

Seattle Chapter



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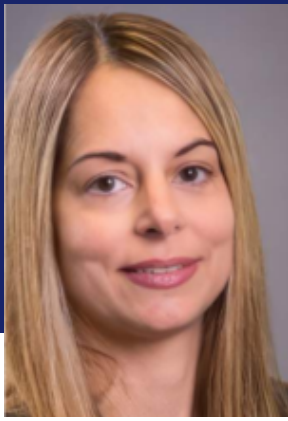
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Nitin Nigam (RSM)





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear IIA Seattle Chapter Members,

I'm so excited to be serving as your Chapter President for the next two years and look forward to fun and active FY24 ahead. Did you know that our Chapter recently celebrated its 25th year? This is a huge accomplishment that could not have been achieved without the support of our members, dedicated volunteers, chapter officers and board. This accomplishment moves our CAP status up from the Ruby level to Sapphire, making us one of a handful of chapters to meet this milestone. This is a great way to start our new year, where we have a number of events planned for the chapter which will include opportunity to increase member engagement through in person and virtual events.

We kicked off the FY24 chapter year in September with a virtual luncheon on the topic of Neurodiversity in Audit: Understanding, Valuing, and Cultivating a Neuroinclusive Environment. Our very own Carrie Pokrefke and our guest speaker Dr. Tracy Winter shared a perspective on how to build a culture of inclusivity. As a parent to two wonderful neurodiverse children this is a topic that is near and dear to my heart. Awareness around creating neuroinclusive environments gives me hope that any person can achieve a productive and fulfilling career despite their personal situation. Thank you to everyone who made the time to attend and engage in the discussion during this session.

This month we have an exciting opportunity to connect in-person as a chapter. On Oct 26, 2023 we are partnering with Seattle University and the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI, Seattle Chapter) to host the data analytics conference on the topic of Putting Artificial Intelligence into Internal Audit. Steve Mar has worked tirelessly to put together a wonderful day long event, where you'll hear from top internal audit professionals in the market about trends in AI and how they are using it within their organizations. I'm particularly excited to be hosting the lunch panel where we'll learn how CAE's from Amazon, PACCAR and Paymentus are applying AI and data analytics into their internal audit programs. I look forward to seeing you there, IIA members receive a discount to the conference.

Our success is based on the efforts of our members, generous volunteers, officers and board members. We have several volunteer positions we are looking to fill, if you are passionate about academic relations, programming, member engagement, communications or want to volunteer your financial skills to support our treasurer we'd love to hear from you at Chapter34@iiachapters.org.

Have a wonderful month!!!

Your Seattle Chapter IIA President
Cynthia Behnen Gillison

Meet your FY23/24 Chapter Officers!



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2nd VP Treasurer – Keila Tugwell-Core



VP Secretary– Caroline Black



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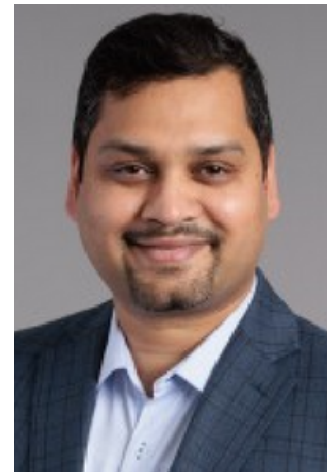
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IIA HQ and Chapter Events

Fundraising for the Foundation - Make an Impact

Thanks to generous donors, the Internal Audit Foundation funds cutting-edge research, creates groundbreaking content, and supports academic programs, curriculum, grants, and scholarships. Support the future of the profession and make a significant impact by [donating today](#).

Call for Volunteers for Local Chapter:

We are actively looking for volunteers for the following roles. You can earn up to 12 CPE for your support as a volunteer. Please contact us for more information. Or if you have any other areas of interest, we are always looking for more volunteers.

- Social Media Content Manager
- Our Chapter EMT tool – help us manage membership and communication to all members!
- Programming volunteers to help coordinate monthly luncheons, identify speakers and help manage the events (approximately 5 hours each month between August – May)
- Fraud Conference volunteers to help coordinate and plan the event (approximately 5 hours each month between August – March)
- Content for newsletters (approximately 2 hours a month)
- Support the Treasury function (approximately 1-2 hours a month); this could include performing an annual financial audit
- Academic Relations (supporting with academic outreach and increasing our presence on campuses)



Membership Survey

We want to hear from you! The membership survey is still open! Please fill in the survey and help IIA in serving members better.

[Click here for submitting the survey by Oct 31st, 2023](#)



Game Changer: Putting Artificial Intelligence (AI) into IA (Internal Audit)

2023 Seattle University x IIA Seattle Data Analytics Conference
October 26th, 2023 | Seattle University

Artificial intelligence (AI) is having a major impact on internal audit. Learn how major companies are harnessing its power at the sixth annual data analytics conference collaboration of the Seattle Chapter IIA, Seattle University's Albers School of Business and Economics, and Institute of Chartered Accountants of India Seattle chapter.


Whether you are an internal or external auditor, you need to understand and apply the latest AI features and tools to enhance your audit strategy and process. This conference will help you do just that. You will hear from leading audit teams who are using AI to innovate and reinvent their practices. You will learn how to start with advanced AI features in Excel and progress to more powerful tools like Alteryx. Don't miss this opportunity to join the game changers of AI in audit and prepare your team for the future!

The 2023 Seattle University and IIA Seattle Data Analytics Conference will be held Thursday October 26, 2023 from 8am-4:30 pm. There will also be a networking event from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. The location will be at Seattle University at the Sinegal Center for Science & Innovation Art and Dorothy Oberto Commons.

Key Note Speakers:

- Ananya Jauhari - Sharpen your AI Functions in Excel to Perform Audit Data Analytics
- Pooja Sund - The Power of AI for Audit and Finance: Insights from Microsoft
- Rachel Nelson - Applying Generative Artificial Intelligence to the Internal Audit Operational Process
- Lynnette Richmann, Vijayant Sitani, and Usama Jamal - Lunch Panel: The Challenges of Applying AI and Data Analytics in Tomorrow's Internal Audit Department.
- Heather Harris - How to Increase Your Audit Data Analytics with AI and Alteryx.
- Abdul Qadir Kidwai - How AI Can Boost Your Financial and Audit Performance & Productivity
- Michael Doherty - What Internal Auditors Need to Understand about the Ethics and Risk of Using Artificial Intelligence

[**Click here to register!**](#)



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The more focused path to Certification

The CIA Challenge Exam is your chance to join the more than 185,000 CIAs who have achieved this highly respected global certification.

As a CISA™ holder or an active CPA or CA holder, you can take advantage of this limited opportunity to earn the Certified Internal Auditor® (CIA®) designation through an expedited process called the CIA Challenge Exam. This expedited process allows you to obtain the CIA designation after successfully passing the one-part examination.

The CIA Challenge Exam only includes content not covered on your CISA™, CPA or CA exam, saving you time and money.

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IIA Seattle Events - Students

Are you interfacing with students? We encourage you to have them sign up for a FREE student membership! They will get access to:

- Internal Auditor Magazine
- Member only discounts
- Scholarship opportunity (up to \$5,000)
- Attendance at monthly meetings, free!

Students can use the code: IIA Student. A group of students from a class or as a guest with a professor can be a great learning/networking opportunity.

Do you have contacts at local universities, community/technical colleges? Help us reach the next generation of auditors, join the AR committee!

Reach out to [Austin Bailey, Seattle Academic Relation Chair!](#)



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1 Create an IIA Account.
<https://register.theiia.org/>

2 Log into the site below and submit a student application.
<https://myiia.theiia.org/Student/Index>

Certification

Annual Certification Renewal Update

Per the Annual Certification Renewal Policy effective 9/1/23, individuals in a Grace or Expired status must complete their recertification this year or risk losing their certification(s). Those currently in an Expired status have an amnesty period from now until 31 December 2023 to restore their designations to Active status. On 01 January 2024, any designation still in Expired status will be revoked and holders of the CIA and/or CRMA will be required to retest and recertify. Those holding the CCSA, CFSA, CGAP, and/or QIAL that are in Expired status will not have the option to restore their designations as these programs are no longer offered.



CONGRATS

Members Achieving CIA Certifications

- **Tyler Pelo**
- **Austin Bailey**
- **Ibukunoluwa Osuntoki**
- **Carrie Pokrefke**
- **Tim Gillis**

Registration is open!

2023 Ignite Conference

The IGNITE Conference, “Where Internal Audit Leaders Emerge,” is a new offering that will deliver an interactive experience for emerging leaders and auditors interested in gaining hands-on tools necessary for the future of internal audit.

- Where: Las Vegas, NV
- When: October 24-26

2023 AuditSphere: A Virtual Conference for Small Audit Teams

Participants will engage with subject matter experts to explore current challenges relevant to the small shop internal audit community. They will gain insight into how their peers manage outsourced, co-sourced, and augmented staff relationships. Participants will have the opportunity to discuss current topics that are unique to small audit shops and gain additional insight on how automation can be utilized both for continuous assurance as well as for fraud detection and investigation.

Early Register by 26 October and save 10%!

2024 Fraud Virtual Conference

This interactive one-day conference is designed to provide insight and innovative ideas for internal auditors, fraud examiners, and fraud investigators. This conference will feature two streams:

- Stream One is designed for the internal auditor who may discover potentially fraudulent activity and need to communicate and partner with the fraud department.
- Stream Two is for internal audit functions that are also required to perform fraud investigations when suspicious activity is detected.

Early Register by Jan 13, 2024 and save 10%. Event: FEB 29, 2024 | VIRTUAL, ONLY

2024 GAM Conference

Join the most esteemed gathering of internal audit innovators, leaders, and trailblazers at 2024 GAM: Great Audit Minds. Immerse yourself in a dynamic learning environment where you can collaborate and tackle today's pressing business and audit challenges while pioneering the frontiers of tomorrow. By participating, you will gain invaluable insights, forge meaningful connections, and acquire the tools and knowledge necessary to bring true value to your organization. Embrace the future of internal audit and revolutionize your impact today.

March 11-13, 2024 | Las Vegas, NV & Virtually

Quality Services

IIA Quality Services helps validate and strengthen your internal audit activity and enhances your effectiveness, efficiency, and successful practice implementation.

As a trusted source in the profession, we have helped hundreds of organizations in various industries and around the world by providing qualified audit professionals, a global benchmarking database, and a repository of successful practices. We assist CAEs in gaining support from the audit committee, enhance understanding of why an external assessment is necessary and valuable, and describe the different approaches.

For questions about our services, please contact IIA Quality Services at quality@theiia.org or read more here.

Certification Online Testing Available Now

To support the continued professional development of certification candidates around the world and in response to mass Pearson VUE test center closures due to COVID-19, The IIA has adopted online testing to enable candidates to take the Certified Internal Auditor® (CIA®), Certification in Risk Management Assurance® (CRMA®), and CIA Challenge exams from home. This flexible testing option will be available for a limited time..

[IIA Certification Information](#)