



The Institute of
Internal Auditors
Springfield

Springfield Audit Trails

May 2026

Message from the President

Kayla Routh

Hello Springfield Chapter! As this Chapter year comes to a close, I wanted to say Thank You! Thank you for your support, feedback and continued participation in our training events. We are so grateful for all of you members! In case you missed it, we held our General Meeting on April 30th. At the meeting, we provided the election results, which can be found on page 8, announced the bylaws passed unanimously, and discussed the need for someone to be our financial statement reviewer.

While reviewing the financial statements may seem like a daunting task or something that is very complex, it is not. You do not need to have any special credentials or specialized experience to complete this review. By being an internal auditor, you have the necessary skills to complete this task. Some of the tasks within this review include reviews of programs, budgets, and approvals; performing and testing bank reconciliations; and looking at compliance with bylaws and the treasurer's manual issued by IIA headquarters. **Anyone who is willing to take on this task or would like to work on it as a group, please let us know.** We appreciate your consideration on this as this task can give you some insight into the Chapter and how it operates.

I would also like to thank the prior volunteers who will be rolling off the Board in June: Charla Bond-Jones, Kristen Drainer, Molly Wilcockson, David Brink, Candice Long, and Butch Stillwell. I appreciate everything each of you brought to the Board and wish you the best in all your future endeavors. I would also like to welcome back Matt Ulmer and Kelly Guerrero, and welcome for the first time, Trevor Hebert, Christina Robinson, and Evonne Thompson to the Board of Governors. I'm excited for your fresh new perspectives and helping you find other ways you may want to serve the Board in the future. Volunteers like all these individuals are the only way we can survive as a Chapter. Since this is the last newsletter before we come back in the fall, I hope everyone has a safe and wonderful summer months! See you in the fall for our next year of programs.

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Training

May Training

Katrina Woodcock, CPA, CIA

Hello! Last month, Kayla and I attended the IIA Leadership Academy. I learned so much about Programming and made some awesome connections with speakers and other Chapter leaders! I feel so ready to give you another year of Programming next year! **If you would like to assist me in any way, learn more about Programming, or are interested in taking over Programming, please reach out to me at KatrinaAnne.Woodcock@illinois.gov.**

This month, we welcome Mary Breslin from Verracy and Dr. Gleb Tsipursky to speak to our chapter! Below is more information on their training programs and bio. We hope you can join us!!

Wednesday, May 27, 2026 (8:30-12:30): Leveraging AI in Auditing: A Practical Guide

AI is Revolutionizing the Audit Profession—Are you prepared to adapt and lead? Artificial Intelligence (AI) is transforming audit, enhancing efficiency, accuracy, and risk detection. This course provides a practical guide to leveraging AI—especially ChatGPT—in internal auditing, risk management, fraud detection, and compliance. Participants will gain a foundational understanding of AI concepts, including robotic process automation (RPA) and machine learning (ML), and explore real-world applications in audit, such as automated risk assessments, control testing, and financial analysis. The course also covers ethical considerations, data privacy risks, and AI bias. Through discussions, case studies, and demonstrations, attendees will learn how to integrate AI into audit workflows, strengthen fraud detection, and ensure regulatory compliance. Topics include AI's role in SOX auditing, cybersecurity risk assessments, and overcoming resistance to AI adoption. By the end, auditors will be equipped with practical strategies to implement AI effectively, enhance audit quality, and prepare for the future of AI-driven auditing

Mary Breslin, CIA, CFE

Founder of Verracy | 2024 ACFE Hubbard Award Winner | 2023 ACFE James R. Baker Speaker of the Year

Mary Breslin is a force in the world of internal audit, risk management, and fraud prevention. With over 30 years of experience, she's led high-impact transformations in audit departments across global organizations. As an award-winning speaker and renowned fraud examiner, Mary has orchestrated some of the most complex and high-profile fraud investigations in history, including one of the largest cases ever prosecuted by the DOJ.

Mary is an Advisor to the Technology Committee of the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants and the former Chairman of the ACFE Foundation (2024-2025). Her expertise has made her a sought-after thought leader



and consultant, advising businesses on navigating risk, building high-performance audit functions, and maintaining ethical standards in challenging environments.

Highly regarded in the industry, Mary has received prestigious accolades for her work and speaking. In 2024, she was honored as the ACFE Hubbard Award winner for her article on ChatGPT in Fraud Magazine. In 2023, she received the ACFE James R. Baker Speaker of the Year award. She has also been recognized as a Top-Rated Speaker for ISACA and named “Best of the Best” by the IIA.

Her career is defined by results, whether it’s leading audit functions to ‘best-in-class’ status, revolutionizing organizational approaches to risk, or mentoring the next generation of auditors. Mary’s straight-shooting, no-nonsense approach to auditing is backed by real-world success, earning her recognition as a top executive in the field. With her deep knowledge, she’s reshaping what it means to be a leader in the audit space, empowering teams to act with integrity and precision.

Mary resides outside Austin, Texas.

Wednesday, May 27, 2026 (8:30-12:30): Auditing with Clarity: Combating Unconscious Bias and Making the Best Decisions Through Behavioral Science

Unconscious bias can quietly distort audit judgments, from risk assessments to fraud detection. This engaging session equips auditors with science-backed tools to recognize and counteract cognitive biases—such as confirmation bias, anchoring, and groupthink—that undermine objectivity and professional skepticism. Using insights from behavioral science and emotional intelligence, you'll learn how to:

- Strengthen decision quality in high-stakes audits
- Improve communication and challenge assumptions within audit teams
- Foster a bias-aware culture through psychologically safe collaboration

Through real-world case studies and actionable techniques, this session will help you sharpen your judgment, improve audit quality, and uphold the integrity of your work.

Dr. Gleb Tsipursky

[Dr. Gleb Tsipursky](#) was named “[Office Whisperer](#)” by *The New York Times* for helping leaders make the wisest decisions and address bias. He serves as the CEO of the future-of-work consultancy [Disaster Avoidance Experts](#). Dr. Gleb wrote seven best-selling books, and his cutting-edge thought leadership was featured in over 650 articles and 550 interviews in [Harvard Business Review](#), [Inc. Magazine](#), [USA Today](#), [CBS News](#), [Fox News](#), [Time](#), [Business Insider](#), [Fortune](#), [The New York Times](#), and [elsewhere](#). His writing was translated into Chinese, Spanish, Russian, Polish, Korean, French, Vietnamese, German, and other languages. His expertise comes from over 20 years of [consulting](#), [coaching](#), and [speaking and training](#) for Fortune 500 companies from Aflac to Xerox. It also comes from [over 15 years](#) in academia as a behavioral scientist, with 8 years as a lecturer at UNC-Chapel Hill and 7 years as a professor at Ohio State. A proud Ukrainian American, Dr. Gleb lives in Columbus, Ohio.



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

Leveraging AI in Auditing

May 27

8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Auditing with Clarity

May 28

8:30 AM – 12:30 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

IIA Leadership Academy



Chapter President, Kayla Routh, and Chapter Programming Officer/Senior Vice President, Katrina Woodcock, attended the IIA Leadership Academy in Orlando, Florida at Disney World. We learned about AI, cybersecurity, and how the IIA is staying on top of emerging risks. We also participated in a Chapter roll call where we dressed up as contestants for “Let’s Make a Deal!” Kayla was chosen to participate and won a \$20 Disney gift card!! On Day 2, we broke out into individual role breakout sessions and by chapter size, where we were placed with leaders from the US, Canada, and the Caribbean, and attended a session about volunteerism. On the final day, we attended a training on Chapter fraud prevention and the closing keynote on mindset mastery. Overall, Leadership was a great way to connect with Chapter Leaders from all over the US and the world and gain great insights from our shared experiences.



From left to right: Katrina Woodcock & Kayla Routh, Brendan Held from Central IL IIA Chapter, and Garrett Collier from the North Arkansas Chapter



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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 would like more information about those opportunities, please email the Springfield IIA at Chapter145support@iiachaptercommunications.org. We would love to provide you with any information you need about 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 Singapore IIA International Conference, Marina Bay Sands, Singapore or Virtual (June 22-24, 2026)

The IIA's 2026 International Conference brings together internal auditors, leaders, and influencers from more than 100 countries for a truly global learning and networking experience. Attendees will engage in immersive education, practical solutions, and forward-looking insights designed to address emerging risks and evolving expectations across industries and regions. For more information, visit [IIA International Conference 2025 – The IIA's International Conference](#)

It's Internal Audit Awareness Month!

May is Internal Audit Awareness Month. The IIA is starting a global campaign, which is starting with social media posts. For more information about the way the IIA is celebrating, visit the website: [Internal Audit Awareness Month | Promote Internal Auditing](#). Additionally, as part of Internal Audit Awareness Month and as a member of the IIA, they are offering discounts on the exams and study preparation materials. Log into your account and visit the website for more information about the discount! [Certified Internal Auditor | Global Internal Audit Certification | The IIA](#)

Additionally, the Chapter is also celebrating the month. If you would like to be featured in one of our social media posts for this campaign. Please email chapter145@iiachaptercommunications.org and we can get you with our social media manager for more information.



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2025-2026 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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

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