



ANNUAL REPORT

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IIA Baton Rouge

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TO OUR MEMBERS

Letter from the President

Dear Members of the Baton Rouge Chapter of the IIA,

As I reflect on my term as your President for 2025-2026, my heart is filled with immense gratitude and pride for all we have accomplished together. It has been an honor and a privilege to lead such a vibrant and engaged community of internal audit professionals. Following our monumental 50th Anniversary celebration last year, we have spent this term building upon that incredible foundation, ensuring our chapter remains a premier hub for professional growth and community in our region.

Our success is a testament to your dedication and active participation. We saw continued momentum and widespread positive feedback across our key initiatives. Our collaboration with the LSU CIA & CRM Annual Conference remains a cornerstone of professional development, once again drawing over 125 attendees for two days of high-impact learning and networking. The Jazz Up Internal Audit Seminar, held in partnership with the New Orleans chapter, continues to be a highlight of our calendar, providing valuable CPEs and fostering meaningful relationships across the state. From our Spring Social at Superior Grill to our various technical sessions, the energy and engagement from our members have been truly inspiring.

Your voice truly matters, and I am thrilled to report that our member satisfaction remains exceptionally high, with over 90% of you expressing satisfaction with the chapter's performance. This feedback drives our efforts to continuously improve. Our community also continues to expand. We have seen our membership grow from 460 to 475 members, a clear sign of the value and relevance of our chapter. Furthermore, I am proud to announce that through your hard work and commitment, we have once again achieved Gold Status in the Chapter Achievement Program (CAP).

I want to extend my deepest gratitude to the incredible officers and board members for their tireless dedication. Your stewardship and the countless hours spent behind the scenes have been instrumental in our achievements. It has been a pleasure to serve alongside such committed professionals.

As I transition into the second year of my term as President, I am excited to see the continued evolution of our chapter. I have full confidence that our incoming leadership will continue to strive toward even greater heights. I look forward to seeing us surpass that 500-member milestone and witnessing the expansion of new opportunities for our members to connect and volunteer.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you. It has been a truly rewarding experience.

Warm regards,
Meghan Gandy
President, IIA Baton Rouge Chapter

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 2025-2026 fiscal year was a period of significant achievement and growth for the IIA Baton Rouge Chapter. The chapter successfully delivered high-quality educational and networking programs, achieving a Gold status in the Chapter Achievement Program. Key highlights include:

- a successful Fall Conference with LSU CIA & CRM,
- a thriving Jazz Up Internal Audit Seminar,
- steady membership growth, and
- strong member satisfaction rates.

The chapter also actively engaged in advocacy efforts and continued to support member certifications. The infographics below highlight some of the key achievements from our Last Chapter Year.

A Year in Review

"Building on our monumental 50th Anniversary, this past year in our 51st year has been defined by continued professional excellence and unprecedented chapter achievement. To witness another year of dedication and maintain our Gold CAP status, while achieving a full 100% member satisfaction rate, is truly a testament to the enduring strength of our community."

- Meghan Gandy, President, 2025-2026

51

Years

100%

Member
Satisfaction

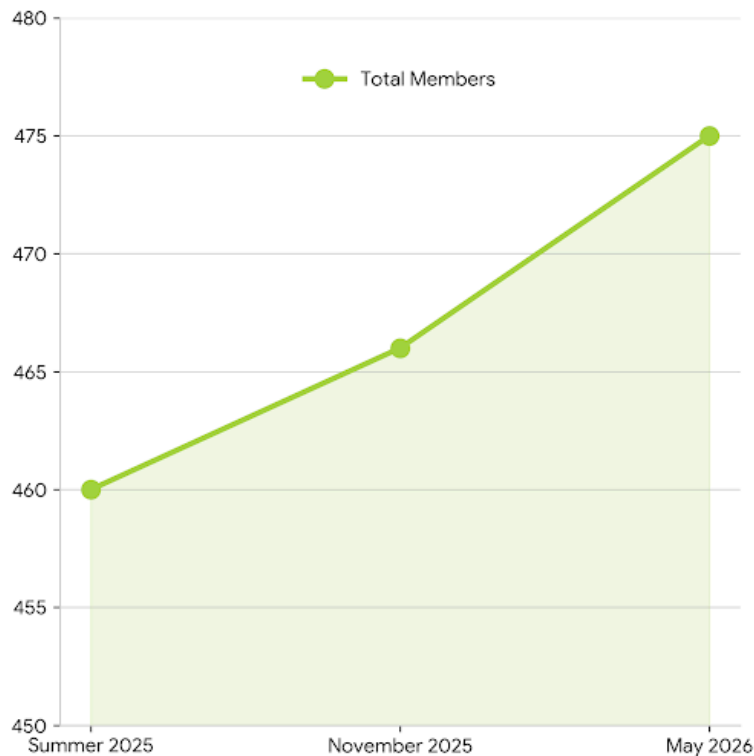
120+

Fall Conference
Attendees

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

Membership Growth

The chapter experienced consistent, steady growth, increasing its membership from 460 to 475 members during the year. This demonstrates a strong and growing community of internal audit professionals in the Baton Rouge area.



Chapter Achievement Program (CAP) Status

The IIA Baton Rouge Chapter proudly maintained its Gold Status in the Chapter Achievement Program for 2025-2026, recognizing its excellence in chapter management and member service.

Educational Programs

- Fall Seminar with LSU CIA & CRM: This annual conference was a significant success, attracting 125 attendees, providing valuable insights and CPE credits.
- Jazz Up Internal Audit Seminar: The third annual seminar, held in May in collaboration with the New Orleans chapter, continued its success, offering engaging sessions and networking opportunities.
- Diverse Learning Opportunities: The chapter promoted various virtual seminars and ISACA events throughout the year to support continuous professional development.

Networking Events

The Spring Social in March at Superior Grill provided a relaxed environment for members to connect and build relationships.

Certifications

The chapter celebrated members who successfully passed the Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) exam and promoted resources to support members in their certification journeys. We also began to celebrate the newest IIA designation, the Internal Audit Practitioner (IAP) by sending recipients emails to recognize their achievement.

Advocacy

The chapter continued to participate in the IIA's program for advocacy, with the aim to engage with members of congress to further the internal audit profession.

IIA Baton Rouge Distinguished Auditor Award

As part of our annual spring celebration, we presented Distinguished Instructor, Lydia Lafleur, of Louisiana State University with our third annual Distinguished Auditor Award.

CELEBRATING OUR IMPACT

Legacy

The chapter celebrated 51 years of growth, learning, and community building throughout 2025-2026.

Fall Conference with LSUCIA&CRM



Distinguished Auditor Award Night/Spring Social



Leadership Academy in Orlando, Florida



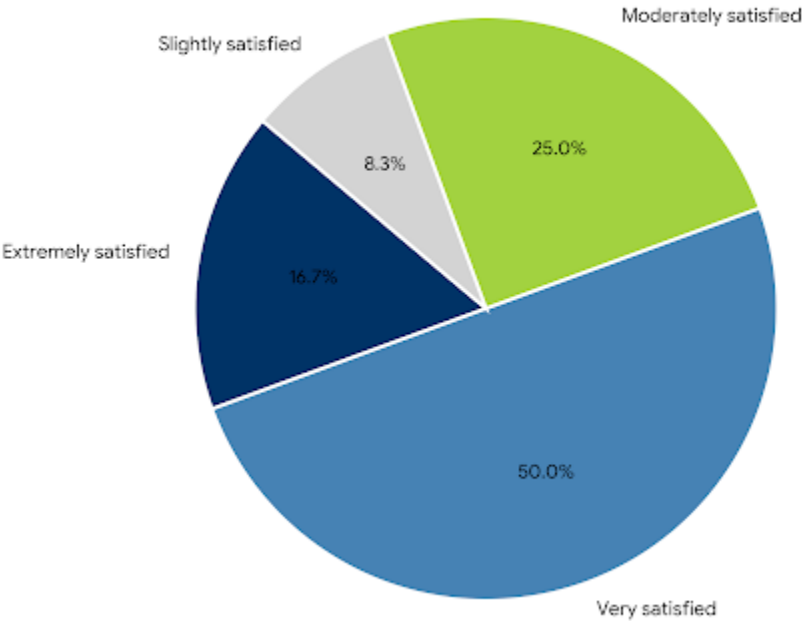
Spring Jazz Up Internal Audit Seminar



MEMBER SATISFACTION

Overall Satisfaction

100% respondents were satisfied with the chapter's performance



The chapter satisfied member expectations across the core survey sentiment brackets:

Extremely Satisfied: 16.7% (2 respondents)

Very Satisfied: 50.0% (6 respondents)

Moderately/Slightly Satisfaction: 33.3% (4 respondents)

We are dedicated to continuous improvement and so we will always be open to ideas and insights that could bring more value to our members so please continue to share your thoughts with us.

LEADERSHIP AND VOLUNTEERS

The 2025-2026 year saw dedicated leadership from the chapter's officers and board members. Their collective efforts in planning events, managing operations, and engaging with members were crucial to the chapter's achievements. The chapter continues to encourage member involvement through various volunteer opportunities. Ask us how you can help!

A heartfelt thank you goes out to those who contributed to the chapter's success this year:

- Anteja Black Becton
- Aaron LaHood
- David White
- Deneen Richard
- Kristie Wilkerson
- Kristin Bourque
- Nargiz Ibrahim
- Nicole Kottenbrook
- Brayden Simmons
- Teresa Broussard
- Will Gould
- Kailey Armbruster
- Molly Grant

FUTURE OUTLOOK

Letter from the Board

Dear Members of the Baton Rouge Chapter of the IIA,

This fall, we're kicking off the 2026–2027 season with our flagship Fall Conference, scheduled for September 14 - 15, 2026 at the Lauberge Hotel in Baton Rouge, in collaboration with LSU's CIA & CRM program. This two-day event will combine insightful CPE sessions with vibrant networking opportunities, and we can't wait to see you there. Throughout the year, we'll also host a variety of networking events—from informal mixers to structured mentor meetups—alongside member-exclusive CPE webinars and workshops designed to support your professional growth. Stay tuned for our full calendar of events rolling out soon. I'm especially grateful to our chapter leaders—our officers, board members, and executive team—whose dedication behind the scenes keeps our organization thriving. From event planning to member outreach, your countless volunteer hours make everything possible. Thank you for your commitment and passion.

Additionally, we continue to affirm our support for the IIA PAC campaign, championed by IIA President & CEO Anthony Pugliese. This initiative helps amplify our collective voice in Washington to advocate for the internal audit profession's advancement. I invite each of you to embrace this year's mission—attend events, volunteer, share ideas, and connect with peers.

Warm regards,

IIA Baton Rouge Chapter Board