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Christmas
and
HAPPY NEW YEAR



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The San Gabriel Valley Chapter was founded in 1985 and serves San Gabriel Valley in the greater Los Angeles area. Its membership includes internal auditors and management from various industries and organizations, including healthcare, finance, banking, utilities, and government. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in the Internal Audit profession.

We encourage everyone to achieve Certified Internal Auditor status. The Chapter serves our members working in internal audit, governance and internal control, IT audit, education, and security. Our goal is to provide a balanced program of continuing education and opportunities to meet fellow professionals.

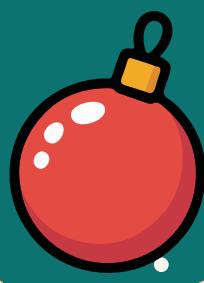


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SANTA'S SACK OF INTERNAL AUDITOR SUPERPOWERS

- Investigation: Spot hidden details like Santa on the naughty list.
- Organization: Keep projects running like elves in the workshop.
- Risk Assessment: Predict problems before they snowball.
- Communication: Make ideas clear so everyone's on the sleigh.
- Analytics: Crunch numbers and tame the chaos.
- Collaboration: Connect teams like holiday lights on a tree.
- Problem Solving: Find solutions faster than Rudolph finds rooftops.
- Time Management: Deliver results right on schedule, Santa-style.





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Program Update

- **IIA - San Diego & San Gabriel Valley Chapters' Agile De-mystified: Techniques Internal Audit Can Start Using Tomorrow to Elevate Business Impact Webinar on September 23, 2025 (2 CPEs)** - We discussed how Internal Audit can apply Agile principles to deliver greater business value. Key topics included using Agile values for decision-making, connecting Agile to strategic outcomes, leveraging the project canvas for focus, adopting servant leadership and self-organizing teams, and recognizing and avoiding "bad Agile" practices.
- **IIA - Inland Empire, San Diego & San Gabriel Valley Chapters' "From Good Intentions to Federal Prison: A CISO's Cautionary Tale Webinar" on October 30, 2025 (1 CPE)** - We heard from the former CISO of LADWP as he shared his personal story involving ethical dilemmas, participation in a bribery scheme, and the severe consequences that followed, including a federal prison sentence. The discussion offered powerful lessons on the importance of ethical decision-making and the risks of compromising integrity.
- **IIA - Inland Empire & San Gabriel Valley Chapters' "Beyond Compliance: The Future of Internal Audit Quality, Value, and Vision 2035" - November 13, 2025 (4 CPEs)** - In this session, we heard from IIA Quality Services leaders Warren Hersh and Keith Kahl as they explored the 2024 Global Internal Audit Standards, strategies for building an innovative Quality Assurance and Improvement Program (QAIIP), and insights from the Vision 2035 initiative. Participants gained practical guidance to strengthen audit effectiveness, implement a metrics-driven QAIIP framework, and prepare for the future evolution of internal audit.
- **"Ethics in the Age of Algorithm: What Internal Auditors Must Know" by Cherry Hill Advisory on December 2, 2025 (2 CPEs)** - Following the event, we enhanced our ability to identify key ethical challenges related to AI and emerging technologies, apply the IIA Code of Ethics to modern audit scenarios, and use a structured decision-making framework to assess AI-related risks. The session reinforced core internal audit responsibilities and strengthened the strategic role of internal audit in organizations adopting advanced technologies.

Program Update (Continued)

"AI as an Ally, Not an Adversary: Empowering People and Processes for a Brighter New Year" on December 16, 2025 (2 CPEs) - Hosted by IIA Los Angeles, IIA San Gabriel Valley, and ISACA Los Angeles Chapters to celebrate the end of 2025 and welcome the New Year. We started with a career and networking session featuring interactive discussions on career paths and leadership, followed by a dinner program with a keynote and panel on how AI is transforming IT, audit, and risk. The evening explored embracing AI as an ally, empowering people to thrive as technology became more embedded in our work. Participants enjoyed networking, a 3-course dinner, earned up to 2 CPE credits, and supported our holiday toy drive benefiting Olive Crest.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2025-2026 IIA and SGV Chapter

No.	Date	Topic
1	February 12, 2026 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. Virtual 3 CPEs	<i>Quality Assessment Challenges and Opportunities 2025 and Beyond – Roundtable - IIA Inland Empire & San Gabriel Valley Chapters</i>
2	February 17, 2026 10:00 a.m.-4:50 p.m. ET Virtual 13+ CPEs	<i>2026 Fraud Unmasked Virtual Conference - IIA</i>
3	March 9 - 11, 2026 Las Vegas, Nevada 15.6 CPEs	<i>2026 GAM: Great Audit Minds Conference - IIA</i>
4	April 7, 2026 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. ET Virtual 9+ CPEs	<i>2026 Analytics, Automation and AI Virtual Conference - IIA</i>
5	April 19 - 21, 2026 Orlando, Florida	<i>2026 Global Student Conference - IIA</i>
6	June 22-24, 2026 Marina Bay Sands Singapore CPEs TBD	<i>IIA International Conference - IIA</i>
7	August 17-19, 2026 San Diego, California & Virtual CPEs TBD	<i>Governance, Risk & Controls Conference (2026 GRC Conference) - IIA</i>
8	August 31 - September 1, 2026 New York City / New York CPEs TBD	<i>2026 Financial Service Exchange - IIA</i>



2026 FRAUD UNMASKED VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

FEBRUARY 17, 2026 | 10AM-4:50PM ET | 13 CPES



Navigate the fraud threatscape

Fraud drains 5% of annual revenue from organizations — averaging \$1.7M per case — and it's evolving faster than ever. This growing fraud threatscape demands new strategies to detect, prevent, and manage risks. Internal auditors are on the front lines, protecting organizations from losses that can reach millions. The 2026 Fraud Virtual Conference delivers targeted fraud risk management training, equipping auditors with tools to outsmart fraud in an AI-driven world.

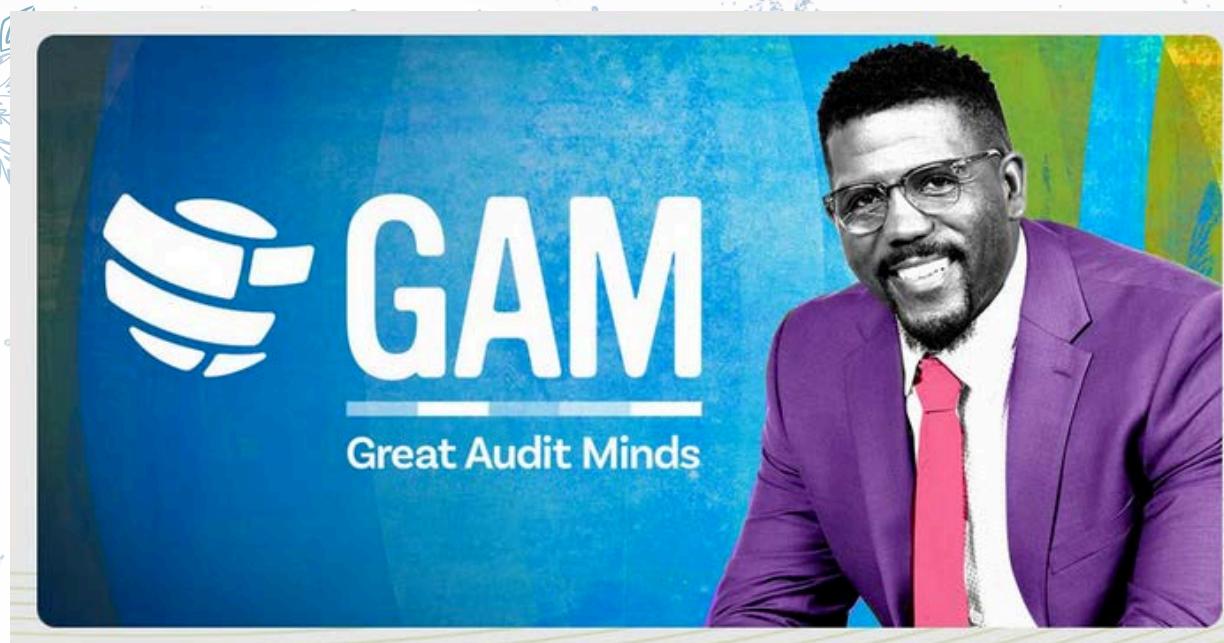
[CLICK HERE FOR FULL PROGRAM DETAILS](#)

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GAM: GREAT AUDIT MINDS CONFERENCE

MARCH 9-11, 2026 | LAS VEGAS, NV | 15.6 CPES



GAM 2026 internal audit conference

Designed for CAEs, audit directors, and senior leaders, GAM 2026 delivers a forward-thinking experience where governance meets innovation. Strengthen board alignment, explore emerging risks, and harness the technologies shaping audit's future.

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2026 ANALYTICS, AUTOMATION AND AI VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

APRIL 7, 2026 | 10AM-4:30PM ET | 9+ CPES

IIA Virtual Conference Series

Analytics, Automation & AI

Data into Direction

April 7 | 6 CPEs

IIA

Transform the way internal audit works with analytics, automation & AI

Internal auditors are under increasing pressure to modernize—yet many still struggle to confidently adopt analytics, automation, and AI in their assurance work. The Analytics, Automation & AI Virtual Conference gives today's auditors the tools, frameworks, and practical guidance needed to strengthen assurance, enhance efficiency, and govern emerging technologies responsibly.

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Upcoming IIA Learning Courses

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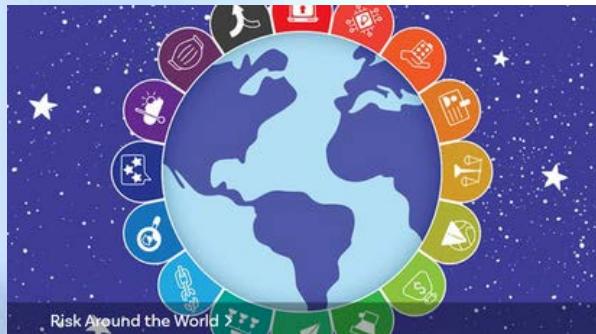
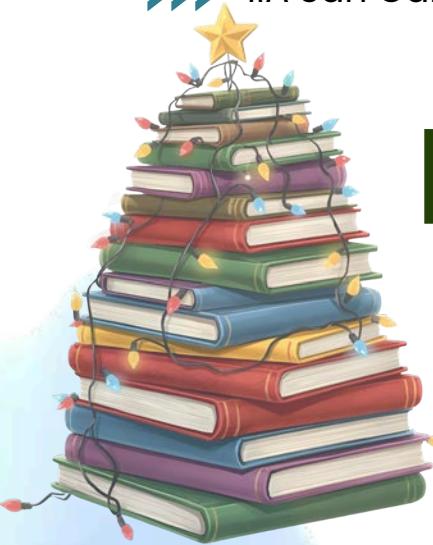
- Quality Assessment Challenges and Opportunities: 2026 and Beyond (1.5 CPEs)
(January 14, 2026 @ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm ET)
- Topical Requirements: A Deep Dive on Application and Current Releases (1 CPE)
(January 28, 2026 @ 8:00-9:00 am ET and 5:00-6:00 pm ET)

ONLINE LEARNING

- Tools for Lead Auditors
(January 26-30, 2026, @ 9:00 am - 2:30 pm ET, 24 CPEs)
- COSO Internal Control Certificate
(February 3-5, 10-12, 2026, @ 5:00-8:10 pm ET, 25.5 CPEs)
- IT General Controls Certificate Program
(February 3-5, 2026, @ 9:00 am-3:45 pm ET, 20 CPEs)
- Agile Auditing
(February 11-12, 18-19, 2026 @ 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm ET, 16 CPEs)



FOOD FOR THOUGHT



Risks Around the World

Neil Hodge | December 8, 2025

Changes in technology and geopolitics are reshaping organizational priorities.

While there is consistency globally with how internal auditors perceive risks, there are also regional and industry differences.

Storm Signals

Christine Janesko | December 8, 2025

Extreme weather events are escalating risks globally.

Internal auditors must assess extreme weather risks to protect organizational assets and ensure resilience.



Basics: The Power of Courage

Matej Drašček, PHD, CIA, CRMA, CFSA | December 9, 2025

Independence and objectivity are essential for effective internal auditing and professional integrity. Independence, objectivity, and courage enable internal auditors to navigate challenges and uphold ethical standards.

Did you know



San Gabriel Valley Earns Prestigious Ruby Status

The IIA–San Gabriel Valley Chapter has earned Ruby Status, marking 20 years of Gold-level performance in The IIA's Chapter Achievement program. This elite honor reflects sustained excellence, strong leadership, and strategic planning. From near closure in 2002 to this milestone, the chapter's journey exemplifies its members' passion and unity. The chapter will celebrate with our members in May 2026 during Internal Audit Month. Congratulations to all our Officers and Board Members!

Did you know

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TOPICAL REQUIREMENTS

Topical Requirements are a mandatory component of the International Professional Practices Framework (IPPF)®.

- Topical Requirements enhance the consistency and quality of internal audit services related to specific audit subjects.
- Each Topical Requirement supports internal auditors performing engagements in a specific risk area.
- All internal audit functions must apply Topical Requirements in conformance with the Global Internal Audit Standards when providing assurance services on that topic.

Topics

Issued

- Cybersecurity (February 5, 2025)
- Third-Party (September 15, 2025)

Upcoming

- Organizational Behavior
 - Coming December 2025
- Organizational Resilience
 - Coming 2026

Click [here](#) for more information.



International Professional Practices Framework® (IPPF)

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ELEVATE YOUR INTERNAL AUDIT QUALITY AND EFFECTIVENESS WITH IIA QUALITY SERVICES

IIA Quality Services provides world-class internal audit experts, a comprehensive benchmarking database, and a repository of successful practices to elevate internal audit quality, effectiveness, performance, and stakeholder perception internationally.

What is a Quality Assurance and Improvement Program (QAIP)?

A QAIP is established by the chief audit executive to evaluate and ensure the internal audit function conforms with the Global Internal Audit Standards, achieves performance objectives, and pursues continuous improvement. The program includes internal and external assessments.

IIA Quality Services can help move your internal audit activity's QAIP to the next level with our range of quality assessment services and expert advisors.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Which quality assessment is right for you?

Most Popular	
Gap assessment	Effectively prepare for an EQA to maximize your opportunity to earn a Full Achievement rating.
Full-scope external quality assessment (EQA)	Ideal for new, chief audit executives (CAEs) and audit functions unfamiliar with their current conformance state.
Self-assessment with independent validation (SAIV)	Identify any gaps between your current practices and the new Standards. Receive a comprehensive roadmap with recommendations for improvement and enhancement opportunities. Results reported directly to the CAE.

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Self-assessment with independent validation (SAIV)

- The most comprehensive external assessment approach.
- A full review by our team of advisors.
- Supports conformance to Standard 0.4, External Quality Assessment.
- Objective assessment of your internal audit function's effectiveness.
- Meet and exceed the expectations of stakeholders throughout your organization.
- On-site or remote assessments available.
- Quality Assessment Manual (2024 Edition)* is used to conduct the assessment.
- Receive a comprehensive report, including a statement of the internal audit function's overall conformance or nonconformance with the Standards, successful practices, conformance gaps, recommendations, and enhancement opportunities, and a maturity level assessment utilizing the IIA Quality Services *Principles Effectiveness Framework*.

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Get insight from internationally recognized quality advisors.

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JOIN the IIA SGV CHAPTER! BECOME A MEMBER!

Click on “Join or Renew” to complete an application

Remember to enter “San Gabriel Valley” as your Chapter Affiliation

Keep your IIA Profile up-to-date

Already an **IIA member** but want to be affiliated with the **San Gabriel Valley Chapter**?

New in 2022! There is one last step to ensure you’re connected with the **San Gabriel Valley Chapter** for your new membership term, which is confirming your chapter affiliation.

To do so, log in to **My IIA Portal** and navigate to My Memberships > My Chapter to select and confirm your chapter selection.

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Member Spotlight



MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES

20 YEARS

Laotong Ea

Lori Kaneshiro

Tongzhong Li

15 YEARS

Artemio Valdez



10 YEARS

Wilson Phe



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Member Spotlight

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TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Amber Berendt

Renee Chin

Aashray Jodalli

Mohit Kumar

Xiaolu Ma

Joydeep Mukherjee

Alejandro Ochoa

Royston Pinto

Sushmitha S

Annapurna Shriyan

FREE IIA STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

Student membership is open to individuals currently enrolled in an undergraduate, graduate, or doctoral program who are engaged in a full-time academic schedule at a college or university. Student membership is limited to a maximum of six years. No processing fee is required.

For more info, please refer [here](#).

NEWLY CERTIFIED MEMBERS

We want to congratulate our newly certified San Gabriel Valley Chapter member!

Kemp Gavin

Certified Internal Auditor

David Arenz

On Nguyen

Internal Audit Practitioner

Congrats

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- Access to event discounts
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- Micro-volunteer opportunities
- Network to develop professional and social contacts
- Empower other professionals
- Share knowledge and keep up-to-date on the latest industry trends and best practices
- Have fun!

WHO CAN VOLUNTEER

✓ MEMBERS

✓ STUDENTS

✓ ANYONE

HOW TO VOLUNTEER

Reach out to any of our Chapter Officers to let us know you are interested in helping.

Contact us at:
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Earn your internal audit certification

Become an Internal Audit Practitioner™ (IAP™), a Certified Internal Auditor® (CIA®), or earn your Certification in Risk Management Assurance® (CRMA®) to strengthen your knowledge base and distinguish yourself from your peers. Wherever your journey takes you, there is an IIA internal audit certification that can certify your success. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Which internal audit certification is right for you?

Internal Audit Practitioner (IAP)

- Ideal for students, beginner internal auditors & rotational internal auditors
- Part 1 of CIA exam
- Covers internal audit fundamentals
- 150-minute exam, 125 multiple choice questions
- Exam available in multiple languages
- No prerequisite
- Discounts for members and students

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Certified Internal Auditor (CIA)

- Globally recognized certification for internal auditors
- Complete the exam in three parts
- Exam available in multiple languages
- Covers internal audit fundamentals, internal audit engagement & internal audit function
- Discounts for members

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Certification in Risk Management Assurance (CRMA)

- The only risk management assurance certification for internal auditors
- 150-minute exam, 120 questions
- Covers internal audit roles and responsibilities, risk management governance & risk management assurance
- CIA designation not required
- Discounts for members

[Explore the CRMA >](#)

Internal Audit Practitioner

Earn your IAP designation through the CIA part 1 exam and demonstrate your aptitude and foundational knowledge of The IIA Standards. Ideal for university students, rotational auditors, and new auditors.



Internal Audit Practitioner

Certified Internal Auditor

The only globally recognized internal audit certification. Your path to CIA is tailored to your experience — choose from traditional, accelerated, or student pathways.



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Announcing
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Certification in Risk Management Assurance

Reflects the in-depth organizational knowledge and advanced skillsets that are required to provide effective risk management assurance to audit committees and executive management.

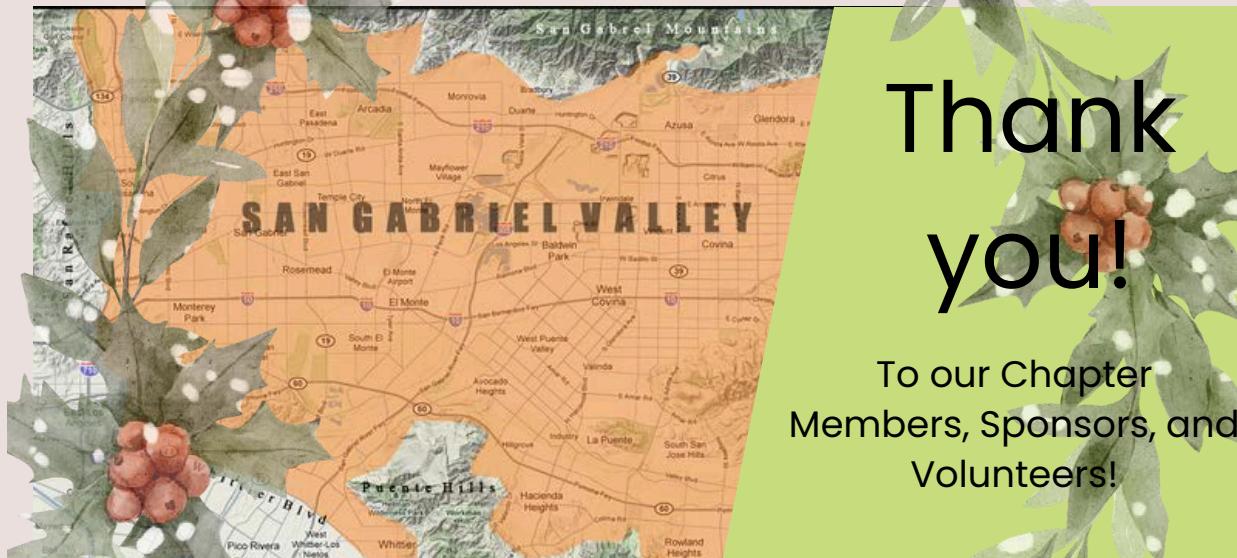


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We are always looking for speakers to help bring knowledge to the San Gabriel Valley Chapter members. Reach out to us at chapter208@iiachaptercommunications.org to recommend a speaker or volunteer to be our next presenter!

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