

# Seattle Chapter



The Institute of  
**Internal Auditors**

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear IIA Seattle Chapter Members,

I hope everyone is doing well and enjoying the signs of springtime in PNW. The 2025 GAM: Great Audit Minds Conference, held from March 10–12 in Orlando, Florida, brought together senior audit leaders to address pressing business and audit challenges, fostering innovation and thought leadership.

We are pleased to announce that the registration for our Annual Fraud conference is now open, please join us on May 1st at the University of Washington campus for 8 hours of CPE, registration details here [Click here to register](#). Our conference committee chair and team have a wonderful day planned, we look forward to seeing everyone there.

We have several volunteer positions we are looking to fill, if you are passionate about academic relations, programming, member engagement, communications or want to volunteer your financial skills to support our treasurer we'd love to hear from you at [chapter34@iiachaptercommunications.org](mailto:chapter34@iiachaptercommunications.org).

Have a wonderful month!!!

Your Seattle Chapter IIA President  
Cynthia Behnen Gillison

# Meet your FY24/25 Chapter Officers!

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President – Cynthia Behnen-Gillison



1st VP Secretary – Caroline Pietrowski



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# Chapter News & Events

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FY 2024-25 SAVE THE DATES!

Date/Location	Pillar	Topic	Presenter(s)
April 2025 (TBD)	DEI Luncheon	TBD	TBD
Thursday, April 24, 2025 (Virtual)	CAE Roundtable	TBD	Trent Russell
May 1, 2025 (In-Person)	Fraud Conference	16 <sup>th</sup> Annual Fraud Conference	TBD
May 15, 2025 (In-Person)	CAE Roundtable	AI Governance	Protiviti
May 29, 2025 (In-Person)	Member Appreciation Luncheon or Happy Hour	TBD	TBD

Interested in getting involved with Programming? Contact Veronica Bains (VP Programming) at [Chapter34@iiachaptercommunications.org](mailto:Chapter34@iiachaptercommunications.org)

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## Call for Chapter Officers & Volunteers !

Interested in volunteering with the IIA Seattle Chapter in 2025? We are currently looking for candidates to nominate themselves to join our Officer team for the next Chapter year from June 1, 2025 to May 31, 2026.

The positions available and time requirements vary, and we'd be happy to review available options with you to find a right fit for your interests and time commitments.

If you are interested in learning more or to nominate yourself to join the Officer team, please email us at [chapter34@iiachaptercommunications.org](mailto:chapter34@iiachaptercommunications.org).

*Thanks for your interest!*

## IIA Seattle - Fraud Conference- May 1st, 2025

We are pleased to invite you to attend the annual IIA Seattle Chapter Fraud Conference on May 1st, 2025:

Join us for this single-day, in-person conference to learn from industry experts and enhance your skills and knowledge in understanding, identifying, and protecting against fraud. Engage with internal audit leaders, network with your local peers, earn CPE, and enjoy a catered lunch on the beautiful University of Washington campus!

Don't wait to register — Early Bird pricing ends Friday, April 4th. Detailed agenda & speakers to follow.

### Pricing:

Members- Early Bird: \$200

Non Members- Early Birds: \$250

Note: Early Bird pricing ends Friday, April 4th

[Click here to register](#)

Event Title: IIA Seattle 2025 Fraud Conference

Date: 05/01/2025

Time: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Location: University of Washington, Oak Hall Denny Room

Instructional delivery method: Group Live

Field of Study: Auditing

CPE credit(s): 8 hour(s)

Advanced preparation: None required

Refund, complaint, and cancellation policy: Please view our refund, complaint, and cancellation policies on IIA Seattle's [website](#).

If you have any questions, please feel free to reply to this email or contact IIA Seattle Chapter at [chapter34@iiachaptercommunications.org](mailto:chapter34@iiachaptercommunications.org).



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# IIA Seattle Events - Students

Are you interfacing with students? We encourage you to have them sign up for a FREE student membership! They will get access to:

- Internal Auditor Magazine
- Member only discounts
- Scholarship opportunity

Students can use the code: IIA Student. They likely do not want to go by themselves. However, a group of students from a class or as a guest with a professor can be a great learning/networking opportunity.

Reach out to [chapter34@iiachaptercommunications.org](mailto:chapter34@iiachaptercommunications.org) with any questions!

*Austin Bailey, Seattle  
VP Academic Relations*



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**1** Create an IIA Account.  
<https://register.theiia.org/>

**2** Log into the site below and submit a student application.  
<https://myiia.theiia.org/Student/Index>

# Certification



CONGRATS

Members Achieving CIA Certifications

Laura Smith

Nicole Beatty

## Comment on Third-Party Topical Requirement Draft

IIA is seeking feedback on the Third-Party Topical Requirement draft, available for review and public comment until April 20. This new IPPF component establishes a baseline for assessing specific risk areas. A user guide with supplemental information for reviewing the Topical Requirement is available. Review the draft & complete the survey [Here](#) to share your input.

## Reminder: Updated CIA Exams Launch on May 28, 2025

The updated CIA exams, aligned with the 2025 syllabi, will be available starting May 28. To ensure you're prepared, visit [theiia.org/CIA2025](https://theiia.org/CIA2025) for detailed information on the changes and to plan your studies. For further questions, please submit a case via the Help tab in your CCMS account. Prepare early to stay ahead in your certification journey!

## Cybersecurity Topical Requirement Launch

IIA's Cybersecurity Topical Requirement and user guide promote consistent internal audit assessments of cybersecurity governance, risk management, and controls. As a mandatory component of IPPF, auditors must apply these requirements when providing assurance services, based on their risk assessment results. While recommended for advisory services, they are not mandatory. Each requirement becomes effective 12 months after issuance. Download the documents and learn more [Here](#).

# Registration is open!

## 2025 Analytics, Automation and AI Virtual Conference

This one-day virtual conference will focus on how organizations and government agencies are using data literacy, data analytics, automation, and AI. Attendees will gain the latest insight on how to approach internal audit activities related to the assessments of analytics, automation, and AI.

*Apr 10, 2025 | Virtual, Only*

## 2025 Global Student Conference

Connect with fellow students and educators, learn key competencies for becoming an effective internal auditor, and gain strategies to help exceed both current educators' and future employers' expectations.

*Apr 13 - 15, 2025 | Orlando, Florida*

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*Apr 24, 2025 | Virtual, Only*

## 2025 AuditSphere

This event will provide the small shop auditor with additional guidance and expertise to be able to manage the unique relationships and challenges faced by those with small staff yet increasing board expectation.

*Jun 17, 2025 | Virtual, Only*

## 2025 International Conference

Join us in person and virtually as we bring together experts from across the globe to address the issues impacting the profession, network with fellow internal auditors from 100+ countries, share ideas, and earn CPE credits.

*Jul 14 - 16, 2025 | Toronto, Ontario*

# Quality Services

IIA Quality Services helps validate and strengthen your internal audit activity and enhances your effectiveness, efficiency, and successful practice implementation.

As a trusted source in the profession, we have helped hundreds of organizations in various industries and around the world by providing qualified audit professionals, a global benchmarking database, and a repository of successful practices. We assist CAEs in gaining support from the audit committee, enhance understanding of why an external assessment is necessary and valuable, and describe the different approaches.

For questions about our services, please contact IIA Quality Services at [quality@theiia.org](mailto:quality@theiia.org) or read more here.

## Certification Online Testing Available Now

To support the continued professional development of certification candidates around the world and in response to mass Pearson VUE test center closures due to COVID-19, The IIA has adopted online testing to enable candidates to take the Certified Internal Auditor® (CIA®), Certification in Risk Management Assurance® (CRMA®), and CIA Challenge exams from home. This flexible testing option will be available for a limited time..

[IIA Certification Information](#)