered member growth and development, strengthened academic and community outreach, and provided meaningful support to our members.

## Chapter Officers

President – Aileen Wong  
Vice President – Abdullah Kaissi  
Secretary – Dan Washburn  
Treasurer – Dr. Grace Mubako  
Membership Officer – Gigi Gillen  
Certifications Officer – Dell Coats

## Board of Governors

Antonio Madrigal – Audit Committee Chair  
Cheryl Cervantes Dietz – Nominations Committee Chair  
Douglas Hock  
Jose Net Rigau  
Kevin Shaw – Academic Relations Committee Chair  
Mabel Lun  
Natalie McCabe

## District Advisor

Brandon Tanous, Partner, Weaver

## District Representative and Past President

Hilary Cabodi, Managing Director, Riveron

*Thank you for your  
commitment,  
leadership, and  
contributions to the  
success of the  
Sacramento  
Chapter and its  
members.*



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# Programming Achievements

Our Chapter delivered 34 CPEs during the year including a in-person programs and a virtual seminar.

- Delivered 24 CPEs during Auditor Training Week in October 2025 with topics including:

**Fraud Uncovered: Red Flag, Data Clues, and Ethical Moves**

**Audit Smarter, Not Harder: Smarter Risk Assessments**

**Write Smarter, Not Harder: Audit Reporting that Delivers**

**Mastering the Machine: Artificial Intelligence for Internal Auditors**

- Partnered with the West Region District 2 Chapters\* in May 2026 to offer 8 CPEs via the virtual seminar
- Held a 2-hour CPE program, **AI-Driven Assurance: Transforming Internal Audit in the Age of Intelligence** facilitated by IIA North American Board Member, Adnan Rahim

*\*West Region District 2 Chapters include: Northern California East Bay (NCEB), Hawaii, Northern Nevada, Sacramento, San Francisco and San Jose*

Thank you to our  
2025-2026 venue  
sponsor



# Sacramento Chapter In-person programs



# Academic Relations Achievements

The Academic Relations Committee, led by Kevin Shaw, continued to partner with CSU, Sacramento in sponsoring a formal student chapter of the IIA, and sponsoring Accounting Society.



100 students participated in the Student Chapter with CSU, Sacramento Accounting Society, where the President and Faculty Advisor were recognized by the university for an outstanding year.



Provided two \$500 student scholarships to accounting student organizations.



Provided a \$2,500 scholarship to a College of Business student.



Sponsored and participated in 2 Meet the Firms Nights with IIA member companies / state agencies participating in the event. Over 300 students from 3 universities attended this year's events.



Participated in resume writing, social events, panel discussion, and awards banquets.



Completed 4 presentations to Accounting Student organizations on Internal Audit night.



Presented to 2 auditing classes about the benefits in being an Internal Auditor.



# Meet the Firms

Our Chapter attended Sacramento State's Meet the Firms to network with students, promote the internal audit profession and Institute of Internal Auditors and identify strong candidates for potential internal and staff level positions.



# Internal Audit Course Offering

In Spring 2026, Sacramento State University launched its first Internal Auditing course as an elective within the Bachelor of Science in Business program. The course attracted more than 40 students and achieved full enrollment capacity in its inaugural offering.

Thanks to Dr. Grace Mubako, Associate Professor of Accountancy at Sacramento State University, who is also our Chapter Treasurer and a member of the IIA Committee of Research and Education Advisors, and Kevin Shaw, Academic Relations Committee Chair for their dedication. The course included guest lecturers: Hilary Cabodi (IIA District Representative, and Managing Director at Riveron), Adnan Rahim (IIA North American Board Leader and Global SOX Director of Meta), Aileen Wong (Chapter President, and Senior Manager of Internal Audit at CalPERS) and Kevin Shaw. This academic accomplishment will ensure we build our pipeline of future leaders of the Internal Audit profession.

In fact, we had two students that passed Part 1 of the CIA exam earning their Internal Auditor Practitioner certificate!



# IIA Global Student Conference

Six Sacramento State students, accompanied by Dr. Grace Mubako, attended the IIA Global Student Conference in Orlando, Florida. Throughout the conference, students participated in educational sessions designed to increase awareness of the internal audit profession, develop professional skills, and explore career opportunities within the field.

A highlight of the conference was the student case study competition, where participants collaborated in teams to analyze a business scenario and present recommendations to a panel of internal audit professionals. Notably, one Sacramento State student was a member of the team that won second place.

The conference also provided valuable networking opportunities, allowing students to connect with internal audit professionals and chapter leaders attending the Leadership Academy, further strengthening their engagement with the profession and expanding their professional networks.



# Leadership Development

Two officers attended the multi-day Leadership Academy in Orlando to meet developmental needs of IIA chapter leaders. Officers attended various sessions to:

- Understand IIA HQ updates that impact our chapter
- Sharpen the skills necessary to successfully lead the chapter
- Engage in collaborative and educational activities to gain strategies and expertise from top volunteers and IIA staff
- Network with chapter leaders from West Region District 2 along with other chapters from North America



**Leadership Academy – Live Your Best Leadership**, was held **April 19–21, 2026**, at Disney’s Yacht & Beach Club in Orlando, FL

# Membership & Certifications

Membership increased by 10% from the prior year.

	Members Count	Growth	Retention
FY24	531	5%	95%
FY25	578	3%	97%
FY26	626	10%	91%

## Members enjoy benefits including:

- ✓ Standards, guidance, and tools
- ✓ Free CPE opportunities (save \$708+)
- ✓ *Internal Auditor* magazine (save \$60)
- ✓ Learning discounts (save \$655+)
- ✓ Local learning opportunities and events

Certifications declined by approximately 5% from the prior year.

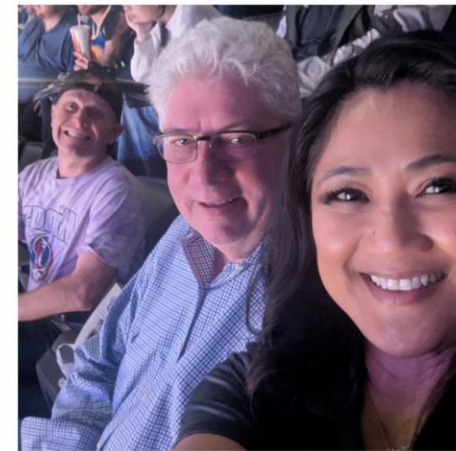
Fiscal Year1	Total IIA Certifications Holders	Year over Year Growth (Delcine)	Year over Year Growth (Delcine) %
2020-2021	192		
2021-2022	201	9	4.69%
2022-2023	125	(76)	-37.81%
2023-2024	127	2	1.60%
2024-2025	132	5	3.94%
2025-2026	125	(7)	-5.30%

The IIA has partnered with Becker to support Members in earning their CIA designation. Members can review the learning system options by accessing: [CIA Online Courses & Exam Review Packages | Becker](#)



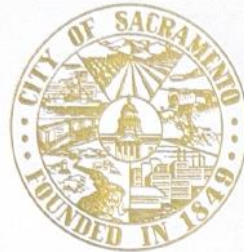
# Celebrating our Chapter Members

In April 2026, the Sacramento Chapter brought members together for a networking social and Sacramento Kings game. Thank you to our members for making this event memorable and for your ongoing support of our chapter's success.



# Advocacy Support

In celebration of Internal Audit Awareness Month, we were recognized by Sacramento Mayor, Kevin McCarty, in a formal proclamation.



## Proclamation

RECOGNIZING INTERNATIONAL INTERNAL AUDIT AWARENESS MONTH  
May 2026

WHEREAS, internal auditors play a crucial role in helping organizations achieve their goals by identifying and managing risks, and by ensuring that appropriate internal controls are in place; and

WHEREAS, internal auditors, together with boards of directors, executive leadership, and external auditors, form a cornerstone of strong corporate governance and help organizations comply with evolving laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA), founded in 1941, is a global professional association representing more than 260,000 members across internal auditing, risk management, governance, internal control, IT audit, education, and security; and

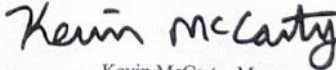
WHEREAS, the IIA includes professionals from 121 countries and is recognized worldwide as a leader in certification, education, research, and guidance for the internal audit profession; and

WHEREAS, California is home to 10 IIA chapters, collectively representing more than 5,400 members across the state; and

WHEREAS, the Sacramento Chapter of the IIA includes over 550 dedicated members, many of whom serve in vital roles within city, county, and state government agencies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Kevin McCarty, Mayor of the City of Sacramento, do hereby proclaim May 2026 as International Internal Audit Awareness Month in the City of Sacramento, and commend the internal audit professionals whose work supports accountability, transparency, and effective governance throughout our region.

ISSUED: This 1<sup>st</sup> Day of May 2026

  
Kevin McCarty, Mayor

# Community Involvement

Junior Achievement (JA) is a national organization, dedicated to help young people build the knowledge and skills to plan for their future and make smart academic and economic choices.

- JA brings together community leaders to help educate and mentor young people at local JA areas.
- Our Sacramento Chapter has a long-standing partnership with JA of Sacramento to cross-advocate our mission.
- Kevin Shaw actively participates in JAs initiatives.
- We sponsored JA's PlayFORE event at Top Golf in Roseville with Sacramento Chapter Officers, Board of Governors, and CSU, Sacramento students attending the social networking event.
- We help advocate IIA values thru community work at Junior Achievement with community leaders from regional banks, IT companies, state agencies, small businesses, large companies such as ATT, CPA firms, insurance companies, etc.



For more information on Junior Achievement, access:  
<https://sacramento.ja.org/>

# 2026-2027 Strategic Plan

The IIA implemented a new governance process for chapters to establish formal strategic plan that is revised annually to support its long-term sustainability and growth. The strategic plan enables chapters to set objectives and clear, measurable tactics for each chapter to achieve its goals. The strategic plan ensures that our chapter leadership is aligned with the short- and long-term goals of The IIA and the chapter, which helps prioritize initiatives and drive behavior, as well as ensure the right volunteers are in place.

The Sacramento Chapter officers and board approved the following strategic plan for the 2026-2027 chapter year.

Initiatives	Objective	Goals/Action Plan	Responsible Party(s)	Tasks to accomplish goals
Programming	Enhance Competencies of the Internal Audit Profession	Host Training on Emerging Trends	Programming Officer	Partner with a professional services firm to host a 1/2-day lunch and learn on AI in auditing.
Certifications	Elevate the Value of IIA Certifications	Organize an Exam Preparation Workshop	Programming Officer and Certifications Chair	Provide a series of CIA exam prep workshops to the members.
Membership	Expand Membership & Pathways	Create a Student Ambassador Program	Academic Relationships Chair	Recruit student members to serve as IIA Chapter ambassadors, promoting IIA membership on university campuses.

# Volunteer Today!



## BENEFITS

- Complimentary registration to IIA Sacramento Programs
- Earn CPE hours through volunteering
- Expand and grow networking in the profession
- Demonstrate leadership through managing teams and events

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact us with your interest at:  
[chapter66@iiachaptercommunications.org](mailto:chapter66@iiachaptercommunications.org)



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