Executive

President

Nicole Nameth, CPA, MPAcc
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Nicole is the Director of Audit Services at SaskEnergy, having joined the company in January 2022. Nicole’s role includes leading the internal audit function, including the development of the annual audit plan, overseeing delivery of assurance and consulting projects, and special projects.

Prior to joining SaskEnergy, Nicole was a Senior Manager in Risk Consulting at KPMG. In this role, Nicole was responsible for managing a number of internal audit co-source and outsource arrangements with clients covering a variety of industries.

Past-President, Co-Vice President – Program Services

Yulia Yevlanova, CPA, CGA, FCCA, CIA
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Yulia joined the University of Regina leadership team in 2015 with the major objective to establish the Office of Internal Audit. Currently in her role, Yulia manages the University’s internal audit function, including developing internal audit plans, conducting assurance, consulting, and special projects.

Over her professional career, Yulia has accumulated more than 15 years of experience in audit and accounting roles. This included a position with KPMG Ukraine where she had a broad portfolio of clients and a Regional Internal Auditor position with a multinational agricultural distribution company where she was responsible for internal audit operations in a number of countries in Central and Eastern Europe.
Co-Vice President – Program Services

Nicole Wiebe, CPA, CA, CIA
VP Internal Audit

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Nicole started the Internal Audit Department for Innovation Credit Union in early 2008. She was part of the initial discussions for an integrated Internal Audit group between Conexus, Innovation, Cornerstone and Synergy in 2013 and worked on the first business case developed in 2014 where the strategic vision was first conceptualized. As VP of Internal Audit for the CUs inSync Internal Audit Collaboration, Nicole is responsible for developing, coaching, and empowering a team of auditors to implement a risk-based internal audit plan across 3 Credit Unions.

Prior to joining the credit union, Nicole worked in public practice as an Accountant for 9 years where she was responsible for leading external audits and preparing corporate and individual tax returns.

Nicole obtained her Bachelor of Commerce at the University of Saskatchewan, majoring in Accounting and Computer Science. She obtained her Chartered Professional Accountant designation in 2002 and the Certified Internal Audit designation in 2013.

Vice President – Membership Services

Scott Hamilton, CPA, CA, CFE
Audit Manager, Audit Services

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Scott is an Audit Manager with Saskatchewan Government Insurance (SGI), a Crown-owned property and casualty insurer operating in five provinces across Canada. In this role, Scott manages a number of diverse assurance and advisory projects to assist the company in its strategic goals and objectives.

Scott began his career with the Office of the Provincial Auditor Saskatchewan where he obtained his Chartered Professional Accountant designation. He then worked in various internal audit roles before joining SGI’s Audit Services department in 2016. Scott is also a Certified Fraud Examiner.
Vice President – Finance and Administration

Nathan Thomson, CPA, CA, CIA, CFE, CRMA
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Nathan is the inaugural Internal Auditor for Sunrise Foods International where he is responsible for establishing and managing the internal audit function. Sunrise Foods is the world’s largest organic grain trading company with offices and/or facilities in Canada, the US, Türkiye, Germany and the Netherlands.

Nathan is a CPA, CA, CIA, CFE, and CRMA with over 20 years of experience in audit, internal control, and risk advisory services. His experience includes the mining and agriculture industries, professional services, and public sector.

Nathan has previously served on the IIA SK Board in the VP, Finance & Administration role and as part of the Membership Committee. He also volunteers in multiple capacities in the local and provincial rugby communities.

Chapter Secretary

Cheryl Kirzinger, FCUIC, CIA, CFE, CRMA
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Cheryl manages the internal audit function at Synergy Credit Union. Her first exposure to the credit union system and the field of audit was as a Quality Assurance expert as part of the Centralized Loan Support team in 2007. In 2013 Cheryl was promoted to the role of Internal Auditor, a role she continues to hold today. In her spare time, she volunteers with various organizations as well as serves as the Board of Directors, Past/Vice President for the non-profit organization, St. John Bosco Wilderness Camp and serves as a Victim Advocate for Midwest Victim Services in Lloydminster.
Advocacy Officer

Leanne Ashdown, CPA, CMA, CIA, CFE, CRMA, CISA

Chief Audit Officer
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As Chief Audit Officer at the Saskatchewan Health Authority, Leanne is responsible for the overall direction, control and coordination of the internal audit function. Leanne has over 30 years of internal audit experience in both private and public sectors in Saskatchewan. In addition to IIA Saskatchewan, she has previously served on the boards of ACFE Saskatchewan and ISACA Regina.

Academic Relations Officer, President-Elect

Travis Boynton, CIA
Manager, Internal Audit
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Travis is the Manager, Internal Audit at SaskPower. Travis has over 10 years experience in the Crown sector in Internal Audit and 5 years experience in the private sector in Employee and Labour Relations. Travis obtained his Bachelor of Business Administration at the University of Regina and obtained his Certified Internal Auditor designation in 2021. In his spare time, he enjoys travelling and experiencing different cultures around the world.
Governors

Donald A.E. Sealey, CPA (USA)
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As Director of Audit Services at Federated Co-operatives Limited (FCL), Don is responsible for various internal audits across all business units, including IT audits, audits at refinery operations in Regina, and retail coop audits throughout western Canada. Prior to joining FCL, Don had nearly 20 years internal audit and accounting experience in the U.S. airline industry. His public accounting experience saw him working in 3 different US states and Saudi Arabia on multinational clients in various industries.

Don obtained his Bachelor’s of Business Administration degree in Accounting from the University of Oklahoma and is an American Certified Public Accountant. Don is past President of IIA Hawaii Chapter. He has been on the Board of Governors of IIA SK since 2016 and serves on the Program Services and Academic Relations Committees.

Mark Hillmer, MBA, CIA, CRMA, CPHR
Senior Auditor
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Mark joined the IIA Saskatchewan Board of Directors in 2013. He is currently a Senior Auditor with SLGA and has over twelve years of experience within the Crown and Private sectors in a variety of diverse roles from Internal Audit, Enterprise Risk Management and Human Resources.

Mark has his Bachelor of Business of Administration from the University of Regina with a major in Human Resources and Marketing. As an avid learner, he holds the CPHR, CIA and CRMA designations and recently completed his Master of Business Administration. Mark is passionate to volunteer his time to both his professions and to social causes and sits on multiple non-profit boards.
Karen Van Slyck, CPA, CA
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Karen is a CPA, CA with over 20 years of internal audit and risk management experience obtained locally and abroad. She currently holds the position of Vice President, Internal Audit at Farm Credit Canada and in her 15 years with FCC has also held leadership positions in both the Risk and Finance Divisions. Prior to joining FCC she held positions at a Big 4 firm as well as a global investment management company.

Brent Pritchard, CPA, CA, CIA
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Brent Pritchard was born and raised in Saskatchewan where he received his Bachelor of Administration at the University of Regina. He began his career at the Provincial Auditor of Saskatchewan and has been actively involved in the internal auditing profession for the last fifteen years working at various crown corporations including Crown Investments Corporation (CIC), SaskGaming, SaskWater, Innovation Place, and Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority. He currently holds the Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA-CA) and Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) designations.

Currently, Brent is the Senior Director of Internal Audit at the Ministry of SaskBuilds and Procurement.
Robert Kuling leads MNP’s Enterprise Risk Services practice in Saskatchewan. Drawing on more than 30 years of senior leadership and consulting experience, Robert helps clients develop practical solutions for risk management, internal audit, financial compliance, governance, and regulatory needs. He has developed leading edge practices for assurance, risk, and compliance groups including risk assessment, analytics, program evaluation, talent strategies, corporate culture, fraud/ethics, quality, and performance reporting.

He is a former Chief Audit Executive at major Canadian organizations; Tervita, Viterra, TransAlta, and Precision Drilling and has also held audit management positions with Farm Credit Canada and Provincial Auditor of Saskatchewan. He is an international leader with the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) serving on the Global Board, Chairman of the North American Board, and numerous committees and task forces. He has been a national spokesman for risk and internal audit issues with regulators, professional groups, training firms, and government organizations as well as an internationally recognized training provider for appraising corporate culture. Recently, Robert obtained the Director designation (ICD.D) from the Institute of Corporate Directors.

Natalie Keith, BA, LPEC
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Since 2013, Natalie has been a core team member of Cameco’s global internal audit function where she assists in bringing a systematic, disciplined approach to evaluating and improving the effectiveness of key risk mitigating processes and controls. In addition, as a core contributor to Cameco’s global ethics program, Natalie has been actively involved in employee disclosure on Code of Conduct and Ethics concerns, Ethics Hotline management, fraud awareness and special investigations, and privacy-related matters. She earned the Internal Audit Practitioner designation in 2020 and the Leadership Professional in Ethics and Compliance designation in 2023.
Brooke Lobdell, CPA, CIA, MPAcc  
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Brooke has 4 years of experience in public practice with Ernst & Young as an external auditor. During her tenure, she worked with private, public, and not-for-profit organizations in the automotive, real estate, energy, and agriculture industries. Brooke has been in her current role as an internal auditor at Nutrien for one year, with a primary focus on data analytics.

In her current role, Brooke is responsible for assisting in audit planning, testing, and reporting; providing mentorship to and reviewing the work of the Internal Audit (IA) department’s co-op student; and creating scripts to automate and optimize processes both within the IA department and for the organization as a whole. Brooke holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree with an Accounting Major, a Master of Professional Accounting degree, and holds the designations of Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) and Certified Internal Auditor (CIA).