Institute of Internal Auditors New Orleans Chapter
Past Chapter Year - 2004/2005 President's Messages
05/31/05 - June 2004 to May 2005

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April 2005

Our April 11th Project Management Skills seminar was rated a high success by all attendees. Ed Robinson is an excellent facilitator and trainer and we will certainly have him back for future seminars. I would like to thank Jim Rooney at Dominion Resources for the use of their training room.

If you haven't registered for our May 5th lunch meeting, there are only a few seats left. We will end our chapter programming year with our traditional lunch at Commander's Palace next week. We have an excellent speaker lined up to go along with the excellent meal that we always get at this restaurant. Bob Harrell of Management Controls, Inc., will join us to present on auditing contractors. Bob has been in the business of contract auditing for many years and was originally an internal audit director. I think you will find his presentation very educational. Hope to see you there.

Charlie

March 2005

I'd like to thank everyone for coming out to our March meeting this past Wednesday the 16th at Chateaubriand. Lonnie Stockwell with Postlethwaite & Netterville was an entertaining speaker and his presentation on Managing in a Changing Work Environment was very informative. Congratulations to David Ohlmeyer of Postlethwaite & Netterville for winning the incentive prize of a free lunch meeting for him and a non-IIA guest.

We will not be scheduling an April lunch meeting and instead are encouraging everyone to register to attend our six hour seminar on Project Management Skills for the Auditor. This is an excellent training opportunity as well as financial value because Ed Robinson is our instructor. Many of you recall his well-received seminar he conducted for our chapter in December 2003 on The Professional Auditor's Changing Role. Ed comes from an accounting background and has extensive work and ties to the IIA. I have participated in several of his seminars during the IIA Leadership Conference last year and highly recommend you attend on April 11th. Six hours of training with Ed at $80 is quite the bargain! We have tried to keep the event economical by not serving meals. The seminar will adjourn for an hour at lunch and a food court is conviently located within walking distance of the building. More information can be found on our website at http://www.theiia.org/chapters/index.cfm/view.event_detail/cid/35/event_id/6249.

Our May lunch meeting will be at Commanders Palace on Thursday, May 5th. We are still in the process of arranging for a speaker and topic, but you can be assured this is the one meeting that we typically sell out every year, regardless of the topic, so sign up early.

I am beginning plans for transitioning our chapter leadership for the next program year. Our 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents, Nick Smith and Ben Farrar, will be attending the IIA Leadership Conference to begin their preparations for the next year. If you have an interest in taking on a

leadership role within the chapter, please let me know with an e-mail or phone call (504.842.3526 / wcjohnson@ochsner.org). We will begin very shortly the process of getting commitments for our various volunteer positions for next year. You can find a complete list of the various positions and various responsibilities at: http://www.theiia.org/chapters/index.cfm/view.news_detail/cid/35/newsid/3463.

Charlie

February 2005

Since our last newsletter, we have had two great lunch meetings, the earliest at the Royal Sonesta in January. This was the first of hopefully several joint meetings of the New Orleans IIA & ISACA chapters. Michael Wise of Citadel Security Software gave a very informative presentation on Network Penetration Testing. The Friday Seafood buffet was well received as usual - we'll be going back to this location very soon based on consistent good feedback about the food and room. Congratulations to Amanda Lewis of Hibernia for winning the Apple Ipod. Congratulations also to Leroy Hamilton of Stewart Enterprises for winning a free lunch for himself and a non-IIA member.

For our February meeting, we tried a new location at Ralph's on the Park in Mid-City. Dr. Tim Louwers from LSU gave a great talk on on how to examine documents in fraud investigations. The feedback on the room, food and service was very good so we'll add this location to our wishlist to return to next year. Congratulations to Stacy Castaing of Entergy for winning a free lunch for herself and a non-IIA member.

Our March meeting will be Wednesday, March 16th at Chateaubriand Steakhouse in Mid-City. Lonnie Stockwell, managing director at Postlethwaite & Netterville in New Orleans will present on Managing in a Changing Workplace. More information about this event is in this newsletter and on our website.

You still have time to register for our Interviewing seminar this Friday morning (March 4th). For $30, you get 3.5 hours of CPE on interviewing skills from a well-known local trainer, retired FBI Special Agent Rickey Fernandez, as well as a hot breakfast buffet. The training will be held at Ochsner Clinic Foundation on Jefferson Highway. Plenty of space is available and we have extended our registration deadline to noon, Thursday, March 3rd.

Charlie

January 2005

Thank you to everyone who attended our December meeting and helped us try out a new restaurant at Five Happiness' Imperial Room. We received positive feedback about the location and food and will probably return to this location again soon. Randy Smith from the Monterey

Group presented a session on Windows Security. I'd like to apologize that there were not handouts of his presentation. Apparently there was a miscommunication between the speaker and me regarding who was responsible for bringing copies of the material presented.

Our January 21st meeting is a joint meeting with the New Orleans ISACA chapter and includes the Royal Sonesta's very popular Friday seafood buffet. Validated parking is offered in the hotel's garage. I hope you will join us at this meeting as well as February's meeting at another new location, Ralph's on the Park. Finally, we will be hosting two spring seminars in addition to our monthly meetings. On March 4th, we will host a half-day seminar on Interviewing Skills.

The price is $30 a person and includes a hot breakfast buffet. Ricky Fernandez is an excellent and highly qualified local instructor in interviewing skills. Please save the date of April 11th for an all day seminar by Ed Robinson. We are still identifying the location at which it will be held, but the topic will be Project Management Skills for the Internal Auditor. We anticipate the per person registration amount to be under $100 for the entire day. Hope to see you there!

Charlie

December 2004

A big thank you to all of you who came to our November meeting at the Bourbon House to hear Trish Harris from the IIA present our chapter with the IMAP award. Congratulations to Gay Gustafason of Harrah's for wining the incentive prize!

We're going to try a new restaurant for our December meeting. We will meet in the Five Happiness private room - the Imperial Room right next door to the restaurant on South Carrollton. The lunch will be a buffett and the food will be ready at 11:30. I would invite everyone to show up early to get your meal and be seated for our speaker to begin his presentation at noon. Randy Smith of the Monterey Tech Group will be presenting on "Windows Security: How it can impact your financial statements." Randy is an internationally known speaker and writer on Windows and Active Directory Security.

We have also scheduled a joint meeting with the New Orleans ISACA Chapter at Begue's on Friday, January 21st. This is a high drawing meeting (regardless of the topic) with their popular all-you-can-eat seafood buffet. ISACA will be providing the speaker on an IT topic (we will forward it to you when finalized).

I would suggest registering for both events soon on our website at www.theiia.org/chapters/neworleans.

Charlie

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November 2004

Joseph Meyer of Deloitte & Touche gave an excellent presentation on the new COSO Enterprise Risk Management Framework at our October meeting at Andreas. Congratulations to Wendy Portier with Ochsner Clinic Foundation for having her meeting evaluation randomly drawn and winning the incentive prize of a free meeting for her and a guest who is not an IIA member.

Our November lunch meeting will be Wednesday, November 10th at the Bourbon House. Trish Harris, Assistant Vice President, Corporate Marketing, Media Relations, & Public Relations, will be presenting on the Marketing of the Internal Audit Function. She also will be presenting the chapter with its IMAP award for last year's "New Orleans Does Business Right!" Corporate Governance and Ethics Summit. To register for the event, go to our website at http://www.theiia.org/chapters/neworleans.

We have made arrangements with the Bourbon House to purchase a limited amount of validated parking at 716 Iberville (next to Dickie Brennan's Steakhouse). We are going to ask those organizations that have multiple members attending to share a ride to keep the amount of validated parking the IIA purchases to a minimum. If you are the only person from your company attending, we'll provide one validated parking pass at the meal. If more than one from the same company are attending, we'll provide one pass for every three members attending from that company. I hope this will permit as many members to attend the lunch as possible.

Finally, I'd like to recognize Entergy for loaning the use of a computer overhead projector at our meetings over the years. Sometimes however the projector is in use and not available for our meetings. These projectors are rather expensive to own or rent on per/meeting basis and we have been very lucky that Entergy has had one available for use in the past. I am asking the other audit departments in town to let us know if you have access to a projector for use in a periodic monthly meeting so as to avoid paying high rental prices and sharing the load with Entergy in their gracious loan. If you have such a projector to volunteer on an as needed basis, please drop me a note at wcjohnson@ochsner.org. Hope to see you all at the Bourbon House.

Charlie

October 2004

We had an excellent lunch meeting this past September 30th and a great speaker. Paul Ashe with Securance provided an excellent overview of Controls in a Computerized Environment. The lunch provided by Dickie Brennan's Steakhouse was worth the wait too! It turns out the delay in delivering the entrees was due to an unusually high level of steaks ordered well done.

Our October meeting will be a lunch at **Andrea's** in Metairie on Thursday, October 28th. **Joseph Meyer, Senior Manager** with **Deloitte & Touche** will be presenting on overview of the new Enterprise Risk Management - An Integrated Framework that was just finalized by COSO late in September. The new framework is the definitive definition of ERM and all internal auditors should gain at least a basic understanding of this topic.

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Our November lunch meeting will be at the **Bourbon House** on November 11th. **Trish Harris, the IIA's Assistant Vice President of Corporate Marketing, Media Relations and Public Relations** will join us to present us the IMAP award for last year's corporate governance summit. Trish will also present our lunch training topic on Marketing the Internal Audit Function. See you at the next meeting!

Charlie

August 2004

Message From the President - Three Things I Ask of You!

Greetings and welcome to a new programming year! Your chapter officers have been busy since we assumed our new responsibilities this past June. Your 2nd Vice President, Ben Farrar, and myself attended the IIA Leadership Conference where we were trained in IIA chapter operations. 1st Vice President, Nick Smith (who attended last year's Leadership Conference), joined us for a transition meeting with outgoing officers. Finally, all three of us attended a district planning workshop with several of the other IIA chapter leaders in Louisiana and Mississippi.

We have some great ideas for chapter programming this year, but need your input as well to put together good programs. Please see the information below about how to complete our on-line survey which will be very helpful in putting together chapter programming that is focused on your professional needs.

I'd like to draw your attention to our chapter's new website. As mentioned earlier this spring, we have transitioned our chapter website to the IIA-hosted version. You can now find everything you need to know and more about our chapter as well as other IIA resources at http://www.theiia.org/chapters/neworleans.

I would encourage you to go to the website and update your on-line IIA Member Profile. You will find the links to log-in and do this in the upper left hand corner of our website. If you haven't established an IIA userid, there is information on the right hand side of the website on how to obtain your IIA userid. When you update your data on file with the IIA, that information is also updated in our membership database, which provides us with accurate and up-to-date information about you and the best ways to contact you.

So in closing, here are the three things I ask of you today:

1. Check out our new website and bookmark it in your web browser
2. Update you IIA Member Profile
3. Complete our chapter planning survey (instructions below) by August 31st

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We'll have our first lunch meeting in the latter half of September (exact time and location is being finalized as we speak). Check your in-box for more specific meeting schedules in early September.

How to complete the 2004/2005 Chapter Planning Survey:

1. Go to: http://www.gain2.org/cae2cae.html.
2. Select the Survey Link for **"IIA Local Chapter Member Survey"** You'll find it about halfway down the page.
3. Fill out the information and click the Submit Survey button. Your results will be tabulated with other chapter members and sent to us in aggregate for planning.

Charlie Johnson
2004-2005 Chapter President
IIA New Orleans Chapter