

Happy Spring

**IIA San Gabriel Valley Chapter
March 2026**



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The San Gabriel Valley Chapter was founded in 1985 and serves the 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 earn the Certified Internal Auditor designation. 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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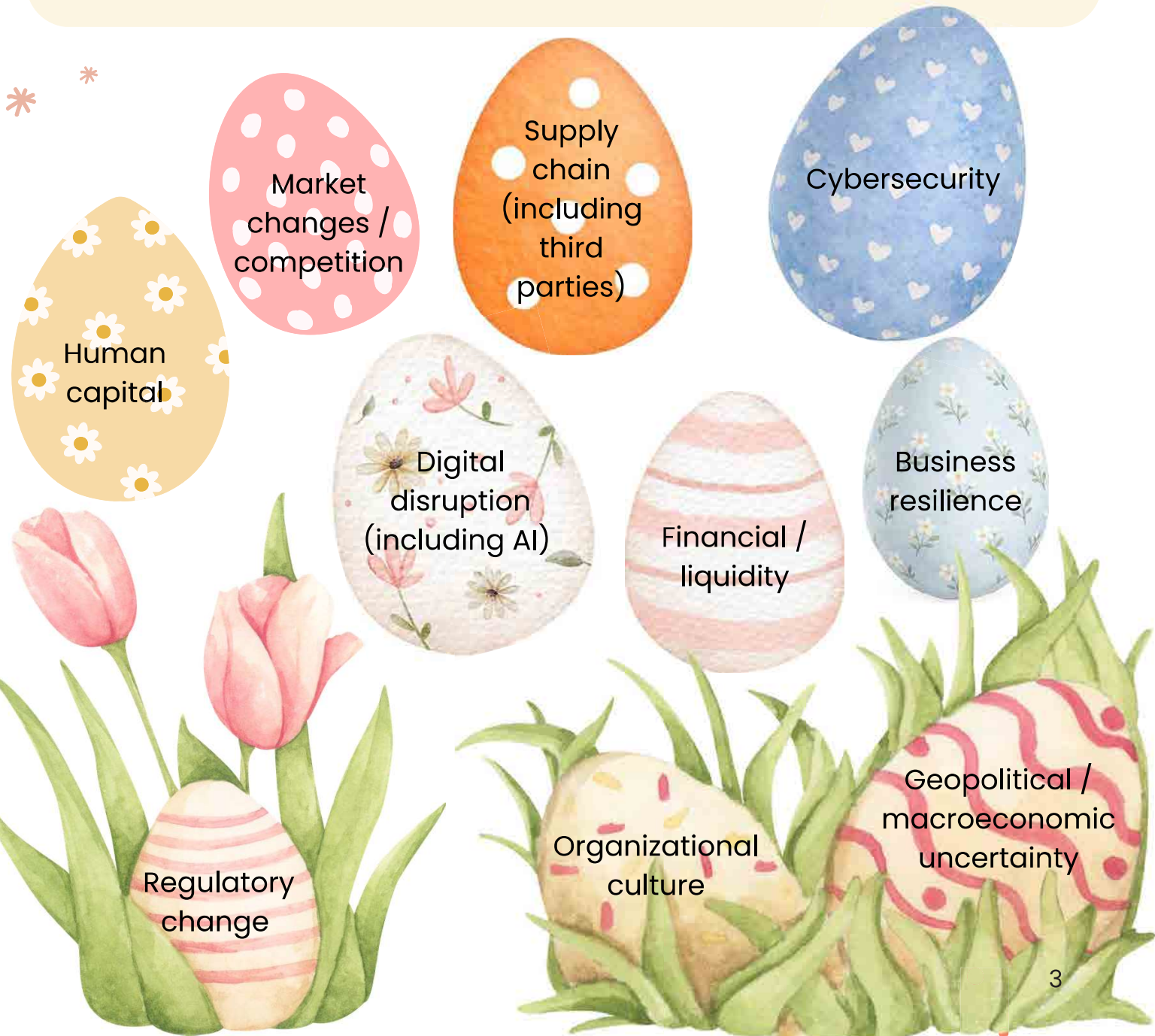
Hoppy Risk Hunting

Show me the controls!



What are the Highest Risks in North America?

Source: *2026 Risk in Focus - Hot Topics for Internal Auditors (North America)* - Internal Audit Foundation (Answers provided on the next page)



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Answer for Page 3 – Top 10 Risks for North America

1. Cybersecurity (86%)
2. Digital disruption (including AI) (53%)
3. Regulatory change (51%)
4. Business resilience (46%)
5. Geopolitical/macroeconomic uncertainty (45%)
6. Human capital (42%)
7. Market changes/competition (34%)
8. Supply chain (including third parties) (30%)
9. Financial/liquidity (27%)
10. Organizational culture (20%)



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QUALITY ASSESSMENT
CHALLENGES AND
OPPORTUNITIES 2025 AND
BEYOND - ROUNDTABLE

*Program
Update*

February 12, 2026 – Quality Assessment Challenges and Opportunities (2 CPEs) by Warren Hersh, Director IIA Quality Services and Keith Kahl, Lead Quality Advisor IIA Quality Services

This interactive session shared the IIA's updated IPPF and Global Internal Audit Standards, and how these changes elevate audit quality, create new opportunities for assessments, and help strengthen the internal audit function and stakeholder credibility.

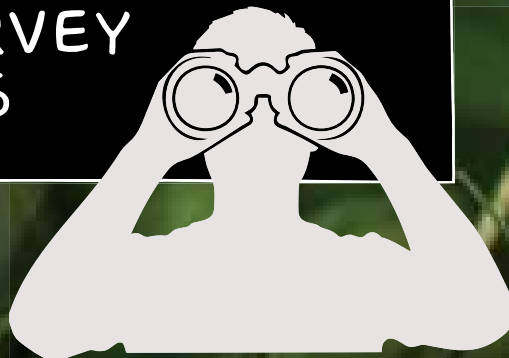
MAY RUBY CELEBRATION
AT TOPGOLF
MAY 22, 2026 5:00 - 7:00 PM
TOPGOLF MONTEBELLO

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Date*

MEMBER SURVEY
MAY 2026

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ANATOMY OF
MODERN FRAUD
Behavioral Profiles,
Schemes, Patterns, and
Effective Testing
Strategies

Webinar



April 15, 2026
9 AM - 5 PM

Members | \$50
Nonmembers | \$80

To register: [Click here](#)



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Our Speakers:



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2026 IIA and SGV Chapter

No.	Date	Topic
1	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>
2	April 15, 2026 9:00 a.m - 5:00 p.m. PT Virtual 7 CPEs	<i>April Fraud Webinar "Anatomy of Modern Fraud: Behavioral Profiles, Schemes, Patterns, and Effective Testing Strategies" - IIA San Gabriel Valley Chapter, in partnership with the IIA Los Angeles Chapter and the ACFE Los Angeles Chapter</i>
3	April 19 - 21, 2026 Orlando, Florida	<i>2026 Global Student Conference - IIA</i>
4	May 22, 2026 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. PT Montebello, California	<i>May Ruby Celebration at TOPGOLF Montebello - IIA San Gabriel Valley Chapter</i>
5	June 22 - 24, 2026 Marina Bay Sands Singapore Up to 39 CPEs	<i>IIA International Conference - IIA</i>
6	July 10, 2026 Virtual Up to 7.2 CPEs	<i>2026 RISE Virtual Conference - IIA</i>
7	August 17 - 19, 2026 San Diego, California & Virtual Up to 28 CPEs	<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>
9	September 8, 2026 Virtual 7.2 CPEs	<i>2026 Enterprise Risk Management Virtual Conference - IIA</i>



UPCOMING IIA CONFERENCES

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2026 Global Student Conference

APRIL 19–21, 2026 | ORLANDO, FLORIDA

Built for Students. Designed for Educators.
Powered by the Profession.

Explore dedicated tracks for both students and educators, featuring hands-on learning, academic insight, and connections to global audit leaders. For more info, please refer [here](#).

RISE Virtual Conference

Jul 10, 2026 | Virtual | Earn up to 7.2 CPEs

Lead the Future of Internal Audit

The IIA's RISE Virtual Conference is the premier online event designed for internal audit leadership. Whether you head an internal audit function, manage a team, or are preparing for a senior role, you'll gain advanced strategies in Resilience, Innovation, Strategy, and Ethics to strengthen operational resilience and navigate emerging risks like cybersecurity. For more info, please refer [here](#).

GRC Conference 2026

Aug 17–19, 2026 | SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

For the 13th year, The IIA and ISACA will bring together leading minds in governance, risk management, and control (GRC) to deliver world-class content, innovative ideas, and practical guidance for today's risk environment. From emerging risks to evolving regulations, GRC 2026 equips professionals with actionable insights they can apply immediately.

Empower yourself to excel in today's dynamic GRC environment. Join us for the GRC 2026 Conference, 17–19 August in San Diego, California or virtually. For more info, please refer [here](#).

UPCOMING IIA LEARNING COURSES

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Featured / Archived IIA Webinars (Free CPEs for Members!)

- [Navigating the IIA Licensing Program: Clarity, Compliance & Best Practices](#) (April 16, 2026 @ 10-11 am ET)
- [Internal Audit and AI-Enabled Fraud](#) (Archived)
- [Audit Report Excellence: How to Write Clearer Reports in Less Time](#) (Archived)

Online Learning

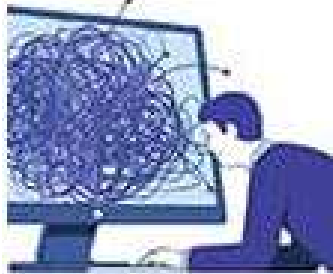
- [Impactful Insights, Simple Tools: Making an Auditor Into an Analyst](#) (Apr 1, 2026 @ 12 pm - 1:00 pm ET, 1 CPE)
- [Data Literacy Certificate: A Journey to Data Analytics](#) (May 26-28, Jun 2, 4, 2026, @ 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm ET, 16 CPEs)
- [Third-Party Risk Management for Internal Auditors](#) (Aug 25-28, 2026, @ 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm ET, 16 CPEs)

FOOD FOR THOUGHT



Untangling the Data Snarl

Adrienne Bellehumeur, CPA, CA | Feb 09, 2026



A five-step information management audit approach can help keep data files flowing smoothly.

In today's data-intensive businesses, high-quality and organized data has never been more important.

Fraud: The Fall of the Trusted Leader

Tim McCollum, Dan Ramey, CIA, CRMA, CPA, CFE | Feb 09, 2026

A persistent auditor uncovers hidden signs of a bank CEO's loan schemes.

Internal auditor Daniela Alvarez uncovered a multi-year fraud scheme that led to regulatory intervention and criminal charges.



The Internal Audit Charter as a Strategic Engine

Betina G. Airoidi, CIA, CRMA, CAMS, PMP | Mar 3, 2026

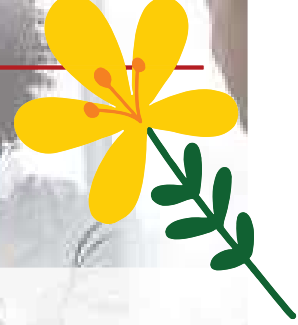
An effective charter empowers the audit function and is a catalyst for building partnerships throughout the organization.

Principle 6 of The IIA's Global Internal Audit Standards specifies that the internal audit function receives its mandate from the board regarding its authority, role, and responsibilities. This mandate is documented in the internal audit charter. CAEs should possess the technical proficiency required to draft a comprehensive charter that aligns with legal and regulatory requirements.





DID YOU KNOW



Topical Requirements for Internal Auditing

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.

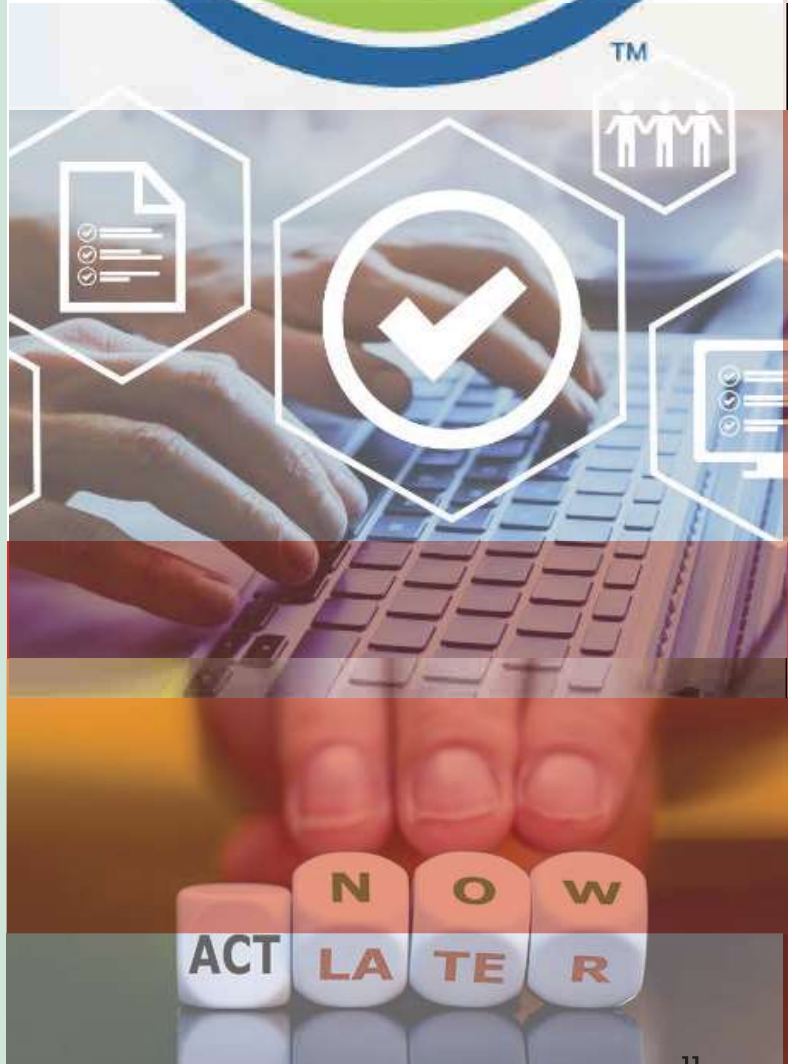
Issued:

- Cybersecurity
 - Effective February 5, 2025
- Third-Party
 - Effective September 15, 2025
- Organizational Behavior
 - Effective December 2025

Upcoming:

- Organizational Resilience
 - Coming 2026

Click [here](#) for more information.



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IIA Quality Services

Elevate your internal audit quality and effectiveness with IIA Quality Service

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.

Request a quality assessment proposal.

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Which quality assessment is right for you?

Gap assessment	Most Popular Full-scope external quality assessment (EQA)	Self-assessment with independent validation (SAIV)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Effectively prepare for an EQA to maximize your opportunity to earn a Full Achievement rating.Lead by new chief audit executives (CAEs) and internal audit functions unsure about their current conformance state.Identify any gaps between your current practices and the new Standards.Receive a comprehensive roadmap with conformance guidance for gaps and enhancement opportunities.Results reported directly to the CAE. <p>Get Started ></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The most comprehensive external assessment approach.A full review by our team of advisors.Supports conformance to Standard 8.4, 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 (2021 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, enhancement opportunities, and a maturity-level assessment utilizing the IIA Quality Services Principles Effectiveness Framework. <p>GET STARTED</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Most cost-effective assessment.Includes independent validation of the internal audit function's self-assessment by an independent validator well-versed in quality assurance methodology.Work completed by the self-assessment team is substantiated by an independent validator.Interview of selected senior management conducted by an independent validator.Receive a validation report of the internal audit function's SAIV report, including successful practices, conformance gaps, and enhancement opportunities. <p>Get Started ></p>

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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

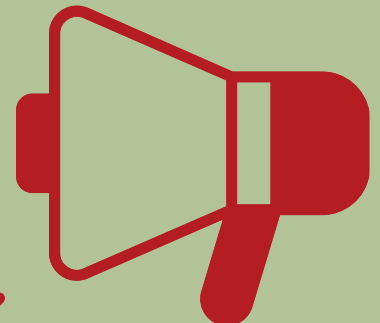
Already an **IIA member** but want to be affiliated with the **San Gabriel Valley Chapter**?

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

25 Years

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10 Years

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Christine Chweh
Karina Diaz
Jessica Humburg
Christina Logan
Serman Tanuyan
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1 Year

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

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NEWLY CERTIFIED MEMBERS

We want to congratulate our newly certified San Gabriel Valley Chapter members.

Shoutouts to Those in Process!!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Alisha Anthony

Luis Castro

Karunya Devi

Richard Grise

Melissa Munitz

Ranjith Ravikumar

Jorge Rojas

Abhishek Kumar Yadav

Brian Yang

Brittany Zheng

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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.

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Volunteer Call to Action

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Benefits

- Earn up to 15 CPEs for volunteering annually
- Access to event discounts
- Build up your resume qualifications
- 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



Currently, **OPEN** Board Positions:

1. Academic Co-Chair
2. Governor-at-Large
3. Programs Chair
4. Secretary
5. Track Academic Co-Chair
6. Track Programs Chair

How to volunteer

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

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.



Which internal audit certification is right for you?

Internal Audit Practitioner (IAP)	Most Popular Certified Internal Auditor (CIA)	Certification in Risk Management Assurance (CRMA)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Ideal for students, beginner internal auditors & rotational internal auditors✓ Part 1 of CIA exam✓ Covers internal audit fundamentals✓ 159-minute exam, 125 multiple choice questions✓ Exam available in multiple languages✓ No prerequisite✓ Discounts for members and students <p>Explore the IAP ></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ 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 <p>GET STARTED</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ 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 <p>Explore the CRMA ></p>

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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CIA® Exam Review**

CIA Exam Review
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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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Members, Sponsors,
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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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