



The Institute of
Internal Auditors
Springfield

Springfield Audit Trails

February 2026

Message from the President

Kayla Routh

Hello everyone! It's time again for nominations and the Chapter election. We are looking for self-nominations for each of the following Officer positions: Secretary, Co-treasurer, and Senior Vice President – Programming Chair. Please find descriptions and approximate hours for each position below. To self-nominate, please send a short bio and (preferred) a picture of yourself to Kayla.Routh@illinois.gov. We will accept nominations until the end of the month (February 28, 2026).

Senior Vice President – Programming Chair (Katrina Woodcock)

The Chapter's Senior Vice President organizes and promotes the training programs for the Chapter Year. The Senior Vice President sets up events within CVENT and coordinates training with other Chapters in our district. This generally takes the most time in the Spring/Summer to start reaching out to speakers and is sporadic. Once the training schedule is set, it takes about 3-5 hours a month to set up events, meet with speakers (if needed), and run the events online. If you are in this position, you also get your CPE for all the Chapter events for free!

Co-Treasurer 1 and Co-Treasurer 2 (Please email Kayla.Routh@illinois.gov to get ahold of the treasurers.)

The Chapter's Co-Treasurers are charged with custody of the Chapter's financial reports, supporting documentation, and funds. The Co-Treasurer 2 ensures proper disbursements and establishment of proper accounting procedures and prepares the Annual Financial Statement and Chapter budget.

Due to segregation of duties, the Co-Treasurer 1 is assigned to make entries for all revenues and expenses, review and reconcile the Chapter's monthly bank statements and submit the required financial documents with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Currently the number of hours each month for each of the co-treasurers is about 2-5 hours depending on how heavy the training month is. Additionally, the co-treasurers provide documentation and information to the financial reviewer.

Secretary (Kristen Drainer)

The Chapter's Secretary prepares the Board's meeting minutes, collects registrations and payment details from the IOC for the training programs, and prepares and distributes CPE certificates. This can take around 6-10 hours a month. If you are in this position, you also get your CPE for all the Chapter events for free!

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Training

February Training

Katrina Woodcock, CPA, CIA

We have two great training opportunities coming up! Please note that both training events for this month are 3 hours long. Both events will run from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. **We also want to let everyone know that our training on March 26, 2026 will be IN-PERSON at the Hilton Garden Inn (3100 S Dirksen Pkwy, Springfield, IL 62703). See page 5 for more information.**

February 25: Ethics – Every Choice Has a Consequence

On Wednesday, February 25th, from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Chuck will discuss Ethics, Integrity, and the Power of Choices in Life and Business. In this powerful presentation, Chuck delivers an unforgettable message based on his own unethical decisions and the consequences that followed. The audience will not only come to realize the impact of the choices they make but also gain an understanding of how to use ethics and integrity to create success on a personal and professional level.

Each choice we make and each step we take provides the foundation for our future. Wherever you are right now — regardless of the circumstance — **your choices define who you are and the outcomes you will live.** While your employees may be aware of this on some level, do they truly realize the power behind the choices they make on a daily basis? More importantly, what's the risk to your company if they don't?

In his unusually **authentic style**, Chuck **reveals the consequences of the unethical decisions** he made in his own attempt to build the great American dream for himself and his family. This powerful ethics presentation is filled with **unforgettable messages of success and failure, illusions and reality, and choices and consequences.** The audience will discover:

- **How easy it is for ethical people to make unethical choices**—and what to do about it.
- The impact of life's choices and how that **affects your performance**, both personally and professionally.
- Real-world practical examples of **how to use ethics and integrity to create success in business and life.**

Speaker Bio

Ethics in the workplace is a serious matter, but talking about it doesn't have to be "business as usual." **Chuck Gallagher learned a lesson about ethics, choices and consequences the hard way—but now he shares his experience so that others don't have to.**

You may have seen Chuck on television, or heard him on CNN, CBS or NPR radio programs. His **business insights** are sought after for his strong position on ethics and ethical leadership. **Chuck's focus is business—but his passion is empowering others.** His unique presentations on Business Ethics clearly demonstrate he brings something to the platform that isn't often found in typical business speakers. Chuck's personal experience in building businesses and sales teams while leading companies provides a practical and powerful framework for ethical success.

Currently COO of a national company and former Sr. VP of Sales and Marketing for a public company, Chuck may have found a sales niche early on in life selling potholders door to door, or convincing folks to fund a record album of his musical performance at age 16 (and yes those were the days when an album was made of vinyl), but it was the school of hard knocks that provided a fertile training ground for Chuck's lessons in success. Described as creative, insightful, captivating, and a person that "connects the dots" between behavior, choices and success, **Chuck gives his clients what they need to turn concepts into actions and actions into results.**



In the middle of a rising career, Chuck lost everything because he made some bad choices. He has since rebuilt his career and his life back to immense success. With more vulnerability than the average keynoter, **Chuck shares with his audiences his life journey, the consequences of his unethical choices, and how life gives you second chances when you make the right choices.**

February 26: Fraud and the Forensic Matrix

On Thursday, February 26th, from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Gary German will present on fraud. Fraud is big business. By some estimates over \$1 trillion is lost to Fraud and theft each year. Nevertheless, most fraud goes undetected. Or does it? "Fraud and the Forensic Matrix" is a unique, (and sometimes humorous), look at the subjects of deceit and deception. Gary German will share stories from his own experiences in Fraud investigation and forensic accounting. He will explore such topics as the "ethics" of Fraud. You'll learn to quantify a business' appetite for Fraud and why audits don't find Fraud. He'll share with you his matrix approach to forensic accounting; a combination of objective analysis and the related inferential context to detect and investigate Fraud. No matter what your business segment, you are sure to benefit from this discussion as Gary dissects the dark side of accounting and finance.

Speaker Bio



Gary German is a Principal of the consulting firm G.L. German Forensic Accounting, LLC. His particular areas of expertise include audit, forensic accounting and Fraud investigation. Mr. German's undergraduate work was completed at Wake Forest University, with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting. He played football and was a member of the 1970 ACC Championship team.

He joined the firm of Price Waterhouse & Co. and developed a broad base of experience that includes both manufacturing and financial services. He spent 25 years in the insurance segment and has held senior management positions with some of the most respected names in the industry. He has worked hand-in-hand with state and federal law enforcement as the lead forensic investigator in major fraud investigations. He has also designed and implemented internal audit functions for major companies.

Mr. German served as clinical professor in the International MBA program at the Fox School of Business - Temple University. He has also taught an executive ed program at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business.

A frequent speaker, his audiences have included The Financial Executives' Institute, Institute of Management Accountants, Institute of Internal Auditors, U.S. Secret Service, Federal Reserve, various CPA and law enforcement groups, and a number of colleges and universities.

He is a licensed CPA in the State of North Carolina.

PLEASE NOTE: While our registration notes the invoicing option is only available for State of Illinois employees, the Chapter will review requests for an exception to this rule on a case-by-case basis. If you would like to request an exception to use the invoicing option and are not a State of Illinois employee, please reach out to the Chapter at Chapter145support@iiachaptercommunications.org.

Cancellations should be made prior to the start of training.

NOTE: CPE Certificates will not be issued until payment is received

Questions? Email - Chapter Secretary Chapter145support@iiachaptercommunications.org

**Register for the
training here**
Virtual Training

Ethics – Every Choice Has a Consequence

[February 25](#)

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Fraud and the Forensic Matrix

[February 26](#)

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

You may pay with a credit card.

Make Checks Payable to: The Institute of Internal Auditors–Springfield (FEIN 37-1088763)

Mail Checks to: Springfield Chapter Institute of Internal Auditors
P.O. Box 332, Rochester, IL 62563

Become an IIA Volunteer

Volunteers help to maintain the Chapter and keep services available for members. There are many ways you can get involved with the IIA. Whether you are an experienced leader or just entering the field of internal auditing, there is a place for you at the IIA. If you are interested in volunteering on a large or small scale and are looking for more information about those opportunities, please email the Springfield IIA at Chapter145@iiachaptercommunications.org. We would love to get you any information you could want on Officer, Governor, or other volunteer roles.



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HQ News & Events

You can find out events and news from the IIA by going to www.theiia.org. Additionally, as part of your membership you can access exclusive webinars and articles on the site. See below for exciting training opportunities that Headquarters is offering:

2026 Fraud Virtual Conference (February 17, 2026; Virtual Only)

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. For more information, visit the website at: [2026 Fraud Virtual Conference | Internal Audit & Risk](#)

2026 GAM: Great Audit Minds Conference (March 9-11, 2026; Las Vegas, Nevada)

For 44 years, the GAM Conference has been the essential experience for audit executives seeking to be influential, indispensable, and informed. Building on this success, we are excited to announce the 2026 GAM Conference, scheduled for March 9–11, 2026, at the Aria Resort & Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada. This event will continue to provide a dynamic learning environment for senior audit professionals, focusing on strategic insights and peer-to-peer engagement to prepare for the future of the profession. For more information, visit the website at: [Great Audit Minds](#)

2026 Analytics, Automation and AI Virtual Conference (April 7, 2026; Virtual Only)

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. PLUS: Registration includes a FREE AI OnDemand Nano Course (a \$59 value!) For more information, visit the website at: [Analytics and Automation and AI Virtual Conference | The IIA](#)

Training on March 26, 2026, is In-Person at the Hilton Garden Inn

After reviewing the survey responses from our Fall Survey, the Board decided to make this training in-person to see if there is any interest in going back in person for our IIA trainings. Since COVID, the IIA has mainly stuck with virtual trainings except for the annual SIAAB Fall Conference. But many of you have voted and expressed interest for in person training, so we thought this would be a great time to try it out!

Please note that this training will be in-person at the **Hilton Garden Inn (3100 S Dirksen Pkwy, Springfield, IL 62703)**. We will be estimating breakfast items and beverages based on the number of registrations on **March 19th**. Please register early to ensure we have enough refreshments. Please click on the following link for more information on the training description, speaker bio, and registration: [Behind the Invoice: Uncovering Vendor Fraud in Plain Sight](#)

2025-2026 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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February 25 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Chuck Gallagher Ethics (3 CPE)	Register Here	Members \$60 Non-Members \$90
February 26 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Gary German Fraud and the Forensic Matrix (3 CPE)	Register Here	Members \$60 Non-Members \$90
March 25 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Harold Silverman Retrospective on Year 1 of the Global Internal Audit Standards (3 CPE)		Members \$60 Non-Members \$90
March 26 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Rick Roybal Behind the Invoice: Uncovering Vendor Fraud in Plain Sight (3 CPE) – <u>IN PERSON</u>	Register Here	Members \$80 Non-Members \$120
April 29-30 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM, <i>each day</i>	John Hall Better! Auditing (8 CPE)		Members \$160 Non-Members \$240
May 27 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Mary Breslin Leveraging AI in Audit (4 CPE)		Members \$80 Non-Members \$120
May 28 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Dr. Gleb Tsipursky Addressing Unconscious Bias and Making the Best Decisions for Auditors (4 CPE)		Members \$80 Non-Members \$120

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Cancellations should be made prior to the start of training.

Meetings are currently being held remotely for the 2025-2026 Program Year unless otherwise noted.

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