



The Institute of
Internal Auditors
Springfield

Springfield Audit Trails

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A Day in the Life – Officers and Board Member

Hi Springfield IIA Members!

As part of our new initiative this year, we are going to be featuring “A Day in the Life” question and answers on the front page for each Officer and Board Member. To kick off this new segment, Kayla Routh, the current President, will be giving you a glimpse into the role of President. We will continue these throughout the rest of the Chapter Year and are meant to give a glimpse of what volunteering for the Chapter realistically looks like. Enjoy!

Question 1: *Tell us your current role and any previous roles you have held for the Chapter.*

Answer: I am currently the President of the Chapter, and this is my third year (2024-2025, 2025-2026, and 2026-2027). I first came on the Board in 2023-2024 as the President Elect – Programming Chair (formerly known as the First Vice President).

Question 2: *Tell us about your current role in the Chapter and what your favorite part of the role is.*

Answer: The Presidents tasks are less routine than other Officer roles in the Chapter. My main duties are to help the other officers with questions they have and to help be the intermediary between the Chapter and IIA Headquarters. Additionally, I approve the expenditures and contracts that are within the budget, help implement the Strategic Plan of our Chapter, and help draft and edit the by-laws for the Chapter annually. The last task I do as the President is submit various reports to Headquarters throughout the year and ensure the other Officers stay on task with their assigned Headquarter reporting. This role always has a new challenge, question, or task that I have never completed so I am never bored which is nice even after a little over two years in this role.

Question 3: *For a closer look at the person behind the role, what do you like to do outside of volunteering for the Chapter?*

Answer: I am in a weekly bowling league which has been a nice way to meet some fascinating people. I also love to watch reality competition shows like Big Brother, The Challenge, and The Amazing Race and F1 (Go Max Verstappen!). Lastly, I love hanging out with friends and my family.

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Training

October Training

Katrina Woodcock, CPA, CIA

Welcome to October! We are looking for people to be part of our Programming Committee. 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.

Tuesday-Wednesday, October 27th-28th

The Illinois State Internal Audit Advisory Board (SIAAB) and the Springfield Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) are pleased to announce that registration is now open for the 2026 Illinois Government Auditing Conference. Information is on the SIAAB [website](#), and registration/lodging information is also below.

The Illinois Government Auditing Conference will be held at the Northfield Center in Springfield on October 27-28, 2026, from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Up to 14 CPE may be awarded, and the cost will be \$150/200 (IIA member/nonmember). We have an exciting lineup of speakers including IIA Legend Michael Fucilli, Inspector General Susan Haling, Keynote Speaker Jeff Butler, and many more dynamic presenters.

We are also grateful that Illinois' new Auditor General, the Honorable Christopher B. Meister, and Deputy Auditor General Courtney Dzierwa, will be addressing the conference. If you have specific questions or topics you would like the Office of the Illinois Auditor General to answer or address, please send them to me, and I will compile a list. The names of the askers will be kept confidential and not be shared.

Thursday, October 29th (8:00)

The Illinois Government Auditing Roundtables will be held on Thursday October 29, 2026, from 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. Up to 4 CPE may be awarded, and three options will be offered: Chief Internal Auditor, IT Internal Auditor, and Staff Internal Auditor. Box lunches will be provided after the roundtables, which you may enjoy onsite or take with you if you prefer to get on the road. The roundtables are invitation-only and have been sent to chief internal auditors and known State internal auditors. If you have not received an invitation, you may request one by emailing Harold.Wagner@ilag.gov

VENUE AND LODGING

Please note the venue's nightly rate is increasing slightly from to \$113, effective October 1, 2026.

The **Northfield Inn, Suites, and Conference Center** is located at 3280 Northfield Drive, Springfield, IL 62702. Parking is free, and complementary shuttle service to/from Amtrak, airport, and bus stations is available upon request. A special discounted hotel rate of **\$113.00/night** (plus tax) is being offered to conference participants. Reservations are to be made directly with the Northfield Inn by calling 217-523-7900. The block of rooms for this conference is reserved under the name of Institute of Internal Auditors. This block of rooms will be released on October 12, 2026. After the cutoff date, there is no guarantee rooms will be available at State rates.

Thursday, October 29th IIA Training

A **Post-Conference Session** will be held from 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM on Thursday, October 29, 2026, and the topic will be Compliance, Culture, and Collaboration: Are you part of the Equation? by Rhonda Travers, CPA, CIA. Up to 4 CPE may be awarded at a cost of \$80/\$120 (IIA member/nonmember). Box lunches will be provided before the seminar at 12:00 Noon.

Compliance, Culture, and Collaboration: Are you part of the Equation

As a compliance professional, are you regularly included in strategic discussions regarding organizational culture or are you often in a reactive mode, responding to emerging issues and internal policy shifts? In today's complex business environment, internal audit has the opportunity to move beyond compliance focused activities and contribute to organizational effectiveness, risk alignment, and culture.

In this session you will learn practical tools to connect compliance and risk to business priorities, clearly communicate in both in-person and digital communication, and strengthen relationships with executive leaders. You will leave with a defined action plan, so your audit function is not just supporting the strategy, but part of the equation.

Objectives & Outcomes:

- Translate compliance and risk into culture-shaping insights that align with organizational priorities
- Assess your individual style and learn how improve clarity, trust, and effectiveness across stakeholder interactions
- Apply techniques to navigate conversations and digital communication with greater clarity, composure, and influence
- Build stronger relationships with executive leadership that position you as a trusted, strategic partner
- Develop an action plan to enhance audit's impact within the organization

Rhonda Travers, CPA, CIA

Rhonda Travers is a leadership development expert, international speaker, and Founder of Travers Training & Consulting, where she works with organizations to strengthen engagement, retention, and communication. As a former audit leader with 30 years of corporate experience, Rhonda brings a unique blend of expertise when delivering practical and proven strategies through people advisory services, leadership workshops, and dynamic speaking programs that ignite teams and drive measurable results. Community involvement is also a core part of Rhonda's leadership philosophy. She has spent over two decades in volunteer leadership roles including the



Institute of Internal Auditors St. Louis Chapter and currently serves on the boards of the National Speakers Association – St. Louis Chapter and the American Club Association – Chesterfield. After earning a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Millikin University, Rhonda completed the Certified Internal Auditor (CIA), Certified Public Accountant (CPA), as well as Master Practitioner and Certified Trainer of Neuro-Linguistic Programming (NLP) certifications. Rhonda is also #1 International Best-Selling contributing author of "Tenacity: The Deconstructing G.R.I.T. Collection" and "Lead Lift and Leave a Legacy: Shining a Light on the Remarkable Journeys of Women Leaders and Their Mentors".

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

2026 SIAAB Training

[October 27-28](#)

8:30 AM – 4:30 PM,
each day

IIA Training

[October 29](#)

1:00 PM – 4:30 PM

For Roundtables, please email Harold.Wagner@ilag.gov to request an invitation.

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

Additionally, the Chapter has decided to co-host an event with multiple other Chapters across the US with Cherry Hill Advisory. They are having their Frontier AI Summit which has a variety of AI related topics and courses on December 8th from 8:00AM to 4:00PM. They have courses running all day and you can get up to 7 NASBA CPE Hours for **FREE!** For more information on this event or to register, visit: https://www.cherryhilladvisory.com/frontier2026?utm_source=iia-springfield.



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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.



(Source: Google Images)

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:

Understanding Global Risk Trends | October 15, 2026 | Virtual

Learn how the global risk environment is converging into three volatile risk areas – cybersecurity, digital disruption, and geopolitical uncertainty. [Risk in Focus 2026/2027 – Understanding Global Risk Trends](#)

2026 IGNITE Conference | Nov. 2-3, 2026 | Washington, DC & Virtual

IGNITE is where emerging audit leaders go from inspiration to action, building the leadership, communication, and risk skills to step into what's next. [2026 IGNITE Conference | Internal Audit Emerging Leaders](#)

AI-Enabled Internal Audit Certificate Program

The AI-Enabled Internal Audit Certificate Program, developed in collaboration between The Institute of Internal Auditors (The IIA) and AI CERTs, is an AI audit certification that equips internal audit professionals to apply artificial intelligence across the full audit lifecycle, from risk assessment and planning through fieldwork, reporting, monitoring, follow-up, and quality review. This program is designed for internal auditors looking to use AI for internal audit work in a structured, standards-aligned way. [AI for Internal Audit Certificate | The IIA](#)



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2026-2027 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

October 27-28 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM	Various Speakers (in person) SIAAB Illinois Government Auditing Conference Register Here	Members \$150 Non-Members \$200
October 29 1:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Rhonda Travers (in person) Compliance, Culture, and Collaboration – Are you part of the Equation? Register Here	Members \$80 Non-Members \$120
December 8	Cherry Hill – Frontier AI Register Here	FREE!
January 27 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Bret Hood Effortless Excuses: How Rationalization Allows You to Justify Bad Behavior (2 hrs) and The Invisible Facade: Enhancing Critical Thinking Skills to Prevent and Detect Hidden Ethical Dilemmas (2 hrs)	Members \$80 Non-Members \$120
January 28 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Harold Silverman Deep Dive over the IIA Topical Requirements	Members \$80 Non-Members \$120
February 24 th 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Toby DeRoche IT General Control session: Access Management, Change Management, Disaster Recovery, and 3rd-party risk and reliance on SOC reports.	Members \$60 Non-Members \$90
February 25 th 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Ken Dieffenbach Grant Fraud and Data Analytics	Members \$60 Non-Members \$90

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Meetings are currently being held remotely for the 2026-2027 Program Year unless otherwise noted.

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Past President Staceyann Cabey-Kaufmann

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