



Annual Report

**June 2024–
May 2025**

The Institute of
Internal Auditors
San Gabriel Valley



Elevating ***Impact***

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Message From Outgoing President



As we embark on a new fiscal year, the IIA – San Gabriel Valley Chapter would like to express our sincerest gratitude to everyone who has contributed to our chapter’s achievements from June 1, 2024, through May 31, 2025. We had another great year working together towards “Ruby Status”, made possible by our dedicated volunteers, expert speakers, generous sponsors, and supportive members.

We would like to give our deepest thanks to the 35-star volunteers and Board of Governors who contributed to a stellar year for our chapter in 2025 and elevated impact to our members, community, and the internal audit profession. Volunteers are the lifeline of smooth-functioning non-profits.

We acknowledge the guidance and support of our Board of Governors, who coached us towards meeting our strategic plan and achieving our goals throughout the year. Our volunteers worked tirelessly to procure expert speakers who were instrumental in sharing their expertise and perspectives at our events, so we want to thank them once again.

We are immensely grateful for the support of our sponsors – AuditBoard, Protiviti, RSM, and Wolters Kluwer. Your dollars helped subsidize our in-person, holiday event, West District # 3 Conference, and the chapter’s 40th anniversary celebration, which demonstrates the value of internal audit and is critical to our success. In addition, our chapter sponsored two volunteers to attend Leadership Academy.

In the spirit of “One IIA”, the San Gabriel Valley Chapter partnered and collaborated with local chapters on hosting several events, including the holiday and Internal Audit Awareness Month seminars and the West District # 3 Conference featuring Anthony Pugliese. In support of internal audit’s growing presence in Washington, D.C., we also met with Congresswoman Judy Chu to promote the internal audit profession.

I am thrilled to start this year with our successes in mind and would like to welcome the incoming President and long-time volunteer, Mario Avila!

Tammy Cook, 2023-2025 President

Message From Incoming President



At the end of May 2025, we celebrated the 40th anniversary of the IIA – San Gabriel Valley Chapter, and in this message, it feels appropriate to mention two long-time IIA Members who have had a major impact on our chapter's history: Board of Governors Rey Bejerano & Fred Stevens. As an early volunteer at lunchtime seminars, Rey would jovially greet me as his 'old friend' and encourage me to advocate for the internal audit profession at Meet the Firms nights. During my time as Treasurer, Fred would meet the team on weekends for coffee to disperse the mail from the P.O. Box and tell stories of going to Leadership Academy in the early days and meeting Lawrence B. Sawyer, often referred to as "the father of internal auditing." It's these types of encounters that sparked the sense of camaraderie that led

me to volunteer for the Chapter time after time. Fortunately, our Chapter has many volunteers who create this welcoming atmosphere and continue to contribute to our Chapter's long-standing success.

The chapter is in impeccable shape and set up for long-term success. As we look ahead to the upcoming fiscal year, I would like the central value to be growth, not just in numbers, but in knowledge, reach, and impact.

It will be one of my priorities to increase our membership base, ensuring that we continue to build a strong, diverse, and engaged community of professionals. Equally important are the training sessions we host, which will be aimed at delivering new, actionable insights, ensuring that every participant leaves with a stronger understanding of the evolving audit profession and the complex risk landscape we navigate today. Whether it's emerging technologies, regulatory shifts, or organizational risks, our programs will equip members to stay ahead and add value in their roles.

Lastly, with the excitement of a new year, I encourage all members to continue to step up and say 'Yes' to that next volunteer opportunity. You never know where the road of volunteerism will take you. Cheers to another 40 years!

Mario Avila, 2025-2026 President

Programs & Seminars

8

Monthly
Webinars/
Workshops
/Socials

5

Total
Partnered
Events

3

Total In-
Person
Events

25.5

Total CPEs



93 Average Attendees

94% Above Average to Excellent Satisfaction

Chapter Collaboration

5 Partnered Events

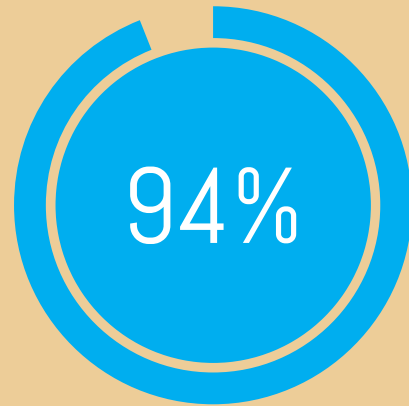
- IIA Inland Empire Chapter
- IIA Los Angeles Chapter
- IIA Orange County Chapter
- IIA San Diego Chapter
- IIA San Fernando Valley Chapter
- ISACA Los Angeles Chapter



Member Engagement



294
Members



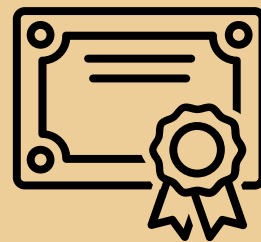
Satisfaction

86



CERTIFIED

Members



18

Members with
2 Certifications

1

Member with 3
Certifications

Marketing & Communications



226 Connections
> 66 Posts



148K+
Chapter
Events/Communications

Sponsorship

We appreciate your continued support and sponsorship of our Chapter. It enables us to give back more to our members and the Internal Audit community.

Thank you to our sponsors



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Sponsorship Benefits



Exhibitor	Bronze	Silver	Gold
\$650	\$1,300	\$3,250	\$6,500

Pre-Seminar Marketing Benefits

Acknowledgement of sponsorship support on Chapter registration websites and LinkedIn	✓	✓	✓	✓
Receive pre-seminar opted-in attendee list including name, title, company, email address			✓	✓
Complimentary Seminar Registration	0	1	2	3

Seminar Sponsorship Benefits

Standard exhibit space (including 6' table with 2 chairs for sponsor booth setup)	✓	✓		
Premium exhibit space (i.e., closest to doorways where there is heavier traffic, and including 6' table with 2 chairs for sponsor booth setup)			✓	✓
Recognition at start and end of event	✓	✓	✓	✓
Inclusion in event raffle opportunity	✓	✓	✓	✓
Option to have company representative participate in the seminar panel discussion			✓	✓
5-minute speaking opportunity to promote company, products, and services				✓

Post-Seminar Marketing Benefits

Sponsor may place marketing ad in the IIA San Gabriel Valley quarterly newsletters (months of December, March, May) and IIA Inland Empire flyer			✓	✓
Receive post-seminar opted-in attendee list including name, title, company, email address			✓	✓

Academic Relations



1 Meet the Firms - February 2025

Highlight the vital role of internal auditors and share how the IIA SGV Chapter supports students with mentorship, networking, and professional development opportunities.

2 Accounting Banquet - April 2025

Bring together students, faculty, and industry professionals to celebrate the achievements of the 2024-2025 academic year and recognize outstanding individuals.



Certifications



NEW!

**7 Member
Certifications**



6 Granted



1 Granted



17%

**Certified Members
Year-over-Year**



Advocacy



The IIA Congressional Key Person Program

Judy Chu

**U.S. Congresswoman 28th
District of California**



This new advocacy initiative empowers IIA chapters to meet with members of Congress and provide an introduction to the internal audit profession. In this past year, our chapter's advocacy chair discussed the differences between external and internal auditors, the three lines model, and the value that internal audit brings from providing an independent and objective opinion on processes and policies.



Touched on the key public policy matters that are emerging relating to cybersecurity and cryptocurrency. The intent of the meeting was for the chapter to develop a meaningful relationship with her office and communicate that our IIA members are available to her for appropriate support, guidance and technical expertise on any legislative issues concerning internal audit.



Members Hall of Fame

Our Chapter would like to recognize the long-standing members of our Chapter. Thank you for your loyalty, support, and contributions to our success over the years. Congratulations on achieving this incredible milestone!

40 Years Claudia Piston

25 Years

Bernardo Buenaflor
Jason Bradford
Natasha Golter

Shauna Wong
Silas O. Awujo
Stephen Arietta

Theodore Granger
Yvonne Zheng

20 Years

Albert Lau
Armando Ng
Heidi Tong
Jonathan Tanlioco

Josephine Chen
Luceli Ceja
M. Lizzette Espinoza
Nancy J. Neville

Philip Massey
Sameel Salim
Steven La France

15 Years

Calvin Lee
Cecilia Wang
Ching Fong
David Heller

David Imre
Diana Jeanne Estrada
Kenny Luong
Lauren Shaw

Ronald Niko
Vickie Chau



Members

Hall of Fame

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10 Years

Andrew Poh
Elzana DeSantis
Evelyn Ignacio
Fumi Sotozono

Leslyn Rose
Shanakay Brandford
Sunandha Pagadalu
Tyler Powell

Victor Chee
Vicky Tao
Wendy Yang

5 Years

Anthony Saldivar
Jie Su
Jose Vazquez

Kristina Sun
Leanna Sullivan
Monique Stevenson

Raymond Woo
Victorianne Romberger

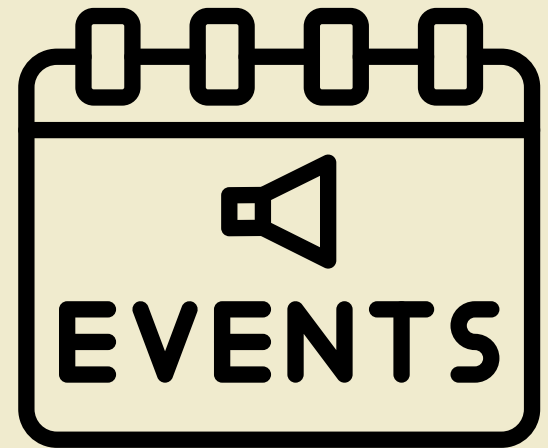
1 Year

Afisat Azeez
Aldo Martinez
Carl Chiu
Chipo Chizengeni
Diana Pak
Edward Mar
Jackie Canlapan
Jun Wen
Kylan Espinoza
Lany Liwan
Manjit Dthoter

Marim Fam
Mark Lebar
Marsha Solorio
Marta Santos
Michael Abraham
Monica Calles
Nichole Abraham
Olivia Van Bokkelen
Rachel Marucut
Ramon Moreno
Rina Yarra

Robyn Song
Shirley Yeung
Stephanie Olson
Stephanie Rosales
Waqass Chaudhry
Wayne Kinsey
Wenwen Cao
Yaru Han
Yen Peng
Yin Nguyen
Zeina Raad

Chapter Events



SEP

Cybersecurity Virtual Webinar (1 CPE)

NOV

Programming in a Box “Information Technology General Controls” in Collaboration with ISACA Los Angeles Chapter and IIA - Inland Empire Chapter (1.5 CPEs)

DEC

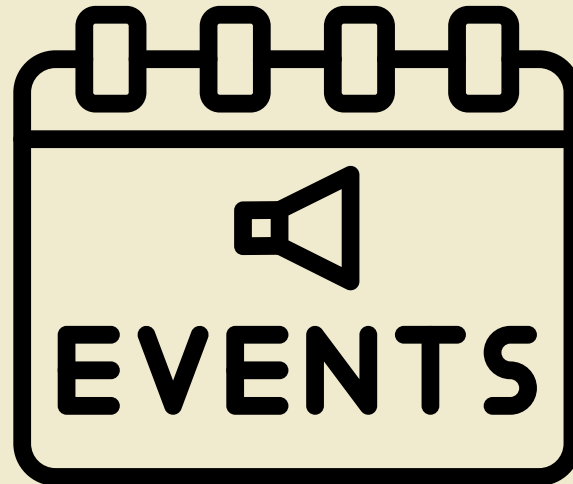
Deck The Halls With Resilience (2 CPEs) in Collaboration with IIA – Los Angeles, IIA – San Fernando, and ISACA Los Angeles Chapter

JAN

Writing to Achieve Results in Collaboration with IIA - Inland Empire Chapter (4 CPEs)

Chapter Events

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MAR

2025 IIA Western District Conference: Spring Into the Future with CEO Anthony Pugliese and Distinguished Leaders in collaboration with IIA – Inland Empire, IIA – Los Angeles, IIA – Orange County, IIA – San Diego, and IIA – San Fernando Valley Chapters (8 CPEs)

APR

Mastering the Art of Assertiveness (1 CPE)

MAY

Driving Excellence Through Internal Audit: Tools for Success in Collaboration with IIA - Inland Empire, Los Angeles, and San Fernando Valley Chapters (8 CPEs)

MAY

IIA SGV 40th Anniversary Celebration - Social Event
(Note: IIA SGV Chapter Anniversary is in March)



Speakers Hall of Fame

We express our sincere appreciation to the esteemed speakers for sharing their knowledge and perspectives with our members. Your contributions have left an incredible impact!

- **Anthony Pugliese**, President and CEO of the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA)
- **Brandon Tanous**, Partner at Weaver
- **Carl Grifka**, Managing Director of SL Business Informatics, SingerLewak LLP
- **Carol K. Gonzales**, IT Security and Compliance/CISO & CPO at Cal State Pomona
- **Cees Klumper**, Chief Compliance Officer, International Medical Corps
- **Dan Ramey**, University Professor, President of Houston Financial Forensics
- **Danielle Yamane**, Lead Staff Security Operations Engineer at the Trade Desk
- **Debbie A. Lew**, SVP and Chief Audit Executive at Kaiser Permanente
- **Douglas Hileman**, President and Founder of Douglas Hileman Consulting LLC
- **Eric Spivak**, Senior Manager at GPP Analytics
- **Jessica (Jess) Rodgers**, Partner/Principal, Risk Consulting at Ernst & Young LLP
- **John Tonsick**, Founder, Fraud Solutions
- **Julian Metcalf**, CEO of GPP Analytics, Inc
- **Justin Zavis**, Senior Manager at Ernst & Young LLP
- **Miles Remer**, Risk Consulting Partner at EY
- **Nick Ryan**, Business Information Security Officer (BISO), RSM US LLP
- **NyAsia Jordan**, Manager, FSO Consulting at EY
- **Paul Alberga**, Principal Internal Auditor at City of Los Angeles
- **Richard Kessler**, Director at Protiviti
- **Scott Madenburg**, Founder and President of ARC Hybrid
- **Dr. Shea Brown**, Founder and CEO of BABL AI
- **Steve Biskie**, Principal Risk Analytics Leader & SAP Champion at RSM
- **Tim Gramling**, VP for Diversity and Dean at California Baptist University
- **Tina Bohn**, Director at Protiviti
- **Dr. Toby Groves**, Founder of Cognificent Learning
- **Tricia Fratto**, co-founder of EthicsSuite
- **Urvashi Royjain**, SVP-Deputy CAE at East West Bank
- **Vartan Deranteriassian**, Senior Manager, Tech. Audit and Advisory at Protiviti
- **Wael (Y.L.) Younan**, Executive Healthcare Strategist at CrowdStrike
- **William Woodington**, President, Woodington Learning Solutions, LLC

Volunteering

Empowering and celebrating Impact

JOIN NOW



1

Mission

- Promote a supportive and empowering environment
- Encourage innovation and opportunities to give back to the community
- Promote the value of internal audit and the profession

2

Benefits

- Earn up to 15 CPE hours for volunteering annually
- Access to event discounts
- Build your resume qualifications
- Expand and grow networking in the profession
- Demonstrate leadership through managing teams and events
- Empower other professionals
- Share knowledge and keep up-to-date on the latest industry trends and best practices
- Have fun!
- Micro-volunteer opportunities available!

2024-2025 Chapter Slate



IIA San Gabriel Valley Chapter Chapter Board of Governors, Officers, and Chairs for 2024-25

GOVERNORS		COMMITTEES	
Governor at Large	Albert Lau	Academic Relations Co-Chair (2 years)	Alyssa Phung
Governor at Large	Urvashi Royjain	Academic Relations Co-Chair (2 years)	Corazon Cenon
Governor at Large	Heidi Tong	Audit Committee Chair	Mark Concialdi
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Governor at Large	Fred Stevens	CAP Co-Chair	Elizabeth Chan
Governor at Large	Steven La France	CAP Support	Ying Feng
Governor at Large	Rey Bejeranio	Certification	Jing Rooney
		Certification Co-Chair	NyAsia Jordan
		Technology (Zoom) and Facilities Arrangement	Conan Nghi
		Technology (Zoom) and Facilities Arrangement (Co-Chair)	Daniel Kim
		Technology (Zoom) and Facilities Arrangement (Co-Chair)	On Nguyen
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		Membership Co Chair	Dorothy Chung
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		Newsletter Co-Chair	Vicky Tao
		Newsletter Co-Chair	Andrew Poh
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		Programs Co-Chair	Anna Tupaz
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		Publicity and Public Relations (Social Media) (Co-Chair)	Jie Su
		Seminars	Kaylee Kong
		Seminars Co-Chair	Laura Gomez
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		Webmaster Co-Chair	Ronald Niko
Officers			
President	Tammy Cook		
Vice President	Ching-yi Bonita Leung		
VP - Programs Chair	Wenwen Cao		
Treasurer (2 years)	Shuai Lyu		
Assistant Treasurer	Mario Avila		
Secretary	Rosanne Chen		

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2025-2026 Chapter Slate



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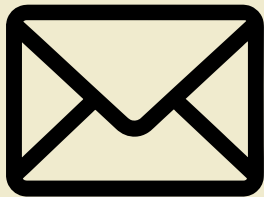
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		Seminars Co-Chair	Kaylee Kong
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		Webmaster Co-Chair	Ronald Niko

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Assistant Treasurer	Phillip Yao
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