



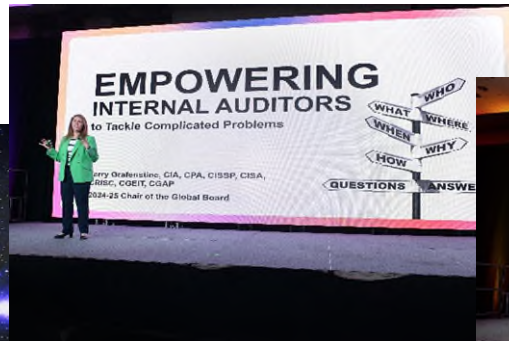
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Chapter Newsletter

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President's Message

Did you know that June 1st represents a new Chapter year for IIA Houston? I'll admit I did not until becoming more involved in the Chapter several years ago. I mention it because the new Chapter year marks a transition to newly elected Officer and Board of Governor members and we want to thank a few individuals for their contributions. Sarah Kuhn, Chad Cranford, and John Lodde have transitioned out of their Officer positions and have each left their positions in a much better place than they found them – thank you! We would also like to thank Romy Jaleel-Kahn for his many contributions as both an Officer and Board of Governor Member for many years – Romy has been an IIA Houston all-star. Jacki Fisher has also transitioned from the Board of Governors and we thank her for her contributions to the Chapter as well. We would also like to welcome Jonathan Corona, Ricardo Mago, Naomi Pipes, Terry Register, Jose Quintana to their new Officer positions. And last, we appreciate the willingness of Amanda Lobin, Natalie Kaiser, John Robert, and Darren Shade to add to an already impressive Board of Governors. We are excited for the new Chapter year!



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Social Media

Follow our IIA Houston Chapter's Official LinkedIn site by logging into LinkedIn, searching for "The Institute of Internal Auditors - Houston Chapter," and clicking on the "Follow" button.



Chapter News

Upcoming Events

June Webinar – Artificial Intelligence and Internal Audit– 1 CPE Hour

Virtual | June 10, 2025 | 12:00pm – 1:00pm

This training program aims to build a foundational understanding of AI and its applications, equip participants with skills to audit AI systems effectively, and explore integrating AI into internal audit functions.

[Register Here](#)

Call for Volunteers

Houston Chapter Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteering is a great way to contribute to both your personal and Chapter's success – it expands your professional and personal network, provides development opportunities in skills such as project management, communication, and leadership, provides better job prospect, and adds fun to your years!! Many volunteer positions only require an hour or two each month, and some can be broken down into smaller tasks requiring even less!

Email us at membership@houstoniia.org if you would like to volunteer!

Job Postings

American National – Senior Auditor – [Apply here](#)

Calpine – Lead Auditor – [Apply here](#)

Golden Pass LNG – Senior Auditor – [Apply here](#)

Volunteer Spotlight

Deanna Sullivan is honored to serve as the Houston IIA Chapter Annual Conference Chair. She has held various officer, committee, and board positions within the Houston IIA chapter. Deanna also served at the IIA Headquarters level on the Academic Relations, Nominating, Educational Products, and International Conference Committees. Deanna has led sessions around the world with programs focusing on ethics, fraud, communications, and leadership development. She also facilitates courses for the IIA's On-Site Training and is often their Featured Instructor. As founder of Sullivan Solutions, Deanna draws on decades of experience in auditing, accounting, and global risk consulting to deliver custom training and consulting solutions that make a lasting impact. In her spare time, she teaches Bible study at Second Baptist Church and is on the Speakers Committee for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.



Thank you, **Deanna**, for your commitment to the IIA Houston Chapter and for helping to make our chapter a success!

🌟 **Save the Date: IIA Houston Annual Conference Returns April 13, 2026!** 🌟

Get ready, Houston! The premier event for internal audit professionals in the region (do we dare say, the COUNTRY!) is back and bigger than ever. Mark your calendars for **Monday, April 13, 2026**, as the **IIA Houston Annual Conference** returns with a full day of cutting-edge insights, dynamic speakers, and unparalleled networking opportunities.

Whether you're a seasoned auditor, a rising star in the profession, or simply passionate about governance, risk, and control, this is the event you won't want to miss. Expect engaging sessions on the latest industry trends and thought leadership that will inspire and empower.

🔧 **Interested in Speaking?** We're looking for passionate professionals to share their expertise and stories. The **Call for Speakers opens this July**, so now is the perfect time to start thinking about your topic. Whether you have a fresh take on information technology, fraud, leadership, core skills, or the hottest topics, we want to hear from you! Find the details in the upcoming July newsletter.

Stay tuned for more details on how to apply and be part of shaping the future of internal audit.

📧 **Stay Connected** Make sure to check out our newsletter each month and follow us on LinkedIn for the latest updates, speaker announcements, and registration details.

Let's make the 2026 IIA Houston Annual Conference the most impactful yet. We can't wait to see you there!

Welcome New Members!!



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Travis Brown - Lennox International Inc	Seun Mafi - Prosperity Bank	Brenna Riddle
Nicole Gerry - Live Nation Entertainment	Farah Nanji - Live Nation Entertainment	Edgar Roman - Weaver
Dartalian Harris	REJOICE Okoro	Danyelle Stewart - ConocoPhillips
Steven Heitmeyer - ConocoPhillips	Jackson Plimpton - BDO USA, P.C.	Dazmine Thomas - Weaver
Fahad Khan - Weaver	Justin Prather - ConocoPhillips	Daniel Ward - Lennox International Inc
Kayla Le - Live Nation Entertainment	Benjamin Preston - University of Texas System	

Academic Relations

We look forward to IIA members helping students realize their potential and succeed by making presentations to students about internal audit career, communication, and leadership skills; being guest lectures; participating in career fairs; being a panel judge in student courses, case analysis and other competitions; and helping students with their communication skills. To volunteer send an email to Jose Quintana, Houston IIA VP Academic Relations, at: academic-relations@houstoniia.org

Group Membership

Organizations with as few as three eligible members can take advantage of substantial savings with an IIA Group Membership. Government, Public Sector, and Educators – additional savings are available for you! Consider a group membership to both save money and help to support all your team members grow in the profession!

<https://www.theiia.org/en/membership/>

Membership Privileges

Membership with the IIA provides you with the tools and guidance needed to succeed and thrive in your career! Top benefits include the following:

- Complimentary Specialty Centers access
- Specialty and member-only webcasts
- Online testing for certifications
- Practice Guides, GTAGS, Thought Leadership, *Internal Auditor* Magazine
- Member-only discounts

Membership also includes access to career center resources and job postings (<https://jobs.theiia.org/jobseeker/search/results/>)

If you need assistance with your membership or would like more information on benefits provided, email the Chapter VP of

Prepare to Pass the CIA Exam

The IIA's CIA have a variety of resources to help you learn, review, and apply the key CIA content. For more information, visit [CIA Exam Review Course | Becker](#)

Annual Certification Renewal

CIA certifications in Revoked status can now be restored to Active with just one exam. Individuals who wish to participate will only need to complete a recertification application and CIA Part 1. This new policy is posted to theiia.org/CPRequirements.

Membership Frequently Asked Questions Page

The Institute of Internal Auditors has a Membership FAQ page. Check it out!

<https://www.theiia.org/en/membership/membership-faq/>

Register for the Upcoming IIA Conferences and Trainings

[Tools for New Auditors](#) | In-person & Virtual

[Tools for Lead Auditors](#) | In-person & Virtual

[Tools for Audit Managers](#) | In-person & Virtual

Why should you get CIA Certification?

As The IIA's premier designation for more than 40 years, the CIA sets the standard for excellence within the profession. Earning the CIA is an important step toward demonstrating your core internal audit skills and knowledge.

Earning a professional internal audit credential is a critical step to being distinguished from your peers and will:

- Enhance credibility and respect.
- Sharpen skills and proficiencies.
- Increase your earning potential by as much as 51%*.
- Demonstrate understanding and commitment.

Click the following link to learn more about the benefits of obtaining your certification: [Certified Internal Auditor](#).

IIA Houston Communications & CPE

All communications from the Houston Chapter will come from chapter23@theiia.org. If you do not receive our emails:

- Please be sure to have added these e-mail addresses to your safe sender list/whitelisted.
- Verify that you're listed as affiliated with the Houston Chapter. Check your profile on The IIA's website and ensure you are affiliated with the Houston chapter <https://myiia.theiia.org/Chapter/index>.
- Please visit your member profile on TheIIA.org to confirm your email preferences globally, and if you've previously unsubscribed from a chapter email, let us know at administration@houstoniia.org if you'd like to re-subscribe.

CPE certificates are sent within 5 to 10 business days for all events. If you have not received your CPE certificate within 10 business days of the event, please contact registration@houstoniia.org. All requests for replacement CPE certificates must be made within 30 days of the event.

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***Thank you for being
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