

Letter from the Chair: The IIA in Canada Continues to Evolve

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Dear fellow members,

As your chair of The IIA Canada Advisory Committee, I am writing to share updates currently underway that are designed to bring value to your membership, improve member experience, grow the profession, and advocate as one Canadian voice on your behalf.

First, I'd like to provide an update on the Canada Advisory Committee, formerly known as the Canadian Board. As a result of a governance review, the Canadian Board was renamed to the Canada

Advisory Committee (CAC) to reflect better its governance structure and role within The IIA's North American Board. This amendment provides clarity on the committee's structure and mandate and avoids operational confusion.

Consisting of Canadian members from across the country and various sectors, the CAC aims to leverage the power of internal audit professionals in Canada and recognize opportunities for collaboration and improvement. While the name of this group has changed, our Canadian membership continues to have the same level of representation at both the chapter and national levels.

Additionally, we will host a Virtual Town Hall to improve member communication and clarify how recent changes will impact the member experience for the better. This Town Hall is another step we are taking to enhance member communication and participation in guiding the future of The IIA in Canada, addressing organizational changes, introducing new staff, and fostering alignment and transparency between The IIA and our Canadian chapters and members. We will share more details on the Town Hall soon, with a specific date and time, in future emails and on social media.

Speaking of new staff, The IIA team in Canada is growing and, starting in January, will include a newly hired Director of Advocacy to operate as a lead advocate in advancing the organization's public policy and thought leadership goals in Canada and globally.

We are also working to fill other roles supporting Canadian membership, including an office administrator and a new <u>Director, Member Service Delivery – Canada</u>. Working with IIA Global and IIA North America, the Director of Member Service Delivery will focus on engaging the critical public and private sector stakeholders, building strategic partnerships, and elevating the impact and awareness of the audit profession in Canada. This individual will also ensure that, as an organization, we meet Canada-specific goals defined by the CAC and the North American Board of Directors.

In addition, I am pleased to announce the newly created <u>Associate Manager, Chapter Engagement role</u>, designed to better support and serve Canada's 12 regional chapters. Interested members are encouraged to apply to available postings by following the links above.

Of course, The IIA continues to have dedicated staff and resources focused on our Canadian members across other teams as well, including Member Support and Learning.

Change can sometimes be unsettling if not communicated properly. The IIA is working on improving communication with our Canadian members to ensure you first hear any changes and updates from us.

On behalf of the Canada Advisory Committee and IIA staff in Canada, I hope you have a wonderful holiday season, and I wish you all the best for the coming New Year!

Sincerely,

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