



IIA FWC chapter's monthly resource for training, news, and member announcements.

## Advocacy Update

One of The IIA's initiative is advocacy. The IIA has established a new division for the initiative and those within the division are working with chapter leaders to bring about awareness of the internal audit profession.

On Thursday, July 6, IIA FWC five chapter members, Monica Sanchez, Christine Arevalo, Billy Poulos, Christine Homack, and Monica Moyer-Kessel, along with Michael R. Downing, Senior Director of U.S. Advocacy for The IIA met with Congressman Gus Bilirakis.

The Congressman represents Florida's 12th congressional district which covers Citrus, Hernando, and most of Pasco counties. The Congressman serves as the senior member of the Energy and Commerce committee, chairman of the Innovation, Data and Commerce subcommittee, and senior member of the Health subcommittee and Communications and Technology subcommittee.

During the meeting, the six advocated for the internal audit profession and suggested that independent assessments and reviews were within the purview of organizations' internal audit functions. The Congressman was very welcoming, receptive, and inquisitive.

As part of this initiative, the five members agreed to form the chapter's first Advocacy Committee.



Pictured from left: Billy Poulos, Monica Sanchez, Christine Homack, Gus Bilirakis, Monica Moyer-Kessel, Christine Arevalo, and Michael Downing

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## Call for Volunteers

The IIA FWC Chapter is looking for volunteers. If you are able and interested, please email [Chapter89@theiia.org](mailto:Chapter89@theiia.org). Volunteering for the chapter can earn you CPE!



**Committee Name:** Programming  
**Hours (avg/mo.):** < 4  
**Volunteers Needed:** 2-3  
**Description:** The Programming Committee is looking for two-three volunteers to assist with chapter CPE programming. The volunteers may assist in planning events including speakers, locations, and food/beverage. Volunteers may help at the event at the registration desk, facilitating a virtual CPE event, or doing CPE reconciliation following an event. The volunteer role can be as large or small as your time allows. Most volunteer time will occur during normal business hours, involve communication by email and phone. If you are interested, please let us know!

## Upcoming Chapter Events

**October 13:** 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Seminar, CPE: up to 8, Cost: \$135.00, Sponsored by Wolters Kluwer.

**December 6 or 7:** 8:00 am – 10:30 am CAE Roundtable at First Watch, CPE: 2, Cost: \$25, Sponsored by Jefferson Wells. (Once date is finalized, a Save the Date email will be sent.)

**December 14:** 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Seminar, CPE: up to 8, Cost: \$135.00, Partnered with ISACA, Sponsored by Wolters Kluwer. Includes Charity Donation to Toys for Tots.

**February 23:** 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Seminar, CPE: up to 8, Cost: \$135.00, Sponsored by Protiviti.

"Save the Date" reminders will be sent by email.



## Academic Relations Update



The Academic Relations Committee is off to great start! In September, several committee members visited an Internal Audit class at University of South Florida (USF) to talk about the profession, introduce the IIA Florida West Coast chapter, welcome our future colleagues to chapter programming events, and explain the chapter's new case-study competition.

Next month, the committee has been asked to participate in Saint Leo University (SLU) annual accounting alumni event on Wednesday, October 18.

Next steps: University of Tampa (UT) and area state colleges. Want to get involved, email us!



## Summer Planning Event and Chapter Goals

On Thursday, June 15, chapter leaders and members met for the third annual Summer Planning Event. This event is a combination of fun, goal-setting, and prizes. This year, attendees received IIA FWC branded items and won gift cards in random drawings. Although fun, attendees worked to establish the chapter goals for the coming year as follows:

### ACADEMIC RELATIONS

- Develop/refine case study project for student award.
- Announce/market new case study project to student classes and organizations.

### TECHNOLOGY

- Establish clear roles within Technology Committee.
- Continue documenting procedures.
- Cross train Technology Committee in other roles to act as back up.
- Develop reminder email for incomplete registrations.

### GOVERNANCE/INTERNAL CONTROL/AUDIT COMMITTEE

- Institutionalize annual process of compliance with Guiding Principles.
- Past president to be a permanent member of this committee.

### COMMUNICATIONS

- Invigorate newsletter.
- Obtain training to post on LinkedIn.

### SECRETARY/CAP

- Establish process to communicate deadlines to responsible leadership with copy to president.

### MEMBERSHIP/CERTIFICATIONS

- Run membership on a monthly basis and send to Technology Committee, Communications, and President.
- Run certification list on a monthly basis and send to Communications and President.
- Prepare monthly "welcome" message for new members – email to Communications and President.
- Prepare monthly "congratulations" verbiage for new certifications – email to Communications and President.
- Advertise "All Star Contribution" award January – April on LinkedIn, newsletter, and email to members.

### TREASURER

- Establish Treasury Committee with routine review of bank reconciliations.
- Prepare seminar and programming P&L.

### PROGRAMMING

- Provide quality CPE.
- Establish a programming committee.
- Offer a minimum of two (2) virtual programming events each year for CAP purposes.
- Consider alternating and/or hybrid programming.



## New Certifications

*Congratulations*

Congratulations to the following for attainment of an IIA certification:

**Felicia Carlee CRMA**

Interested in obtaining one of the IIA's certifications including CIA or CRMA, check the IIA's website for requirements and cost.

[theiia.org/en/certifications](https://theiia.org/en/certifications)

## Job Opportunities

**Tampa General Hospital, Internal Audit Department** is hiring! See posted opportunities via their careers site to complete your application. Opening noted below:

- SENIOR AUDIT ADVISOR
- Number of Vacancies: 1
- Employment Type Full-Time

If you have a position you'd like to post in the newsletter or LinkedIn, email the chapter with the details.

## IIA Headquarters Events and Updates

- 2023 ESG Virtual Conference September 21.
- 2023 Data Privacy Conference, Virtual, October 12.
- 2023 IGNITE Conference, Las Vegas, October 24-26.
- 2023 AuditSphere, Virtual, December 7.
- 2024 Fraud Virtual Conference, February 29.
- 2024 GAM Conference, Las Vegas, March 11-13.
- 2024 International Conference, Washington DC, July 15-17.



For all IIA Headquarter Learning, click [here](#).



### Word Search – Back to School!



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BACKPACK

LAPTOP

TEACHER

BELL

PAPER

TEAMSPTS

BOOKS

PENCIL

UNIFORM

BUS

PENS

VARSITY

ERASER

SCHOOL

WAKEUP

HOMEWORK

TABLET

WHITEBOARD

Words can be vertical, horizontal, or diagonal.

*Good Luck!*