



## Chapter History

The Nashville Chapter was chartered on May 9, 1975. Because of its location in the capital city, its first membership was largely from the governmental sector. The state was interested in developing internal audit positions within state departments and counties. The small group of approximately 35 people met during monthly evening meetings.

During the 1970s the chapter steadily grew. The corporate participation increased as Nashville continued to grow and more local companies developed internal audit departments. In the late 1970s the chapter had grown to approximately 65 members.

In the early 1980s the chapter continued to grow and began having joint meetings with local chapters of the Association of Government Accountants and the Information Systems Audit and Control Association. In the mid 1980s, the chapter began to develop its academic relations program which continues to be strong today. By the late 1980s the chapter had approximately 120 members and hosted its first successful student night with over 100 participants. In addition, Tennessee Tech was recognized by IIA International as a target school.

In the early 1990s the chapter began to focus on more educational opportunities for its membership. In 1992, the chapter held its first governmental professional awareness seminar with approximately 150 participants. We also added the Certified Fraud Examiners and the Institute of Management Accountants to our list of associations with which we have had joint meetings. In 1996, the chapter realized a dream with the establishment of an audit club in Bowling Green, Kentucky. That club was chartered on April 24, 1997 as the South Central Kentucky Chapter Affiliation. Membership peaked at around 280 in the early 1990s and has settled around 240 in the late 1990s. We attribute this decline primarily to outsourcing and corporate mergers and downsizing.

In 1997, the chapter placed first for their academic relations program. The chapter's membership directory was also awarded first place in IIA's publications contest this year and for the next two consecutive years. Also in 1998, the Chapter was awarded the bid to host the 1999 Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference and it was held in August of 1999 with an attendance of approximately 175.

The chapter is committed to continually provide its membership with reasonably priced CPE offerings and the current information they need to become better professionals.