



# The Institute of Internal Auditors

Ozarks

## President's Message

I am honored and excited to serve as your new President. I would like to begin by expressing my heartfelt gratitude to Linden Ballard, our immediate past President, for his exceptional leadership, unwavering dedication, and continued presence within our chapter. Linden's contributions have set a high standard, and I am committed to building upon this strong foundation.

I encourage all members to actively participate in our upcoming events. These gatherings are invaluable opportunities for professional growth, networking, and collaboration. I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to Rachel Simons for her significant contributions to our chapter and the field of internal auditing. Rachel's efforts in developing networking and educational opportunities have greatly enriched our chapter and its membership.

As we navigate the ever-changing risk landscape, it is crucial that we remain vigilant and proactive. Our role as internal auditors is to help strengthen our organizations and ensure they are resilient in the face of emerging risks. I urge each of you to embrace this challenge with courage and intentionality.

Together, we can achieve great things and continue to advance the field of internal auditing.

Thank you for your support and commitment.

Sincerely,

Natalie McNish

Ozarks Chapter President

## Topical Requirements: Organizational Behavior

The IIA has released the draft topical requirements for Organizational Behavior and is now accepting public feedback on the draft requirements. You can read the draft and access a survey to provide feedback by visiting: <https://www.theiia.org/en/standards/2024-standards/topical-requirements/public-comment-period/> before August 22nd. Feedback will inform the final requirements, which are expected to be issued by Q4 of 2025. The IIA will also hold a webinar on August 6th covering the draft requirements.

### New Chapter Members

- Ryan Storey - Great Southern Bank
- Isaac Turner - Associated Electric Cooperative

### Membership Anniversaries

#### 5 Years

- Ronald Bennett - Associated Electric Cooperative
- Seneca Berry - Great Southern Bank
- Colleen Fairbairn- Great Southern Bank
- Melissa Rowden - Associated Electric Cooperative

#### 35 Years

- Jeff Powell - O'Reilly Hospitality Management



### 2025 Annual Report

- As of June 30th, we had 129 members
- 42 of our members held certifications as of June 30th
- 13 members of the chapter are serving on the Board or a committee
- Over the last year we held 9 chapter training events, offering 16.5 CPE hours
- We held a membership appreciation event last summer at the Springfield Cardinals game.
- The chapter provided panelists to promote the profession to Auditing Class at Missouri State University for Fall and Spring semesters
- We partnered with local ISACA chapter to bring a Fall seminar and with the Topeka chapter for a webinar in February
- We donated \$250 to the IIA Research Foundation
- We sponsored IIA membership for a local educator

## 2025 IGNITE Conference

Where Internal Audit Leaders Emerge  
October 6 - 8, 2025 | Las Vegas, NV

Have a job opening that you'd like to list in the quarterly newsletter? Send the details to [chapter232@iiachaptercommunications.org](mailto:chapter232@iiachaptercommunications.org).

Next expected publication date: September 30,

Connect with the Ozarks IIA Chapter on





# Upcoming Training Opportunities

## IIA Ozarks Chapter Events:

8/28/2025      **Ted Flom - Armanino Advisory LLC**      In-Person at Elliott, Robinson & Co.  
                     **Topic TBD**

Our programming team is putting together a great slate of trainings for this year, so keep an eye out for registration emails and updates on our upcoming events!

## Offerings through theIIA.org:

7/30/2025	<b>Visualization Best Practices for Internal Auditors</b> Free Member Webinar	Virtual	1 hour CPE 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
7/31/2025	<b>Introducing the new Internal Auditing Competency Framework</b> Free Member Webinar	Virtual	1 hour CPE 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
8/6/2025	<b>Topical Requirement: Organizational Behavior</b> Free Member Webinar	Virtual	1 hour CPE 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
8/7/2025	<b>Insights into the Perspectives of the Next Generation</b> Free Member Webinar	Virtual	1 hour CPE 11:00 AM – 12:00PM
8/12/2025	<b>Perform a Life Audit</b> Free Member Webinar	Virtual	1 hour CPE 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
8/26/2025	<b>Modern Compliance: Using Continuous Monitoring to Lower Costs and Boost Confidence</b> Free Member Webinar	Virtual	1 hour CPE 11:00 AM – 12:00PM