

# IIA Chairman of the Global Board, 2021-22

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Charlie T. Wright is 2021-22 Chairman of The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) Global Board of Directors. In this role, Wright leads the 17-member Global Board, is chair of the Supervisory Committee, and presides over Global Assembly.

Wright is an experienced Chief Audit Executive with more than 35 years of corporate experience in the airline, energy, and financial services industries. He has been in the internal audit profession for more than 19 years.

Before becoming Global Chair, Wright's volunteer roles at The IIA included senior vice chair, vice chair of Finance and of Professional Guidance, chair of the North American Advocacy Committee and of the Global Committee Task Force, and member of the Three Lines Model task force. Wright is also a former editor of the *Risk Watch* column in *Internal Auditor* magazine and a speaker and presenter at many IIA and other conferences.



For his chairman's theme, Wright focuses on how internal audit can prepare for the future, as advances in technology create opportunities and challenges for the profession. His presentation, "Future Ready," explores the transformative nature of technology, how internal auditors must up-skill to become tech-savvy, and how they can create efficiencies in their work and in their organizations.

Wright knows technology. He is Chief Risk Officer for Jack Henry & Associates, a technology services provider for the financial services industry. He oversees the internal audit function as well as information security, enterprise risk management, occupational risk management, regulatory and compliance, third-party risks, and enterprise continuity. He strongly believes that, in today's world, knowledge of and the use of technology should be baseline requirements for all internal auditors.

Wright is also active in a number of other volunteer roles. He is chairman of the board of Goodwill Industries of Central Oklahoma and recently completed a six-year term as chairman of the Risk Management Committee for the Last Frontier Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Wright is a co-founder and board member of Connexion, a company that funds small businesses in international locations to empower local people and create self-sustaining employment. Wright also has served as chairman of the American Petroleum Institute Internal Audit Committee and chairman of the Airline Transportation Association Internal Audit Committee.

Wright is a Certified Internal Auditor (CIA). Other professional credentials include Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA). Wright received bachelor's degrees in Accounting and in Computer Science from Oklahoma State University. He also received a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree from the University of Tulsa.