



The Institute of Internal Auditors

Ozarks

President's Message

Greetings,

You have spoken and we are listening! We have made great strides in our effort to increase the amount of CPE and live events offered to our membership.

It's been a productive quarter. During the first quarter of this calendar year, our chapter hosted 4 events, each of which received very positive feedback.

We appreciate the efforts of those on our Programs committee who have worked hard to bring more educational and networking opportunities. We do hope to see you at one of our upcoming events.

I'm also excited to announce that our nominating committee has compiled an incredible slate of officers and chairs for FY26. These professionals come from a variety of backgrounds and experiences and will serve our chapter well.

Finally, I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for allowing me to serve as chapter President for the past two years. At the end of May, Natalie McNish will be stepping into this role and will do a phenomenal job! I'm grateful to have been able to work alongside Natalie and the many other wonderful people who contribute so much to this chapter.

I'm convinced that the best and brightest days of this chapter are ahead of us!

Sincerely,

Linden Ballard

Ozarks Chapter President

New Chapter Members	2025 Officer Elections
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Walraven - Synchrony Financial • June Middleton - Jack Henry • Aubrey Vaughan - Missouri State University • Hayden Simmer - Missouri State University • Isabella Kofie - Missouri State University • Rosy Len - Missouri State University • Amy Chen - Missouri State University • Rosceal Gonzales - Missouri State University • Joel Koenig - Missouri State University • Zackarie Weber - Missouri State University • Eli Potter - Missouri State University • Nichola Leuebbering - Missouri State University • Taylor Thompson - Missouri State University • Maddie Hoffmeyer - Missouri State University • Maegan Dillon - Missouri State University • Hannah Probst - Missouri State University 	<p>Polls are currently open for the 2025-2026 Chapter Leadership positions. You have until Friday, April 4th to submit your votes! Look for an email from the chapter with the subject "Ozarks IIA - 2025 Board Member Elections" and submit your votes on the following proposed slate of candidates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President: Natalie McNish, CGAP - Missouri State University • Vice-President/President Elect: Aaron Allen - Mercy Health • Secretary: Kari Wooderson - KPM CPA • Treasurer: Matthew Spaccamonti, CIA - Associated Electric Cooperative Inc. • CAP/Nominating Chair: Linden Ballard, CIA - Jack Henry & Associates, Inc. • Specialty Chair: Cristal Sartin - Cox Health • Social Media Chair: Teri Griot, CIA - Associated Electric Cooperative Inc. • EMT Chair: CJ Goodyear - Jack Henry & Associates, Inc. • Programs Co-Chairs: Rachel Simons, CIA, CRMA - Cox Health & Aaron Allen - Mercy Health • Certification Chair: Kari Wooderson - KPM CPA • Membership Co-Chairs: Avery Hudson, CIA, CRMA - American AgCredit & Caleb Fare - Cox Health • Academic Relations Chair: Grant Jones - Missouri State University • Audit Committee Members: Stephanie Joplin, CIA - Herschend Family Entertainment & Toni Zan - Missouri State University
<h3 data-bbox="232 1249 766 1297">Membership Anniversaries</h3> <p data-bbox="207 1354 311 1381"><u>10 Years</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garry Avery - Great Southern Bank • Charla Berry - Great Southern Bank • Kevin Curtis - Leggett & Platt • Kaycia Frieden - Leggett & Platt <p data-bbox="207 1612 311 1640"><u>15 Years</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Flower - First American Title Insurance Co. 	<p data-bbox="824 1753 1421 1789">Connect with the Ozarks IIA Chapter on</p> 
<p data-bbox="198 1747 730 1843">Have a job opening that you'd like to list in the quarterly newsletter? Send the details to chapter232@iiachaptercommunications.org.</p> <p data-bbox="198 1873 750 1900">Next expected publication date: June 30th, 2025</p>	

Internal Audit Awareness Month



May is **Internal Audit Month**, and it's time for the people inside every successful organization to stand out.

Learn More.



We know you perform some of the most unheralded, yet vital, work year-round, but May is the best month to let the world know about it. Celebrate Internal Audit Month by hosting an event, sharing thought leadership, or inspiring the next generation of auditors. There are as many ways to inspire and inform as there are days in May.

Keep your eyes out for special offers from the IIA during the month of May, including the opportunity to accelerate your success for less with 25% off new applications and exam registration fees for the Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) and Certification in Risk Management Assurance (CRMA) designations. The new Becker CIA Exam Review is 25% off through May. Learn more by visiting:

<https://www.theiia.org/en/promotions/Accelerate-for-less/>



Upcoming Training Opportunities

IIA Ozarks Chapter Events:

4/23/2025	Ethics with Mike Wolfe	In-Person at Elliot Robinson
5/28/2025	People Management with Delaney Yokum	In-Person at Abacus
6/11/2025	Ask Questions with IIA HQ Speaker	Virtual
7/23/2025	Working Genius with Becky Phipps	In-Person at Abacus
8/28/2025	Topic TBD with Ted Flom	In-Person at Abacus

Keep an eye out for registration emails and updates on local chapter events!

Offerings through theIIA.org:

4/3/2025	Digitally Transforming Internal Audit to Drive Smarter Audits Free Member Webinar	Virtual	1 hour CPE 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
4/8/2025	How to Build a Business Case for Internal Audit & Risk Management Software Free Member Webinar	Virtual	1 hour CPE 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
5/8/2025	Maximizing Your Expertise: Leveraging IIA Resources to Navigate Current Challenges Free Member Webinar	Virtual	1 hour CPE 11:00 – 12:00PM
6/4/2025	Visualization Best Practices For Internal Auditors Free Member Webinar	Virtual	1 hour CPE 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.

Upcoming IIA Conferences

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