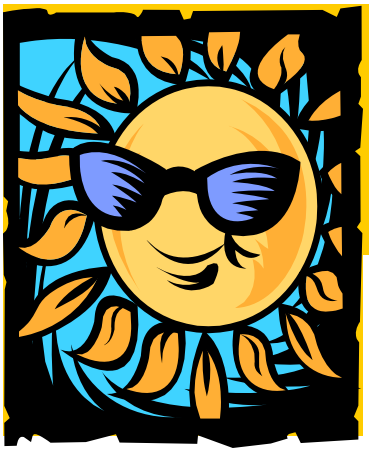

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LAS VEGAS CHAPTER OF THE INSTITUTE OF INTERNAL AUDITORS

President's Message

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Officers for 2011-12:

- President: Karen Brown-Wichman
- First Vice President: Vacant
- Second Vice President: Joyce Vora
- Treasurer: Nichole Harrison
- Secretary: Tammy Perri

Greetings All,

Well Spring has sprung and summer fast approaches with a "dry heat". But that had no effect on the sign-ups for our great March 28th event. It was an all day seminar entitled "Increasing Auditor Effectiveness in Recognizing & Detecting Fraud" in which 50 attendees earned 8 CPE's for a low membership price of $95. And according to the post-survey results this was a very worthwhile seminar and all participants got a lot out of the presentations. The only down side to the event, there was so much information it could have been a two day course.

During the lunch break at the March seminar we did conduct one bit of business, we had a vote on our slate of officers. There were no nominations from the floor and the slate of officers was unanimously voted into office.

I am proud to announce the officers for the upcoming 2012 – 2013 year:

President	Karen Brown-Wichman
1st VP	James Kedrowski
2nd VP	Abigail Hotchkiss
Treasurer	Rochelle Veitenheimer
Secretary	Tammy Perri

Back to events, we held our Chief Audit Executives Roundtable in April. This is always an interesting, if not fun, event as it gives anyone in attendance the opportunity to ask any question of the panel, as it is pretty much fair game at this roundtable. Our panelists this year were Cheryl Kondra of Caesars Entertainment; Bob Rudloff of MGM Resorts International; Michael Bond of Boyd Gaming; Polly Sheesley of City of Henderson and me, Karen Brown-Wichman as Moderator. To make the job a little easier, I sent out a survey to the membership before the meeting to solicit questions for the meeting. These were read along with questions from the 63 or so in attendance at the lunch meeting. It was a great turn-out and we had some lively discussions as well.

Until next time,

Karen

Calendar of Events

Note: There will not be a May 2012 Event.

SEMINARS & CONFERENCES

Las Vegas Seminars:

6/25-6/28/12

- Beginning Auditor Tools and Techniques
- Communication Skills for Auditors
- Assessing Risk: Ensuring Internal Audit's Value
- Control Self-Assessment: An Introduction
- Construction Activity: Audit Strategies
- Consulting: Activities, Skills, Attitudes
- Leadership Skills for Auditors
- Contract Auditing
- Human Resources: Auditing Your HR Function
- Creative Problem-Solving Techniques for Auditors
- Performing External Quality Assessments of the Internal Auditing Activity
- Internal Audit Quality Assessment: Establishing Your QA and Improvement Program

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We ran a new member campaign through March 2012, and it was a big success! Please join me in welcoming our newest members and thank you to everyone for their support!

New Members:

Cedric Heater – The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas
Judymy Do – Deloitte
Justine Tan – The Cosmopolitan of Las Vegas
Jordan Coons – Southwest Gas Corporation
Leslie Bruxvoort – Mohave County
Elisabeth Nelson – Caesars
Daniela Dimitroff – Caesars
Conor Dale – Caesars
Stephanie Jubinville – Caesars
Thomas LaPlaca – Pinnacle Entertainment
Michelle Stevenson-Sison – Tropicana Entertainment Inc.
Purevsuren Cline – MGM Resorts International
Chase Hyon – MGM Resorts International
Carlos Imbarguen – MGM Resorts International
Jin Zhu – MGM Resorts International
Brittany DeGamo – Allegiant Air
Brad Anderson – Southwest Gas Corporation
Kenneth Pyzik – Western Alliance Bancorporation
Kayla Ryness – National Security Technologies
James McEvoy
Mike Lombardo
Pablo Hernandez – PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Judy Toledo – Mohave County
Patricia Morris – Shuffle Master Gaming
Lambert Manansala – Stations Casino
Joshua Robinson – Cox Communications
David Hines – Student
Petros Leventis – Boyd Gaming Corporation
Corey Miller – Las Vegas Sands Corporation
John Kwiker – Las Vegas Sands Corporation
Pamela Humphrey – Clark County Courts
Marta Landers – Student
Eric Kurosu

Certification News

Certification in Risk Management Assurance

North American have until September 30, 2012 to demonstrate the knowledge and experience to receive the CRMA through the professional experience recognition process.

How Does it Work?

Candidates will need to submit an application form that provides detailed information regarding education, current certifications held, and professional experience within the five domains of the CRMA. Candidates will receive points for the amount of professional experience and credentials held. Candidates who obtain a MINIMUM of 155 points on the application can earn the designation prior to the launch of the CRMA exam.

How Does the Scoring Work?

To receive a CRMA designation through the PER process, candidates need to obtain a MINIMUM of 155 points on the application. The application is divided into three sections: Education, Current Certifications Held, and Professional Experience. Candidates will need to submit a separate experience verification form that has been attested to by someone who is currently a certified CIA , CCSA, CFSA, CGAP, or current / former supervisor.

Section Scoring

Education - Maximum of 25 points
Associates Degree (2 year post secondary degree from a University) - 15 points
Bachelors Degree (4 year post secondary degree from a University) - 20 points
Masters Degree (6 year post secondary degree from a University) - 25 points

Current, Active Certifications Held - Maximum of 30 points
CIA or CCSA with The IIA - 30 points*
Other Currently Active Certification - 20 points

*For candidates from the United Kingdom and Ireland:
Please note that if you hold an active CMIIA designation, this will count for 30 points.

Professional Experience in CRMA Domains - Maximum of 140 points
Less than 120 Months Experience - 100 points
Between 120 and 300 Months Experience - 120 points

More than 300 Months Experience - 140 points

For additional information, please visit the following: **https://na.theiia.org/certification/crma-certification/Pages/CRMA-PER.aspx**

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

• Boyd Gaming:	Internal Auditor Junior Internal Auditor
• Caesars Entertainment:	Senior IT Auditor Staff Auditor
• Allegiant:	Staff Internal Auditor
• Stations Casinos:	Corporate Staff Internal Auditor
• Poker Palace Casino	Controller

February 2012 CIA Certificates Awarded

Dustin Dingman receives his CIA certificate at the 2012 IIA Student Night

Deepa Varatkar also received his CIA but has not yet picked up his certificate.

2012 Student Night

Karen Brown, IIA Las Vegas Chapter President, presents to the students.

Students mingling and meeting with IIA business professionals