

Seattle Chapter



The Institute of
**Internal
Auditors**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello IIA Seattle Members,

We hope you have enjoyed your summer and have been able to get out and about and enjoy down-time in our beautiful Pacific North West.

As we start to get cooler mornings, a bit of rain and shorter days, we are starting up our 2026-27 Chapter year.

Whilst you may not have heard from your Chapter officers, we have been thinking about you and starting to plan for the year ahead. Currently we are working to set up some exciting in person events to start out our Chapter year so look out for communications from the Chapter.

We would also like to hear from you:

- 1.do you have an interesting story about how you ended up in the internal audit profession?
- 2.do you have an amusing - or horrifying! - anecdote of a incident during your professional life - either internal or external audit?

Your colleagues would love to hear your stories.

Warm regards,

Stephen

VP Communications, IIA Seattle Chapter

VOLUNTEERING

We are looking for volunteers to help with Chapter programming. There are several different roles that we are looking to fill:

- Event organization:
 - Determining topic
 - Finding and securing speaker(s) or panelist(s)
 - Drafting communications to advertise the event (to be advertised in our newsletter, linkedin and by email)
 - Answering questions about event logistics
- During the event:
 - Hosting the meeting - welcoming and introducing speaker(s) / panelist(s), providing announcements, closing the meeting
 - Monitoring Q&A
 - Taking attendance and reporting attendance for CPE purposes
- Post-event:
 - Monitor results of post-event survey
 - Reconcile attendance for issuing CPE certificates
 - Drafting an event recap for our newsletter and LinkedIn

STUDENTS

Membership discounts:

As students complete their academic studies and want to convert to being an individual member, the IIA offers a 50% discount for students transitioning to individual membership. If you are interested in taking advantage of this promotion offer, please reach out to our student team at the IIA (Student@theiia.org).

CHAPTER EVENTS

WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE EVENTS PARTNERED WITH THE SEATTLE
OFFICES OF PROFESSIONAL FIRMS

The Strategic Auditor: Thinking Critically and Communicating with Influence

Join us on Tuesday, September 29th for a CPE-eligible session designed to strengthen the skills that drive Internal Audit's impact. Explore practical approaches to ethical decision-making, strategic and critical thinking, professional presence, and effective communication. Continue the conversation afterward during happy hour and network with your fellow IIA members.

Location: The office of Deloitte at 1015 2nd Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104.

Agenda (PT)

- Welcome / Check-In: 2:00 – 2:15 PM
- Strategic Thinking & Communication: 2:15 - 3:15 PM
- Break: 3:15 – 3:30 PM
- IA Ethics & Professionalism: 3:30 – 4:30 PM
- Networking & Happy Hour: 4:30 – 5:30 PM
- Cost - there is no fee for this event
- Register here: <https://web.cvent.com/event/4d8eac93-6382-4382-b47d-2fbf6efedde4/register>

The Strategic Auditor: Thinking Critically and Communicating with Influence

Wednesday October 7th, 9-11am In-Person (Seattle): at the offices of KPMG

Breakfast while discovering the use of AI in Internal Audit

- Fee = Complimentary
- Registration Link coming soon!

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 7TH, 9-11AM IN-PERSON (SEATTLE): BREAKFAST
WHILE DISCOVERING THE USE OF AI IN INTERNAL AUDIT
FEE = COMPLIMENTARY
REGISTRATION LINK COMING SOON!

Upcoming Conferences

2026 IGNITE Conference

Nov. 2-3, 2026 | Washington, DC & Virtual | 20+ CPEs

Grand Hyatt Washington | Washington, DC

Where momentum becomes movement.

IGNITE is where emerging audit leaders go from inspiration to action, building the leadership, communication, and risk skills to step into what's next.

2026 Cybersecurity Virtual Conference

November 12, 2026 | Virtual | 7.2 CPE

Join cybersecurity and internal audit professionals at The IIA's 2026 Cybersecurity Virtual Conference. This one-day virtual training event is built for internal auditors, cybersecurity, fraud, and risk professionals who protect, assess, and respond to cyber risk every day.

Whether you assess controls, advise leadership, or lead cyber risk strategy, this conference equips you to navigate disruption, reduce vulnerabilities, and align internal audit with cybersecurity priorities.

If in the South Sound, registration is open for the 2026 IIA Nisqually Chapter Fraud Conference!

Join internal audit, fraud prevention, and compliance professionals for a day of insightful sessions, practical strategies, and valuable connections while earning up to 7 hours of CPE.

DATE : Wednesday, October 14, 2026

LOCATION: South Puget Sound Community College, 4220 6th Ave SE, Lacey, WA 98503

Unable to attend in person? This year we are excited to also provide an option to attend virtually!

Early bird discounts on registration are available through September 11.

Registration Link: <https://web.cvent.com/event/652e36da-3594-4b6d-8629-547bae649e90/summary>



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Nisqually

2026 Nisqually Annual Fraud Conference

October 14, 2026 (Wednesday)

Location: South Puget Sound Community College

4220 6th Ave SE Lacey, WA 98503

7 CPE credit hours

<i>Registration Type</i>	<i>Register Before September 11th</i>	<i>Register After September 11th</i>
<i>In-Person Registration</i>		
<i>Members (IIA, AGA, ACFE, ISACA, AICPA, WSCPA)</i>	\$125	\$150
<i>Non-Members</i>	\$175	\$225
<i>Students (with valid student email)</i>	Free	Free
<i>Virtual Registration</i>		
<i>Members (IIA, AGA, ACFE, ISACA, AICPA, WSCPA)</i>	\$100	\$125
<i>Non-Members</i>	\$125	\$150
<i>Students (with valid student email)</i>	Free	Free



CYBER RISK SYMPOSIUM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

Join us on Tuesday, October 27 in Bellevue, WA for the CPCU Society Cyber Risk Symposium — a one-day event featuring expert insights, emerging cyber risk trends, and valuable networking with leaders in risk, insurance, AI and cybersecurity.

Register @ PNWRiskLeaders.org



We warmly invite you and your colleagues to the 2026 Fall RSKA Forum, hosted virtually by Seattle University on Thursday, October 22, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. PST. IIA Seattle members can register with a discount [HERE](#) using the Promo Code iia20.

“Internal Audit in the AI Era: From Evidence to Influence” is a dynamic virtual forum for risk, assurance, advisory, compliance, and accounting professionals, educators, and students eager to understand the power of AI. Earn up to 4 CPE credits and learn with a panel of experts from industry leaders.

SEATTLE UNIVERSITY | **SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS**

UP TO 4 CPE CREDITS

INTERNAL AUDIT IN THE AI ERA

FROM EVIDENCE TO INFLUENCE

OCT. 22, 2026 →→→ **8:00AM-12:30PM**

→→ VIRTUAL EVENT WITH INDUSTRY LEADERS ←←

			
1 What is Changing?	2 How Do We Interpret It?	3 Who Owns It?	4 How Do We Govern It?
Mike Levy CEO & Managing Principal, Cherry Hill Advisory	Rachel Nelson Director, GE Aerospace Internal Audit Analytics & Innovation Team	Bonnie Tse Internal Audit Manager, Hewlett	Roger Shiltz Head of Solutions, Allegis

REGISTER HERE!



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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 or [read more here](#).

Certifications

We know folks are working hard to qualify as CIA - so best wishes to you all!

The following earned certifications recently:

**CIA: Riley Peacock, Jatin Jain, Rae Smith, Rebecca Ruizhang
Adams, Naaznine Chandiwalla
IAP: Emily Kegel**

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL!

Boost Your Audit Career with the IAP Designation

Looking to stand out in the audit profession? The Internal Audit Practitioner (IAP) designation is a cost-effective way to build credibility, gain recognition, and advance your career. If you've passed Part 1 of the CIA exam, you're already eligible. Get started today at the link below.

https://lnkd.in/g7NN_3gJ

Earn Your CRMA- Certification in Risk Management Assurance

Showcase your expertise in risk assurance with the CRMA designation.

At a Glance:

125 questions | 150-minute exam administered at test centers

No CIA required to apply

2 years to complete after application approval

Learn more: <https://lnkd.in/gA7JGRc8>

Key updates to the CIA Challenge Exam program include the relaunch of the updated exam and a new experience-based pathway. Below are the highlights:

1. Updated, Unified Exam for All Eligible Candidates

Effective 6/1/26, the CIA Challenge Exam will be relaunched to align with the Global Internal Audit Standards. All eligible candidates, regardless of their credential, will take the same exam.

The updated syllabus is available and accessibility is expanding to include recognition of 17 additional accounting bodies.

2. New Experience-Based Pathway (6 month Pilot)

A new pilot pathway is being introduced for professionals with 10+ years of internal audit or related experience. It complements existing routes for credentialed accountants and CISA holders and targets chief audit executives and experienced internal auditors without the CIA. The 6 month pilot will include testing windows in June, September and November.

3. Testing Windows

From 4/1/26, applications will be accepted year-round instead of set windows. The Challenge Exam will have 4 testing windows a year: February, June, September, and November 2026. The June 2026 sitting will support data collection to set a reliable passing standard. Results for June candidates will be issued within 8 weeks.

4. Study Materials

Study materials are now sold separately, through The IIA's exam partner Becker.

Effective May 28, 2025, IIA Certifications testing has transitioned back to test center-only delivery. Online proctoring will be permanently discontinued. The last day to register for online proctored exams is May 1. For further questions, please submit a case in CCMS.

The new Global Internal Audit Standards are effective. It's a great time to refresh your knowledge by visiting the IIA's resources at Global Internal Audit Standards.

IIA Partners With Becker Professional Education. The CIA Exam Review platform is transitioning to Becker's new CIA Exam Review course, which features updated content aligned with the new CIA syllabi and upcoming exams. For additional details, visit <https://lnkd.in/gSxQ-dCB>

- Cybersecurity Topical Requirement Effective February 2026

The IIA's mandatory IPPF requirement provides a consistent, comprehensive approach to assessing the design and implementation of cybersecurity governance, risk management, and controls. A companion user guide is available [Here](https://www.theiia.org/en/standards/2024-standards/topical-requirements/cybersecurity/) to assist with its application. <https://www.theiia.org/en/standards/2024-standards/topical-requirements/cybersecurity/>

- Lead with Strategy

Discover how to create a vision, set objectives, and implement initiatives for audit excellence. The IIA's new practice guide provides practical tools, examples for every audit leader, and a strategic plan template [here](#).

MENTORSHIP OPPORTUNITY: BANKING & FINANCIAL SERVICES

**LOOKING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE BACK AND SUPPORT A FELLOW
INTERNAL AUDIT PROFESSIONAL?**

**A FELLOW WASHINGTON STATE IIA CHAPTER IS SEEKING AN EXPERIENCED
BANKING OR FINANCIAL SERVICES AUDIT LEADER TO SERVE AS A MENTOR
FOR A PARTICIPANT IN ITS MENTORSHIP PROGRAM.**

**THE IDEAL MENTOR WOULD HAVE EXPERIENCE AT THE CHIEF AUDIT
EXECUTIVE OR DIRECTOR LEVEL WITHIN THE BANKING OR FINANCIAL
SERVICES INDUSTRY AND BE WILLING TO SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCE,
PERSPECTIVE, AND CAREER GUIDANCE.**

**INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE OR VOLUNTEERING AS A MENTOR? PLEASE
REACH OUT TO CHAPTER34@IIACHAPTERCOMMUNICATIONS.ORG, AND WE'LL
HELP MAKE THE CONNECTION.**