

# Seattle Chapter



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**Internal Auditors**

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear IIA Seattle Chapter Members,

Happy New Year!! I hope 2024 is off to an amazing start for everyone. I enjoyed having a break the last week in December, however January has been off to a busy start. 2024 marks a significant milestone in our Chapter history, we are turning 75!!! This milestone is truly a result of all of our volunteers and members who support the chapter everyday, thank you for all you do for the IIA and the profession. Looking forward to many more celebrations. More to come in how we will be recognized by National in the coming months.

Your Seattle IIA Chapter officer and volunteers have been working hard on a number of learning opportunities, we are excited to share that in March 2024 we will be hosting an in person event on the topic of Internal Audit's Approach to Talent Management – Managing the People Risk participants are eligible for 2.5 CPE credits. Save the date and registration details will be shared shortly, we hope to see you there. This year our annual Fraud Conference will be held in early May, we've heard your feedback on the event and have some exciting updates we will share in the coming weeks. We are very excited to continue to offer this 8 + hour CPE to our members and the community. Save the date and registration details will be sent out in the coming weeks.

Jan 30th 2024, IIA Seattle is hosting luncheon on "Words Never Lie but People Do ". This overview presents how linguistic lie detection is used in business, audit, and investigative areas to help you become more effective in all your business communications.

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@iia chapters.org](mailto:Chapter34@iia chapters.org).

Have a wonderful month!!!

Your Seattle Chapter IIA President  
Cynthia Behnen Gillison



Through a collaborative effort of the internal audit community, the new Global Internal Audit Standards™ have arrived. They will elevate the profession and support practitioners in performing any audit, anywhere.

### [READ THE NEW STANDARDS](#)

The new Standards:

- Elevate the profession.
- Make what you need to know easily accessible.
- Guide the profession into the future.
- Are streamlined and simplified, with mandatory elements all in one place.
- Emphasize the quality of internal audit performance.
- Provide principles and requirements for delivering quality internal auditing.
- Help internal auditors be better partners to the board and senior management.
- Guide effective assurance and advisory services.
- Include a special section for the public sector.

We encourage you to register for a free webinar on January 24 (choose from one of three times) to learn from International Internal Audit Standards Board members about the structure and content of the new Standards.

[REGISTER HERE](#)



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# IIA HQ and Chapter Events

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## Fundraising for the Foundation - Make an Impact

Thanks to generous donors, the Internal Audit Foundation funds cutting-edge research, creates groundbreaking content, and supports academic programs, curriculum, grants, and scholarships. Support the future of the profession and make a significant impact by [donating today](#).

## Call for Volunteers for Local Chapter:

We are actively looking for volunteers for the following roles. You can earn up to 12 CPE for your support as a volunteer. Please contact us for more information. Or if you have any other areas of interest, we are always looking for more volunteers.

- Social Media Content Manager
- Our Chapter EMT tool – help us manage membership and communication to all members!
- Programming volunteers to help coordinate monthly luncheons, identify speakers and help manage the events (approximately 5 hours each month between August – May)
- Fraud Conference volunteers to help coordinate and plan the event (approximately 5 hours each month between August – March)
- Content for newsletters (approximately 2 hours a month)
- Support the Treasury function (approximately 1-2 hours a month); this could include performing an annual financial audit
- Academic Relations (supporting with academic outreach and increasing our presence on campuses)

Have you been thinking about getting involved, but concerned about time commitment? No worries! We have opportunities for all levels of time commitments



# CIA Challenge Exam

The more focused path to Certification

The CIA Challenge Exam is your chance to join the more than 185,000 CIAs who have achieved this highly respected global certification.

As a CISA™ holder or an active CPA or CA holder, you can take advantage of this limited opportunity to earn the Certified Internal Auditor® (CIA®) designation through an expedited process called the CIA Challenge Exam. This expedited process allows you to obtain the CIA designation after successfully passing the one-part examination.

The CIA Challenge Exam only includes content not covered on your CISA™, CPA or CA exam, saving you time and money.

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# IIA Seattle Events - Students

Are you teaching this quarter or work directly 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
- Attendance at monthly meetings, free!

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@iiachapters.org](mailto:chapter34@iiachapters.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

- Stay certified for less time and money by demonstrating your continued competence quickly with monthly CPE quizzes. Take them anywhere and earn up to 1 non-NASBA CPE per month. [Purchase the CPE quiz here.](#)

- Have your CIA? What's next? Take your CIA to the next level by applying for your Certification in Risk Management Assurance (CRMA). Start earning another globally recognized internal audit designation that demonstrates competency and proves credibility. [Visit CCMS to apply.](#)

- Changes are coming to the IPPF in 2024. The Standards Board expects to publish a digital version of the new Global Internal Audit Standards in January 2024. They will officially take effect 12 months after their publish date. We can expect them to be in place in January 2025. [Get more information.](#)

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

Nira Kohli, Seattle  
VP Certifications



CONGRATS

## Members Achieving CIA Certifications

- Tomoko Seo Hurtado
- Theresa Jacobs
- Brian Allen

## Internal Audit Practitioner

- Reine Darcy Albite
- Jan Trinity Francisco
- Britney Patrick
- Oriah Moses

# Registration is open!

## 2024 Fraud Virtual Conference

This interactive one-day conference is designed to provide insight and innovative ideas for internal auditors, fraud examiners, and fraud investigators. This conference will feature two streams:

- Stream One is designed for the internal auditor who may discover potentially fraudulent activity and need to communicate and partner with the fraud department.
- Stream Two is for internal audit functions that are also required to perform fraud investigations when suspicious activity is detected.

Early Register by Jan 13, 2024 and save 10%. Event: FEB 29, 2024 | VIRTUAL, ONLY

## 2024 GAM Conference

Join the most esteemed gathering of internal audit innovators, leaders, and trailblazers at 2024 GAM: Great Audit Minds. Immerse yourself in a dynamic learning environment where you can collaborate and tackle today's pressing business and audit challenges while pioneering the frontiers of tomorrow. By participating, you will gain invaluable insights, forge meaningful connections, and acquire the tools and knowledge necessary to bring true value to your organization. Embrace the future of internal audit and revolutionize your impact today.

March 11-13, 2024 | Las Vegas, NV & Virtually

## 2024 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.

April 18, 2024 | Virtual Only

## **IIA Seattle events:**

Date/Location	Topic	Presenter(s)
Tuesday January 30, 2024 (Virtual)	Words Never Lie but People Do	<a href="#">Nejolla Korris</a>
February 20, 2024 (In-Person)	The FTC's Toughening Stance on Information Security and Privacy	William Li, JD, CISSP
*March 21, 2024 (In-Person)	Internal Audit's Approach to Talent Management - Managing the People Risk	Various
*April 18, 2024 (In-Person)	Member Appreciation Event	TBD
*Thursday, May 9, 2024 (In-Person)	15 <sup>th</sup> Annual Fraud Conference	Various

\*Dates subject to change, keep a watch on IIA LinkedIn and email communications.

# 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](#)