



The Institute of
Internal Auditors
Springfield

Springfield Audit Trails

September 2026

Message from the President

Kayla Routh

Welcome to the new Chapter Year Springfield IIA Members!

I am beyond honored to be serving as President for a third year and can't wait to see what new challenges and exciting opportunities await us. One last special thanks to the two officers who rolled off last year after many years keeping the Chapter in line, Molly Wilcockson and Kristen Drainer. It was such a privilege to serve alongside you.

I am excited to welcome back Angie Bartlett as the Chapter Secretary. After a few years on the Board of Governors, she decided to come back and take on the Secretary role. Additionally, Katrina Woodcock is back as President Elect/Programming Chair with another full slate this year to start us off. I am immensely grateful for how you have found the time to make sure this Chapter is ready to succeed for another year. Lastly, is back as a Co-Treasurer and is keeping us current with our payments. I am happy you all have decided to step back into these roles.

I am also appreciative to have step into one of the Treasurer roles this year and to take on this new opportunity. We also have Matt Ulmer stepping back into a new role as a Governor and Kelly Guerrero coming back after many years away. We also have quite a few new faces on the Board. Please give a warm welcome to Christina Robinson, Trevor Hebert, and Evonne Thompson. We appreciate you wanting to provide this Board with support and potentially move into an Officer role after your term is up. Without all of these people, this Board would not be able to function or put on so many training opportunities, so thank you for your time and your willingness to show up and serve.

Last but certainly not least, I want to thank each of YOU. Our members who make every year a success and make sure this Chapter continues to thrive. If you have anything you want to share, like an important work anniversary, an accomplishment, or something you or your agency is doing to shine a positive light into our community, please let us know and we can feature it in our newsletters. Let's bring on the 2026-2027 Chapter Year!

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Training

September Training

Katrina Woodcock, CPA, CIA

Welcome to another year of IIA programming! 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.**

Wednesday, September 23, 2026 (8:30-12:30): From Death Threats to Data: Fraud, Analytics, AI and the FBI: An Internal Audit Masterclass

Fraud doesn't announce itself. It hides in transaction patterns, buried in data, disguised by complexity. This masterclass brings together forensic audit techniques, advanced data analytics, and artificial intelligence to expose what bad actors are trying to conceal, and what your controls are missing.

Drawing on real-world case studies and investigative methods used by law enforcement, auditors, and forensic specialists, this session shows you how to shift from reactive compliance auditing to proactive fraud detection. You'll learn to recognize the behavioral and analytical red flags that signal fraud, manipulate data at scale to uncover hidden patterns, and leverage AI tools to automate detection and accelerate investigation timelines.

Whether you're investigating embezzlement, procurement fraud, financial statement manipulation, or internal misconduct, the frameworks and techniques in this masterclass give you the edge to catch fraud before it grows and to present findings with forensic-grade certainty.

KEY LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this program, participants will be able to:

- **Recognize red flags and behavioral patterns** associated with common fraud schemes and understand how fraudsters conceal their activity
- **Apply data analytics and AI tools** to detect anomalies, reconstruct timelines, and uncover hidden transactions across large datasets
- **Develop a fraud investigation playbook** for your organization, from planning and scoping to evidence preservation and stakeholder communication

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Thursday, September 24, 2026 (10:00-12:00): Are Technology Ethics Broken?

I am guessing that most of you have at least “observed” the roller coaster of events in “big tech” and “fin tech” in the past few years. Well, hold on tight because you are about to jump on the ride yourself to dissect some of the biggest cases and their ethical implications. To see how the desire for optimization and power have changed our world... for better or worse...

Learning Objective 1: "BROKEN TECH?" Dissect recent ethical failures in Silicon Valley (and beyond) leading to declining trust in big tech, health tech, and fin tech.

Learning Objective 2: "WHAT DRIVES IT" Realize how the drive for optimization, efficiency, money, and power along with algorithms/AI are leading to ethical issues and fraud.

Learning Objective 3: "WHAT CAN WE DO" Appreciate the importance of transparency, ethical testing, and regulations in new technologies, like Artificial Intelligence.

Amanda “Jo” Erven, CPA, CIA, CFE, CTQA



HIGHER EDUCATION PROFESSOR | INTERNAL AUDIT STRATEGIST | ETHICS & CULTURE CONSULTANT | CPE TRAINER/KEYNOTE SPEAKER/AUTHOR

Jo is the President and Founder of Audit. Consulting. Education. LLC., a firm specializing in progressive internal audit, risk, and ethics consulting along with providing impactful CPE courses to organizations. Jo is also a full-time, accounting faculty member at Metropolitan State University of Denver as well as the Director of Internal Audit Education for the University. As Director, Jo is actively developing and marketing an undergraduate and graduate Risk Assurance and Advisory certificate for students.

Jo pushes the envelope of traditional assurance and advising practices. She believes internal auditors should no longer be reactive and should focus on proactive, real value-add activities. Her trademarked approach to internal audit, Total Quality Auditing® (TQA) was published in both book and workbook format.

She provides in-person and virtual TQA trainings and developed a Certified Total Quality Auditor (CTQA) designation that has been earned by internal auditors across the globe.

Personally, Jo is known for her proactive nature as well. After finding out she was positive for the breast and ovarian cancer gene mutation (BRCA1), Jo underwent multiple preventative surgeries. She believes knowledge is power and encourages others to take action in their personal lives. Jo's second book, *Your Road. Your Choices.*, begins with a look at her story and exploring how we can each choose to embrace adversity. She delivers keynote presentations on our life choices, which have been called an “epic experience.”

Jo's third book, *Becoming The Everyday Ethicist: Doing Things the Right Way the First Time*, is based on her personal and professional life experiences as well as her ethics research and studies. Jo is passionate about ethics and all her presentations provide individuals with the keys to living an ethical life, show leaders how to display integrity and earn trust, and demonstrate the importance of ethics (and ethics monitoring by Internal Auditors) in all organizations.

Jo's motto says the most about her personal and professional outlook: "Good things come to those who wait... but don't. You deserve better than good." Every one of her books and presentations focuses on that proactive stance, and how we can immediately connect our actions to our values. She can't wait to share her motto and MORE with you and your group!

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

Fraud topics*

[September 23](#)

8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Technology Ethics

[September 24](#)

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

You may pay with a credit card.

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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 Enterprise Risk Management Virtual Conference | September 8, 2026 | 9:00 am – 5:00 pm ET | Virtual

Internal auditors won't want to miss the 2026 Enterprise Risk Management Virtual Conference — an essential event designed to elevate your role in risk oversight, compliance, and strategic advisory. With expert-led discussions, real-world case studies, and insights grounded in The IIA's Three Lines Model, this conference delivers practical ERM strategies to help you stay ahead in today's evolving risk landscape. [2026 Risk Management Virtual Conference](#)

Govern Risk at the Speed of Change | Sep 24, 2026 | 12:00 PM – 3:30 PM ET | Webinar

This three-part webinar series is designed to help internal auditors, audit leaders, risk professionals, and governance stakeholders respond to today's most consequential challenges as risks escalate faster, regulatory expectations intensify, and boards demand clearer, more actionable insight into how governance, risk, and compliance function in practice. [Beyond Traditional GRC: Governing Risk in a Faster Than Response World \(Live Encore Event\)](#)

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](#)



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2026-2027 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

September 23 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Harold Silverman/Cherry Hill Advisory From Death Threats to Data: Fraud, Analytics, AI and the FBI: An Internal Audit Masterclass Register Here	Members \$65 Non-Members \$85
September 24 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Amanda Jo Erven Technology Ethics Register Here	Members \$40 Non-Members \$80
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
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

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

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