

Capital City Newsletter

June – August 2026



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Meghan Gandy

Hello All,

We hope your summer has been a good one! It has been a busy and exciting few months for the chapter as we build toward our biggest event of the year.

Our **Annual Fall LSUCIACRM & IIABR Conference** is nearly here — **September 14-15 at L'Auberge Casino Hotel** in Baton Rouge. We have an outstanding lineup of speakers across a wide range of industries, and we cannot wait to see everyone there.

Please register by September 4th so we can finalize our headcount. Throughout the summer we also offered a full slate of free member webinars, and we look forward to keeping that momentum going this fall.

Thank you for staying engaged with our chapter!

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Annual Fall LSUCIACRM & IIABR Conference

Monday & Tuesday, September 14–15, 2026

L'Auberge Casino Hotel — Baton Rouge, LA

Join us for our biggest event of the year, featuring a unique variety of speakers across a wide range of industries. Register early — we need our final headcount by **September 4th**.

[Register for the Fall Conference](#)

Join Us After Day One!

AFTER DAY ONE

HAPPY HOUR AT EDGE

Monday, September 14 | 4:30 – 6:30 PM

Edge Social Music Lounge · L'Auberge Casino & Hotel

Must be 21+ to enter



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Baton Rouge



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IIA Baton Rouge + LSU CIA&CRM Annual Conference 2026

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Wind down after the first day of the conference with fellow auditors at the Edge Social Music Lounge. Complimentary for conference attendees — must be 21+ to enter.

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Over the past three months, the IIA offered a strong slate of live webinars — all free for IIA members and eligible for CPE credit. Here's a look back at the sessions our members could attend across June, July, and August. Full course descriptions and upcoming September sessions are available on the IIA website.

June 2026

Internal Audit in a Shifting Landscape: Navigating Geopolitical Developments

June 25, 2026 • [1 CPE](#)

July 2026

COSO Corporate Governance Framework

July 1, 2026 • [1 CPE](#)

Building a Culture of Psychological Safety to Reduce Turnover

July 8, 2026 • [1 CPE](#)

Public Sector Internal Audit: Risk in Procurement

July 24, 2026 • [1.5 CPE](#)

Visualization Best Practices for Internal Auditors

July 30, 2026 • [1 CPE](#)

August 2026

Internal Audit's Role in ESG & Sustainability Reporting

August 11, 2026 • [1 CPE](#)

Navigating Emerging AI Risks in Internal Audit

August 18, 2026 • [1 CPE](#)

Fraud Detection and Prevention Strategies for 2026

August 25, 2026 • [1.5 CPE](#)

Continuous Auditing: Leveraging Data Analytics

August 27, 2026 • [1 CPE](#)

Keep an eye out for September webinar sessions — registration is required, but sessions are free for IIA members. View and register on the IIA website.



Fall Conference Speaker Lineup

We're ecstatic to share this year's lineup of topics and speakers at the Annual Fall LSUCIACRM & IIABR Conference. We'll continue posting more about each session as we get closer — we can't wait to see everyone there!

Soft Skills and Leadership

Anteja Black Becton — EFCU Financial

Process Excellence, Data Governance & Strategy-Driven Audit Plan

April Wiley & Nathan Labat — Community Coffee

Practical Uses of AI

Liam Collins — TorviaAI

How Internal Audit Can Drive Consistency and Trust with AI

JT Erwin — First Horizon Bank

Strengthening Internal Audits: IIA Topical Requirements

Jude Viator — EisnerAmper

ESG

R. Charles Waring — EisnerAmper

Hiring and Talent Management

Jim Schneider — Personnel Consulting Group

AI Risk Landscape

Amanda Tucker — BCBS Association

PowerBI Tips and Tricks

Zack King — Community Coffee

A Fun SURPRISE Interactive Session

Chad Bourque — Gallagher

Don't miss it — September 14–15 at L'Auberge Casino Hotel in Baton Rouge. Register by September 4th to be counted in our final headcount.

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Your IIA Membership Benefits

Not a member yet, or wondering what your membership includes? IIA membership gives you the expertise, insights, training, and community to advance your career and lead with confidence. Here's a look at what's included for members in the U.S., Canada, and the Caribbean.

Learning & CPEs

- 180+ included CPE hours
- 70+ OnDemand courses
- Ethics training
- ERM & Fraud virtual conferences
- Member-exclusive webinars

Certificates & Certification Renewal

- Included professional certificate programs
- CIA & IAP renewal fees waived
- Member pricing on exam registration

Insights & Emerging Trends

- Internal Auditor magazine & blog
- All Things Internal Audit podcast
- AI insights
- Executive thought leadership

Standards, Tools & Guidance

- The IPPF & Global Internal Audit Standards
- Member-exclusive tools, templates & workbooks
- Global Practice Guides
- Topical requirement user guides

Career Growth & Community

- IIA Career Center & job board
- Leadership development resources
- Local chapter community
- Volunteer opportunities

Member Savings

- Discounts on certifications & exam prep
- Discounts on conferences & events
- Discounts on the IIA Bookstore
- Member pricing on chapter events

Individual membership starts at \$290/year, with reduced rates for public sector, educators, and students.

[Learn more & join at theiia.org/membership](https://theiia.org/membership)



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for their generous support as a sponsor of the IIA Baton Rouge chapter. Their commitment helps make our conferences, seminars, and member programming possible throughout the year. We are grateful for their continued partnership with our internal audit community.

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Partner with IIA Baton Rouge

Is your company interested in supporting the largest gathering of internal audit professionals in the Capital Region? Sponsorship is a great way to raise your organization's visibility, connect with local audit and risk professionals, and support the growth of the profession.

Sponsors gain exposure at our Annual Fall Conference and chapter events, recognition in our communications, and direct access to a growing network of members across banking, government, healthcare, energy, and public accounting.

Become a Sponsor

Companies in the Baton Rouge area interested in sponsorship opportunities are invited to reach out to us at chapter121president@iiachaptercommunications.org. We would be glad to share our sponsorship prospectus and discuss the options that best fit your organization.



Our chapter is powered by its members. Whether you have news to share, want to promote a role on your team, or are looking for training opportunities, we want to hear from you and help spread the word across the IIA Baton Rouge community.

Share Your Updates with the Chapter!

Have job postings, local training opportunities, or news to share with our members? Email us at chapter121president@iiachaptercommunications.org, and we'll include it in an upcoming post.

Stay Connected

Follow IIA Baton Rouge on LinkedIn for the latest chapter updates, event reminders, speaker spotlights, and CPE opportunities delivered throughout the year.

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Thank you for being an active part of our IIA Baton Rouge community. Stay connected, stay engaged, and we look forward to seeing you at the Fall Conference!