



# Annual Report

**June 2025–  
May 2026**

The Institute of  
**Internal Auditors**  
San Gabriel Valley



Elevating ***Impact***

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# Message From Chapter President



As I reflect on this past fiscal year, it has been a privilege to serve as President of the IIA San Gabriel Valley Chapter. The role has been exciting, challenging, and rewarding all at the same time. Connecting with the selfless leaders who volunteer their time and talents has been one of my treasures. It's the spirit of camaraderie and shared commitment that continues to make our chapter such a strong community.

This year, I am proud of the diverse educational offerings we delivered to our members. Our webinars provided valuable insights into the evolving audit profession, including how to remain agile within the audit process and how AI is changing the risk landscape. We also heard real-life cautionary stories from professionals exploring common workplace pitfalls, giving members practical takeaways to apply in their own roles. Our programming was further strengthened by partnerships with local chapters across Southern California, allowing us to expand our reach and deepen relationships across the profession.

At Leadership Academy, we learned important updates to chapter governance and received an exciting surprise. Our chapter was recognized as one of the chapters setting the standard for chapter advocacy excellence for holding repeated engagements with Members of Congress. We also learned about changes to the chapter achievement point system, as The IIA moves away from the traditional reporting mechanism and asks chapters to develop their own strategic plans for the chapter year. This shift is intended to help chapters leverage their unique strengths while reducing the administrative burden associated with the annual chapter reporting.

This year also gave us the opportunity to celebrate a long-sought achievement: our chapter reaching Ruby status. Thank you to all of the volunteers whose hard work helped us reach this milestone. It was especially meaningful to celebrate in person during our Internal Audit Awareness Month event at Topgolf Montebello, where chapter leaders and members gathered to enjoy each other's company and celebrate the value of our profession.

As we look ahead, our focus remains clear: to serve our members, support the profession, and strengthen our volunteer community. Communities like ours are rare, and I encourage all members to stay engaged and say "yes" to that next volunteer opportunity.

Mario Avila, 2025-2026 President

# Programs & Seminars



**89 Average Attendees**

All webinars received **positive** reactions, reflecting **strong engagement and satisfaction**

# Chapter Collaboration

## 6 Partnered Events

- IIA Inland Empire Chapter
- IIA Los Angeles Chapter
- IIA San Diego Chapter
- ISACA Los Angeles Chapter

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# Member Engagement



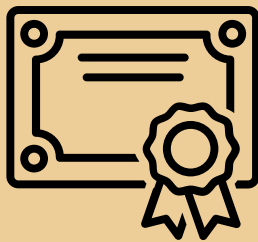
**297**  
**Members**

**83**



**CERTIFIED**

**Members**



**16**

Members with  
2 Certifications

**2**

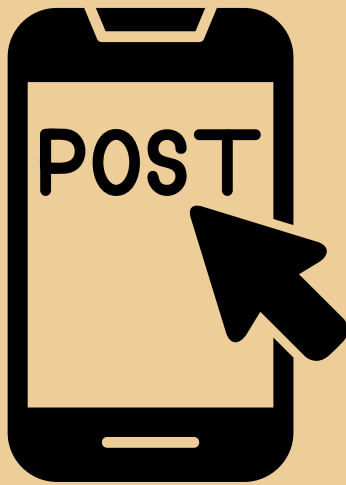
Member with 3  
Certifications

**22%**



**Certified Members**  
**(Year Over Year)**

# Marketing & Communications



**263** Connections  
**> 55** Posts



**26K+**  
Chapter  
Events/Communications

# Sponsorship

We appreciate your continued support and sponsorship of our Chapter. It enables us to give back more to our members and the Internal Audit community.

*Thank you to our sponsors*



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# Sponsorship Benefits



| Exhibitor | Bronze  | Silver  | Gold    |
|-----------|---------|---------|---------|
| \$650     | \$1,300 | \$3,250 | \$6,500 |

## Pre-Seminar Marketing Benefits

|                                                                                          |   |   |   |   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Acknowledgement of sponsorship support on Chapter registration websites and LinkedIn     | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Receive pre-seminar opted-in attendee list including name, title, company, email address |   |   | ✓ | ✓ |
| Complimentary Seminar Registration                                                       | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |

## Seminar Sponsorship Benefits

|                                                                                                                                                |   |   |   |   |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Standard exhibit space (including 6' table with 2 chairs for sponsor booth setup)                                                              | ✓ | ✓ |   |   |
| Premium exhibit space (i.e., closest to doorways where there is heavier traffic, and including 6' table with 2 chairs for sponsor booth setup) |   |   | ✓ | ✓ |
| Recognition at start and end of event                                                                                                          | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Inclusion in event raffle opportunity                                                                                                          | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Option to have company representative participate in the seminar panel discussion                                                              |   |   | ✓ | ✓ |
| 5-minute speaking opportunity to promote company, products, and services                                                                       |   |   |   | ✓ |

## Post-Seminar Marketing Benefits

|                                                                                                                                                 |  |  |   |   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|--|---|---|
| Sponsor may place marketing ad in the IIA San Gabriel Valley quarterly newsletters (months of December, March, May) and IIA Inland Empire flyer |  |  | ✓ | ✓ |
| Receive post-seminar opted-in attendee list including name, title, company, email address                                                       |  |  | ✓ | ✓ |



# Advocacy

## The IIA Congressional Key Person Program

Judy Chu

U.S. Congresswoman 28<sup>th</sup>  
District of California



During the fiscal year, the IIA San Gabriel Valley Chapter met with Congresswoman Judy Chu's office as part of The IIA's Congressional Key Person Program. This was the Chapter's second meeting with her office and served as another opportunity to strengthen the relationship and raise awareness of the internal audit profession.

During the meeting, the Chapter acknowledged Congresswoman Chu's recent letter supporting stronger oversight of AI and algorithms used in Medicare Advantage coverage decisions. Her focus on safeguards, accountability, and consumer protection aligns closely with The IIA's advocacy goals.

Key discussion points included the lack of internal audit requirements for cryptocurrency exchanges and the need for stronger oversight frameworks for artificial intelligence. The Chapter emphasized how internal audit provides independent assurance, strengthens governance, and helps build public confidence within the organizations that they serve.

The meeting closed with the Chapter offering continued support as a resource to Congresswoman Chu's office on future matters involving internal audit, controls, governance, and potential legislation.

These meetings allow IIA chapter leaders to engage local members of Congress and advocate for legislation that supports the internal audit profession. By raising awareness of how internal audit helps organizations manage emerging risks, chapters across the country are meeting with their local representative to build momentum for policies that recognize and strengthen the profession's role in the future. Please reach out if you would like to get involved.



# Members Hall of Fame

Our Chapter would like to recognize the long-standing members of our Chapter. Thank you for your loyalty, support, and contributions to our success over the years. Congratulations on achieving this incredible milestone!

**35 Years**  
**Michelle Olavides**

**30 Years**  
**R Matthew Byers      Leisha E. Collins**

Jason Bradford  
Bernardo Buenaflor  
Paul R. Jennings

Shane Schultz  
Terence Thomas  
Susanna Tjandra

Jing Wen Zhu

Josephine Chen  
Laotong Ea  
M. Lizzette Espinoza

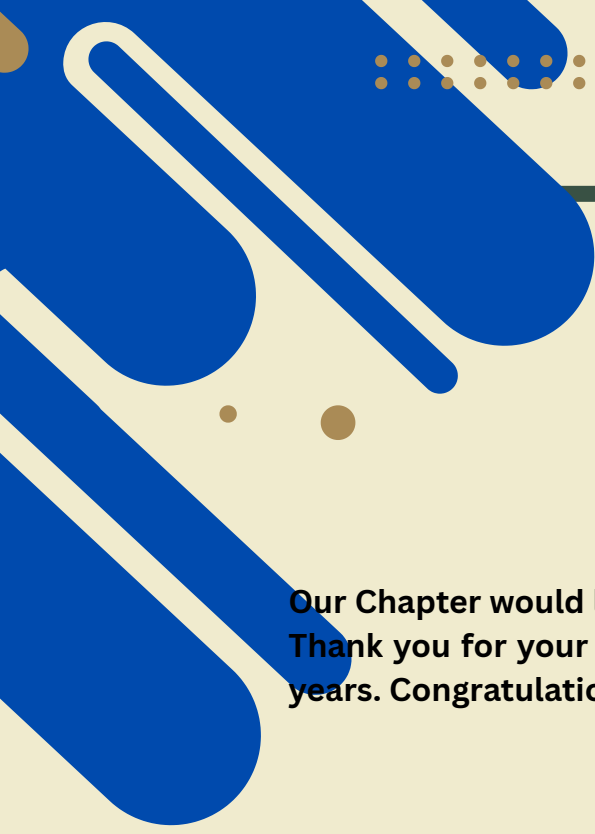
Lori Kaneshiro  
Tongzhong Li  
May Meek

Vaibhav Narang  
Sameel Salim  
Stephen Sinclair

Vickie Chau  
Anita Chu

Diana Jeanne Estrada  
David Imre

VArtemio Valdez



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## 10 Years

Ronald Angeles  
Mary Arenas  
Brittany Bonifacio  
Victor Chee  
Christine Chweh  
Karina Diaz  
Jessica Humburg  
Christina Logan

Simbarashe Mandizvidza  
Mariana Nguyen  
Ruth Ovalle  
Sunandha Pagadalu  
Wilson Phe  
Tyler Powell  
AJ Rao  
Leslyn Rose

Fumi Sotozono  
Henry Chung Hin Tang  
Serman Tanuyan  
Vicky Tao  
Long Tram  
JoAnn Trinkle  
Barbara Tu

## 5 Years

Chui Han Shea  
Matt Thienphrapa

Joanna Vuong

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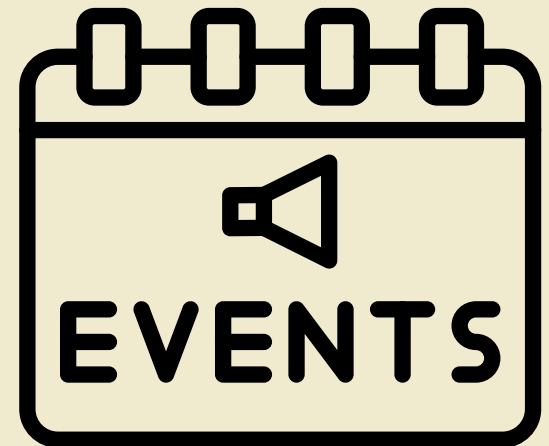
## 1 Year

Anh Auyeung  
Olivia Van Bokkelen  
Monica Calles  
Ryan Chan  
Uri Covarrubias  
Manjit Dhothar  
Bulut Ersavas  
Lydia Evans  
Anthony Gutierrez  
Yi He  
Tawny Hernandez

Sydney Ho  
Donnetta Horseman  
Thomas Hutchinson  
Masashi Inoue  
Gavin Kemp  
Kenneth Kim  
Taekgon Kim  
Yanet Losoya  
Dania Lozada  
Aldo Martinez  
Erick Miller

Leticia Morales  
Aparna Narayanan  
Diana Pak  
Bianca Perdomo  
Daniel Rose  
Eduardo Salinas  
Diego Serrano  
Hark Singh  
Yuriko Wangerin  
Holly Xu

# Chapter Events



**SEP**

Agile De-mystified: Techniques Internal Audit Can Start Using Tomorrow to Elevate Business Impact in collaboration with IIA San Diego Chapter (2 CPEs)

**OCT**

From Good Intentions to Federal Prison: A CISO's Cautionary Tale in collaboration with IIA Inland Empire Chapter and IIA - San Diego Chapter (1 CPE)

**NOV**

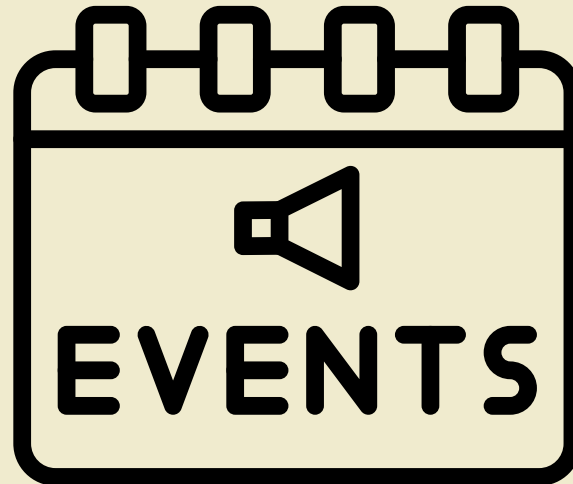
Beyond Compliance: The Future of Internal Audit Quality, Value, and Vision 2035 in Collaboration with IIA - Inland Empire Chapter (4 CPEs)

**DEC**

AI as an Alley, Not Adversary: Empowering People and Process for a Brighter New Year in Collaboration with IIA – Los Angeles Chapter and ISACA Los Angeles Chapter (3 CPEs)

# Chapter Events

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**DEC**

Ethics in the Age of Algorithms: What Internal Auditors Must Know (2 CPEs)

**FEB**

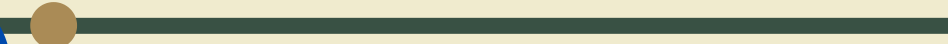
Quality Assessment Challenges and Opportunities 2026 and Beyond – Roundtable in collaboration with IIA – Inland Empire Chapter (2 CPEs)

**APR**

Anatomy of Modern Fraud: Behavioral Profiles, Schemes, Patterns, and Effective Testing Strategies in collaboration with IIA – Los Angeles Chapter and ACFE Los Angeles Area Chapter (7 CPEs)

**MAY**

IIA San Gabriel Valley x Topgolf  
Swing, Connect, Celebrate: Internal Audit Awareness Month



# Speakers Hall of Fame

We express our sincere appreciation to the esteemed speakers for sharing their knowledge and perspectives with our members. Your contributions have left an incredible impact!

- **David Alexander**, Principal Advisor, Brand Engagement Network Inc.
- **Mary Breslin**, President, Verracy
- **Warren Hersh**, Director of Quality Assurance, IIA
- **Robin Hunt**, Co-Founder/ Partner, ThinkData Solutions, Inc.
- **Mike Levy**, CEO, Cherry Hill Advisory
- **Kathy Bazoian Phelps**, Partner, Raines Feldman Littrell LLP
- **Matt Storlie**, Senior Manager, Wipfli Advisory LLC
- **Burke Willis**, Founder, Agile Internal Audit LLC
- **Justin Zavis**, Senior Manager, Ernest & Young LLP

# Volunteering

*Empowering and celebrating Impact*

**JOIN NOW**



## 1 Mission

- Promote a supportive and empowering environment
- Encourage innovation and opportunities to give back to the community
- Promote the value of internal audit and the profession

## 2 Benefits

- Earn up to 15 CPE hours for volunteering annually
- Access to event discounts
- Build your resume qualifications
- Expand and grow networking in the profession
- Demonstrate leadership through managing teams and events
- Empower other professionals
- Share knowledge and keep up-to-date on the latest industry trends and best practices
- Have fun!
- Micro-volunteer opportunities available!

# 2025-2026 Chapter Slate



## IIA San Gabriel Valley Chapter Chapter Board of Governors, Officers, and Chairs for 2025-26

| GOVERNORS         |                   | COMMITTEES                                               |                       |
|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Governor at Large | Albert Lau        | Academic Relations Co-Chair                              | Alyssa Phung          |
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| Governor at Large | Steven La France  | CAP Support                                              | Kristina "Tina" Sun   |
| Governor at Large | Rey Bejeranio     | Certification                                            | Jing Rooney           |
| Governor at Large | Tammy Cook        | Certification Co-Chair                                   | NyAsia Jordan         |
|                   |                   | Technology (Zoom) and Facilities Arrangement             | Conan Nghi            |
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|                   |                   | Membership Chair                                         | Diana Estrada         |
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|                   |                   | Newsletter                                               | Ching-yi Bonita Leung |
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|                   |                   | Newsletter Co-Chair                                      | Andrew Poh            |
|                   |                   | Programs                                                 | Wenwen Cao            |
|                   |                   | Programs Co-Chair                                        | Shumin Li             |
|                   |                   | Publicity and Public Relations (Social Media)            | Jennifer Boyle        |
|                   |                   | Publicity and Public Relations (Social Media) (Co-Chair) | Jie "Kitty" Su        |
|                   |                   | Seminars                                                 | Roxanne Jimenez       |
|                   |                   | Seminars Co-Chair                                        | Kaylee Kong           |
|                   |                   | Webmaster Chair                                          | Nina Ning             |
|                   |                   | Webmaster Co-Chair                                       | Ronald Niko           |

| Officers            |              |
|---------------------|--------------|
| President           | Mario Avila  |
| Vice President      | Vivien Ai    |
| VP - Programs Chair | Wenwen Cao   |
| Treasurer (2 years) | Ying Feng    |
| Assistant Treasurer | Sydney Ho    |
| Assistant Treasurer | Phillip Yao  |
| Secretary           | Rosanne Chen |

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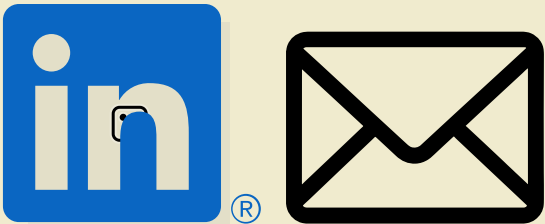
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