



# The Institute of Internal Auditors

Ozarks

## President's Message

As we wrap up the year, I want to extend heartfelt thanks to our members, volunteers, speakers, and partners for the energy and dedication you've poured into the Ozarks Chapter. Your engagement—whether by sharing ideas, attending events, or mentoring others—continues to strengthen our local internal audit community.

I'd also like to offer special recognition to Clayton Goodyear for his outstanding effort this year. Clayton took the initiative to implement and master a new system for member communications, event promotion and registration, helping us streamline outreach and make it easier for our community to connect and learn. Thank you, Clayton, for your persistence, professionalism, and commitment to service.

On behalf of the Board, I wish each of you a joyful holiday season and a bright start to the New Year. We look forward to bringing you timely programming, opportunities to earn CPE, and more chances to collaborate across the Ozarks in the year ahead. We hope that you'll join us for our next in-person event on February 12th at Elliott Robinson. Keep your eyes out for registration emails that will be coming soon!

Warmest wishes,

Natalie B. McNish,  
Ozarks Chapter President

## Topical Requirements Updates

On December 15th, the IIA released the final version of the Topical Requirements for Organizational Behavior. These requirements will go into effect on December 15, 2026 and you can access these requirements at: <https://www.theiia.org/en/standards/2024-standards/topical-requirements/organizational-behavior/>.

Additionally, the Cybersecurity Topical Requirements that were announced earlier this year go into effect on February 5, 2026. You can brush up on these requirements at:

<https://www.theiia.org/en/standards/2024-standards/topical-requirements/cybersecurity/>

The IIA will be conducting two webinars on January 28, 2026 on the application of Topical Requirements, you can register for them at: <https://www.theiia.org/en/products/learning-solutions/webinar/topical-requirements-a-deep-dive-on-application-and-current-releases/>

| Membership Anniversaries                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | New Chapter Members                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| <p><b><u>10 Years</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ryan Ferrier - Leggett &amp; Platt</li><li>• Teri Griot - Associated Electric Cooperative Inc.</li><li>• Lixin Zi - Leggett &amp; Platt</li></ul> <p><b><u>15 Years</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jessica Goodrich—Great Southern Bank</li></ul> <p><b><u>20 Years</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Krystal Kauffman - QCR Holdings Inc.</li></ul> <p><b><u>35 Years</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sherry Chamberlin</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• James Kayser - Missouri State Auditor's Office</li><li>• Karcee McFarlin - Missouri State University</li><li>• Lowell Cox - Associated Electric Cooperative Inc.</li><li>• Jordan Reynolds - American National Insurance</li><li>• Joshua Tips - Missouri State University</li><li>• Kayla Spencer - Great Southern Bank</li><li>• Jenny Swensen - State of Missouri</li></ul> |

**Fraud Virtual Conference**  
13+ CPEs  
February 17, 2026  
Navigating the Fraud Threatscape  
IIA

**GAMI**  
Great Audit Minds Conference  
15.6 CPES  
Topics Include AI and Audit Innovation  
Explore the Program ►  
March 9–11 · Las Vegas  
theiia.org/GAM

**transform Internal Audit**  
SINGAPORE  
22 - 24 JUNE, 2026  
IIA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Connect with the Ozarks IIA Chapter on [LinkedIn](#)



## Upcoming Training Opportunities

### IIA Ozarks Chapter Events:

See the following flyer from the Programs Committee for upcoming local events

### Offerings through theIIA.org:

|           |                                                                                                                                |         |                                   |
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| 1/13/2026 | <b>Kindness as Infrastructure: Strengthening Ethical Auditing and Kind Communications in Governance</b><br>Free Member Webinar | Virtual | 1 hour CPE<br>11:00 AM – 12:00 PM |
| 1/14/2026 | <b>Quality Assessment Challenges and Opportunities: 2026 &amp; Beyond</b><br>Free Member Webinar                               | Virtual | 1.5 hours CPE<br>10:00 – 11:30 AM |
| 1/15/2026 | <b>The Future Ain't What It Used to Be: Navigating Stakeholder Relationships With Authenticity</b><br>Free Member Webinar      | Virtual | 1 hour CPE<br>11:00 AM – 12:00 PM |
| 1/22/2026 | <b>Ahead of the Curve: Emerging Cyber Risks Every Internal Auditor Should Expect in 2026</b><br>Free Member Webinar            | Virtual | 1 hour CPE<br>11:00 AM – 12:00 PM |
| 1/22/2026 | <b>Enhancing Collaboration with Government Audit Committees</b><br>Free Member Webinar                                         | Virtual | 1 hour CPE<br>11:00 AM – 12:00 PM |
| 1/29/2026 | <b>AI-Powered Auditing: Enhancing Efficiency, Accuracy and Insight</b><br>Free Member Webinar                                  | Virtual | 1 hour CPE<br>11:00 AM – 12:00 PM |

Visit <https://www.theiia.org/en/learning/online/webinars/> to get  
the latest schedule of upcoming webinars and watch  
archived webinars.



**MARK  
YOUR  
CALENDARS!**

# IIA OZARKS CHAPTER EVENTS SCHEDULE



**8/28/2025**

**Speaker Name:** Ted Flom—Armanino Advisory LLC  
**Topic:** IA and Cybersecurity  
**Event Type:** *In Person—2 hours CPE*  
**Location:** Elliott Robinson 2305 S Blackman Rd Springfield MO 65809



**10/9/2025**

**Speaker Name:** Alisha Campbell—IRS  
**Topic:** About the IRS & Embezzlement Cases  
**Event Type:** *In Person—2 hours CPE*  
**Location:** Elliott Robinson 2305 S Blackman Rd Springfield MO 65809



**11/20/2025**

**Speaker Name:** Jeremy Clopton—Upstream Academy  
**Topic:** The Upstream Growth Triangle; Key Elements for Personal Growth  
**Event Type:** *In Person—2 hours CPE*  
**Location:** Elliott Robinson 2305 S Blackman Rd Springfield MO 65809



**12/10/2025**

**Speaker Name:** Willis Burke—Agile-IA  
**Topic:** Agile Auditing  
**Event Type:** *WEBINAR—1.5 hours CPE*



**January 2026**

## **No Meeting**

**2/12/2026**

**Speaker Name:** Meredith Roberts—CFO—Associated Electric Cooperative Inc.  
**Topic:** Financial storytelling: Help the business understand what the numbers really say  
**Event Type:** *In Person—2 hours CPE*  
**Location:** Elliott Robinson 2305 S Blackman Rd Springfield MO 65809

**3/12/026**  
**All Day  
Conference**

**All Day Conference-Keynote:**  
**Stephanie O'Connor, City Utilities**  
**See separate flyer**

**4/24/26**

**Speaker Name:** Tim Garrison—Former United States Attorney, , Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps  
**Topic:** Ethics  
**Event Type:** *In Person—2 hours CPE*  
**Location:** Elliott Robinson 2305 S Blackman Rd Springfield MO 65809

*More details and scheduled events to come!*

*Be sure to check your inbox for important updates and details about upcoming events, news, and exclusive member opportunities.*