



# The Institute of Internal Auditors

Chicago



## **A Note from Your SVP – Let’s Make It Happen!**

As Senior Vice President of the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) Chicago Chapter, my mission is simple: deliver exceptional value and keep our community connected and thriving. One of the highlights of my role is helping lead our Annual Seminar—our biggest event of the year! If you haven’t experienced it yet, or even if you have, this year’s 65th Annual Seminar is one you absolutely don’t want to miss. It’s where internal audit pros, thought leaders, and industry experts come together for a full day of learning, networking, and inspiration.

Here’s something I didn’t know when I joined over 17 years ago: our chapter runs almost entirely on volunteer power. Behind the scenes, nearly 30 Board of Governors members—including six officers—and more than 30 committees make the magic happen by planning events, creating resources, and shaping the future of our profession. And here’s the best part: with so many committees, there’s bound to be one that sparks your interest! Whether you’re passionate about programming, membership, communications, or emerging topics, there’s a place for you to make an impact.

So, what’s next? Get involved! Attend an event, join a committee, or just reach out to learn more. Your energy and ideas are what keep our chapter strong—and we’d love to have you on board.

## **Chapter Events & Trainings**

Unlock your potential and gain practical skills that make an immediate impact—join Chicago Chapter trainings and networking events to take the next step toward growth and success.

January 2026	February 2026
<p> 1/28 (Wed) - <a href="#">Liar Liar Pants on Fire (4 CPE)</a></p> <p> 1/28 (Wed) - <a href="#">Topical Requirements: A Deep Dive on Application and Current Releases (1 CPE)</a></p> <p> 1/29 (Thu) - <a href="#">Audit Report Writing and Communication Strategies (4 CPE)</a></p>	<p> 2/25 (Wed) – <a href="#">Ethics: Every Choice Has a Consequence (3 CPE)</a></p> <p> 2/10 (Tues) - <a href="#">Peer Exchange: Practical Approaches (1 CPE)</a></p>
March 2026	Upcoming 2026
<p> 3/3 (Tues) - <a href="#">CAE Roundtable</a> hosted at Protiviti on AI use cases (3 CPE)</p> <p> 3/10 (Tue) - IIA Chicago International Women’s Day (TBD CPE)</p> <p> 3/12 (Thu) - Spring into Training (TBD CPE)</p> <p> 3/12 (Thu) - Auditor Critical Thinking (2 CPE)</p> <p> 3/24 (Tues) - <a href="#">Bridging the Gap: Practical Approaches to Data Ownership (1 CPE)</a></p>	<p> 4/1 (Wed) - Senior Auditor Bootcamp (4 CPE)</p> <p> 4/9 (Thu) - Volunteer with DePaul at Ronald McDonald House</p> <p> 4/14 (Tues) - <a href="#">Strengthening Audit Committee Engagement (1 CPE)</a></p> <p> 4/27 (Mon) - IIA Chicago 65th Annual Seminar (8 CPE)</p> <p> 5/11-5/12 - 11th Annual IT Hacking Conference</p> <p> 5/14 (Thu) - <a href="#">Assurance Synergy: Coordinating with Internal and External Providers (1 CPE)</a></p> <p> May 2026 – Board of Directors and Annual Recognition Meeting</p> <p> 8/24 (Mon) – Golf Outing</p>

 IIA Chicago Networking Events    CPE Trainings (Paid)    CPE Trainings (Free for Members)

## **Members Spotlight**

**We would like to congratulate our members who achieved their Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) certification during Q4!**

👏 This is a remarkable accomplishment that reflects hard work, expertise, and dedication to excellence in the profession. Wishing you continued success as you apply your skills and knowledge to make an even greater impact.

### **Name and Company**

- Angela Asmus – InfuSystem
- David Panicko – Sikich
- Aiden Katalemwa – Cook County Government
- Diane Benton
- Zaida Rivas – Crowe
- Joshua Sannes – Capital One
- Matthew Jacobson – City of Chicago Office of Inspector General
- Sean Drake – BCU
- Mukti Virendra Nagda – TransUnion CIBIL Limited
- Barbara Lopez

## **Chapter Committee Spotlight**

### **Annual Seminar Committee**

The goal of the Annual Seminar Committee is to plan and coordinate the Annual Seminar, a key event for the Chicago IIA. The goal for this committee is to develop a program that allows internal auditors to network with their peers and industry leaders, take away valuable training and CPE, and advance the profession by highlighting current trends and hot topics. The Annual Seminar Committee works with multiple sub-committees to identify and plan the appropriate program, making sure logistics are considered, and much more! Committee members are expected to attend bi-weekly meetings, provide input on proposed plans, and help keep the event on track.

## Committee Members

- Pedro Diaz de Leon (Co-Chair)
- Farrah Haque (Co-Chair)

## Recent & Upcoming Committee Events

- **April 27, 2026**, IIA Chicago 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Seminar

🗨️ The Annual Seminar Committee is seeking additional volunteers for this year's Annual Seminar! There are many ways to help support one of the biggest events of the Chicago Chapter – whether planning prior to the Annual Seminar or supporting day of event operations, there's a role for anyone interested!

If interested, please contact the Co-Chairs ([pedro.diazdeleon@sikich.com](mailto:pedro.diazdeleon@sikich.com) and [farrah.haque@protiviti.com](mailto:farrah.haque@protiviti.com)).

## Past Events



## 🎉 IIA Chicago Chapter Holiday Party (Jan 15, 2026)

Hosted a Holiday Party at South Branch Tavern & Grille

### **IIA Chicago NextGen Virtual Speed Networking (Oct 9, 2025)**

NextGen members connected, shared experiences, and expanded their professional networks in this fast-paced virtual event.

### **CAE Roundtable: Risk Assessment & 2026 Planning (Oct 30, 2025)**

CAE leaders came together to discuss emerging risks and plan ahead for 2026.

### **Managers Forum: Navigating AI Risk (Nov 18, 2025)**

With insights from PwC's Jeff Sorensen, attendees explored AI risks and what they mean for internal audit.

### Connect with Institute of Internal Auditors

- We are moving from a group to a Company page on LinkedIn. Connect with us on our new [LinkedIn page!](#)
- Explore our updates on Instagram
- Email us to learn more about volunteer and sponsorship opportunities with IIA!! ([nate.ruey@rsmus.com](mailto:nate.ruey@rsmus.com), [registrar@iiachicago.com](mailto:registrar@iiachicago.com))
- We would love to hear what you thought about the [Newsletter and IIA Event!](#)

