

An aerial photograph of a coastline. The top half of the image shows turquoise water with white, frothy surf crashing against a series of brown, rocky outcrops. The bottom half shows a sandy beach with gentle waves lapping at the shore. A few small figures of people are visible in the shallow water near the beach.

Happy Summer

IIA San Gabriel Valley Chapter
June 2025



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The San Gabriel Valley Chapter was founded in 1985 and serves San Gabriel Valley in the greater Los Angeles area. Its membership includes internal auditors and management from various industries and organizations, including healthcare, finance, utilities, and government. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in the Internal Audit profession.

We encourage everyone to achieve Certified Internal Auditor status. The Chapter serves our members working in internal audit, governance and internal control, IT audit, education, and security. Our goal is to provide a balanced program of continuing education and opportunities to meet fellow professionals.



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Annual Report June 2024 - May 2025

By IIA San Gabriel Valley Chapter



Cool off this Summer with some refreshing activities!

Summer is the time for relaxation! Consider some of the activities below to keep you engaged.

LEARN

Build a solid foundation with the following certifications:

- ✓ Internal Audit Practitioner – Demonstrates aptitude & knowledge
- ✓ Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) – Sets the Internal audit gold standard
- ✓ Certification in Risk Management Assurance (CRMA) – Elevates risk assessment expertise

REFRESH

Stay ahead with:

- ✦ IIA Webinars & Conferences
- ✦ Workshops on AI & Cybersecurity Risks
- ✦ Online Courses on Emerging Trends

THRIVE

A strong network leads to success!

- 👉 Attend IIA Chapter Meetings
- 🌐 Join LinkedIn Audit Groups
- 💬 Engage in mentorship & discussions

RELAX

Make sure to spend time doing things that make you happy!

Set aside time for your favorite activity or spending time with loved ones





San Gabriel Valley chapter

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1.

MASTERING THE ART OF ASSERTIVENESS (1 CPE) BY WILLIAM WOODINGTON

April 24, 2025 – Master the Art of Assertiveness (1 CPE) by William Woodington with 30 attendees.

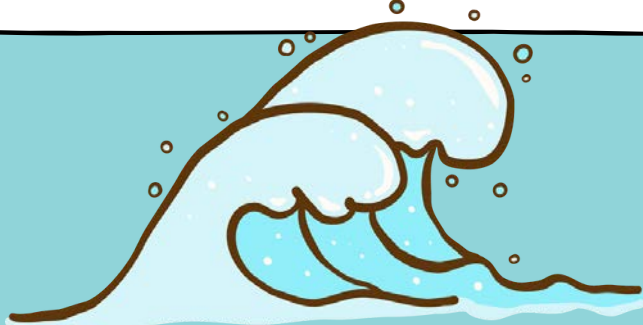
This interactive session focused on developing assertiveness skills for the workplace, with practical strategies for handling difficult conversations, setting boundaries, and building confidence without aggression. Attendees learned to say “no” effectively, gain respect in professional settings, and navigate workplace dynamics with poise.

2.

2025 IIA WESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE: SPRING INTO THE FUTURE WITH CEO ANTHONY PUGLIESE AND DISTINGUISHED LEADERS (8 CPES)

The event was held in collaboration with the IIA Inland Empire, Los Angeles, Orange County, San Diego, and San Fernando Valley represented on March 27, 2025.

Amazing venue (Westin Hotel in Anaheim) and great networking event with Mr. Pugliese. In this in-person event, attendees were able to network with each other while learn about insightful presentations on topics ranging from data analytics, cybersecurity, ESG initiatives, ethics in an evolving business environment and so much more! Over 150 attendees.



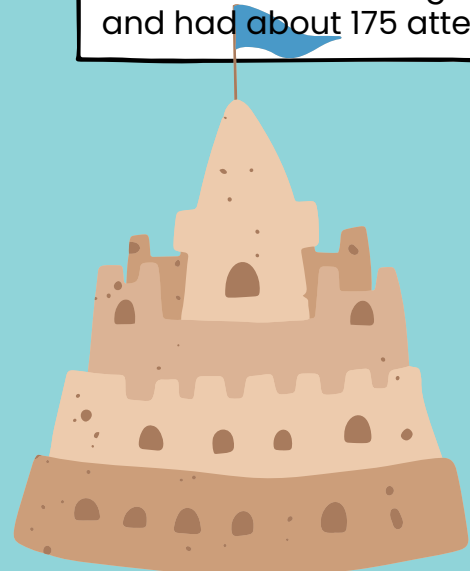
Program Update

3.

DRIVING EXCELLENCE THROUGH INTERNAL AUDIT (8 CPES)

This event was held in collaboration with IIA Inland Empire, Los Angeles, and San Fernando Valley represented on May 22, 2025.

Celebrated May Internal Audit Awareness Month with a great line-up of speakers with 8 CPES. All complementary speakers. Two hours were provided for Ethics and presentations were on Artificial Intelligence, the Science of Audit Excellence, Aligning Auditees and Auditors' Goals, etc. To give back and keep it engaging we raffled 8 Amazon gift cards and had about 175 attendees.





Chapter's 40th Anniversary Celebration



This special event united current members, past leaders, and valued partners for a night of connection, reflection, and appreciation on May 29, 2025. (Note: IIA San Gabriel Valley Chapter Anniversary is in March)

THANK YOU TO ALL THE AMAZING
VOLUNTEERS WHO CAME OUT TO
CELEBRATE THE IIA SGV CHAPTER'S
40TH ANNIVERSARY. WE COULDN'T
HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2025-2026 IIA and SGV Chapter

No.	Date	Topic
1	July 14-16, 2025 Toronto, Canada & Virtually 12.8 CPEs	<i>IIA International Conference - IIA</i>
2	August 18 - 20, 2025 New York City, New York 24 CPEs	<i>GRC (Governance, Risk Management, and Control) Conference 2025 - IIA</i>
3	September 9, 2025 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. ET 6.6 CPEs Virtual Only	<i>2025 Enterprise Risk Management Virtual Conference - IIA</i>
4	October 6 - 8, 2025 Las Vegas, Nevada Up to 15 CPEs	<i>2025 IGNITE Conference - IIA</i>
5	October 16, 2025 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. ET 6.6 CPEs Virtual Only	<i>2025 Cybersecurity Virtual Conference - IIA</i>
6	November 3 - 4, 2025 Washington, DC & Virtually CPEs TBD	<i>2025 Financial Services Exchange - IIA</i>
7	November 6 - 7, 2025 Grand Cayman Island Up to 7 CPEs	<i>2025 Caribbean Conference - IIA</i>
8	March 9 - 11, 2026 Las Vegas, Nevada CPEs TBD	<i>2026 GAM: Great Audit Minds Conference - IIA</i>



2025 International Conference in Toronto, Canada

July 14-16, 2025



Advancing Internal Audit as We Embrace Change and Elevate Standards

Join Us in Toronto, Canada for The IIA International Conference

The IIA's 2025 International Conference sets the stage for embracing change and elevating standards in the pursuit of internal audit excellence.

As internal auditors solidify their roles as essential trusted advisors within their organizations, they must expand their global expertise and strengthen their professional networks.

This conference will equip audit professionals with innovative technologies and advanced methodologies, empowering them to proactively navigate evolving business challenges and emerging risks with confidence and precision.



WHERE

Toronto,
Canada &
Virtually



WHEN

14-16 July
2025



CPEs

12.8

Click [here](#) for full program details

Click [here](#) to REGISTER TODAY!

GRC Conference 2025 in New York, New York

August 18 – 20, 2025



For the 12th year, The IIA and ISACA will gather the leading minds in governance, risk management, and control (GRC) to provide dedicated professionals with world-class content, innovative ideas, and practical guidance.

Empower yourself to excel in today's dynamic GRC environment. Join us for GRC Conference 2025, 18 - 20 August in New York City.

Click [here](#) for full program details

Click [here](#) to REGISTER TODAY!

2025 IGNITE Conference 2025 in Las Vegas, NV

October 6 – 8, 2025



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Where Internal Audit Leaders Emerge

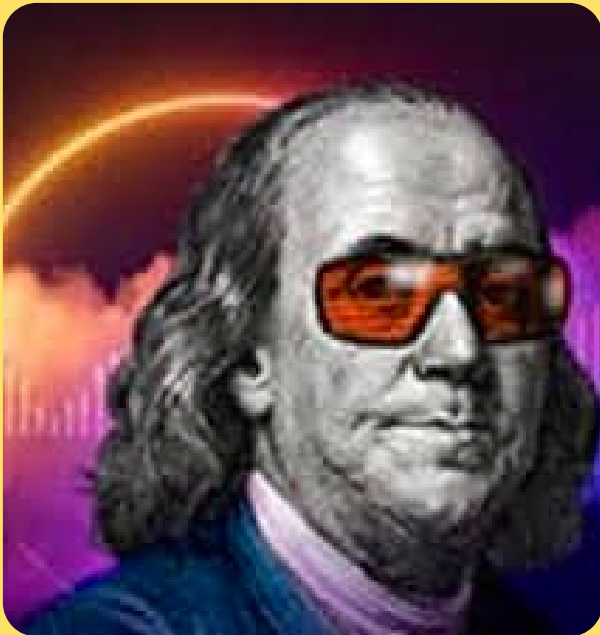
Designed to fuel the career growth of emerging internal audit leaders, the 2025 IGNITE Conference provides an energetic and hands-on experience. Join us in Las Vegas and connect with peers while building skills to lead the future of internal audit.

This interactive, in-person and virtual event is built for rising professionals seeking actionable insights for career progression and practical strategies for managing organizational risk. Explore beyond processes and controls, with content focused on leadership communication, professional development, and innovative audit approaches. Earn up to 15 CPE credits while learning from senior-level experts.

Click [here](#) for full program details

Click [here](#) to REGISTER TODAY!

2025 Financial Service Exchange in Washington, DC & Virtually November 3 – 4, 2025



Empower and Innovate Your Audit Journey

Internal auditors in the finance, banking, and insurance industries face the complex task of mastering the regulatory landscape and adapting to emerging technologies to test controls and mitigate risks effectively. Staying ahead in this ever-evolving environment is crucial for success.

Click [here](#) for full program details

Click [here](#) to REGISTER TODAY!

UPCOMING IIA LEARNING COURSES

www.theiia.org/en/learning/online/

Featured IIA Webinars (Free CPEs for Members) (1 CPE)

- Building A Culture of Psychological Safety to Reduce Turnover (July 8, 2025 @ 2-3 pm ET)
- Visualization Best Practices for Internal Auditors (July 30, 2025 @ 12-1 pm ET)
- Topical Requirement: Organizational Behavior (August 6, 2025 @ 12-1 pm ET)

Online Learning

- Fundamentals of IT Auditing (July 8 -11, 2025, @ 12:30 - 4:00 pm ET, 16 CPEs)
- Critical Thinking: A Vital Auditing Competency (July 8-10, 2025, @ 12:30 - 4:00 pm ET, 8 CPEs)
- Tools for New Auditors (August 18-29, 2025 @ 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm ET, 24 CPEs)

FOOD FOR THOUGHT



>>> **The Global AI Race is On**

Christine Janesko | June 2025



Global AI adoption is accelerating across industries, prompting internal auditors to address rising risks like cyber threats, data misuse, and the need for stronger governance and oversight.

Patterns of Behavior

James C. Paterson, CIA | June 2025

Internal audit issues often stem from organizational culture and recurring behavioral patterns, highlighting the need to address root causes, not just technical fixes.



>>> **Secrets to Successful Teams**

Jessica Rodgers, Global Internal Audit Leader, EY | June 2025



Successful internal audit teams thrive when leaders foster inclusive, growth-oriented cultures, promote cross-functional audits to build diverse leadership skills, and support mentorship that offers honest feedback, visibility, and authentic development opportunities.

DID YOU KNOW

2024 Global Internal Audit Standards in Full Effect

CIA Exams

What is changing?

The topic areas on each CIA exam syllabus will be updated to:

- Bring the exams up to date with the current global practice of internal auditing.
- Create greater alignment between the CIA syllabi and The IIA's new Global Internal Audit Standards.
- Minimize duplication and overlap among the three exam parts.
- Clarify the knowledge, skills, and abilities that exam candidates must possess to pass the exam.

The English version of the 2025 CIA Syllabi was released on May 28, 2025. For more info, please refer to the [CIA Exam Syllabus](#).

Need CIA Exam Study Materials?

The new Becker-The IIA's CIA Exam Review is now available and can help you prepare for the updated CIA exams.

For more info, please refer to the [CIA 2025](#).



DID YOU KNOW

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Elevate your internal audit quality and effectiveness with IIA Quality Services

IIA Quality Services provides world-class internal audit experts, a comprehensive benchmarking database, and a repository of successful practices to elevate internal audit quality, effectiveness, performance, and stakeholder perception internationally.

What is a Quality Assurance and Improvement Program (QAIP)?

A QAIP is established by the chief audit executive to evaluate and ensure the internal audit function conforms with the Global Internal Audit Standards, achieves performance objectives, and pursues continuous improvement. The program includes internal and external assessments.

IIA Quality Services can help move your internal audit activity's QAIP to the next level with our range of quality assessment services and expert advisors. Click [here](#) for more information.

Request a quality assessment proposal

Receive a *complimentary* consultation with an IIA Quality Services advisor.

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Which quality assessment is right for you?

Gap assessment	Full-scope external quality assessment (EQA)	Self-assessment with independent validation (SAIV)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Effectively prepare for an EQA to maximize your opportunity to earn a Full Achievement ratingIdeal for new chief audit executives (CAEs) and internal audit functions unsure about their current conformance stateIdentify any gaps between your current practices and the new StandardsReceive a comprehensive reading with conformance guidance for gaps and enhancement opportunitiesResults reported directly to the CAE <p>Get Started ></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The most comprehensive external assessment approachA full review by our team of advisorsSupports conformance to Standard 5.4, External Quality AssessmentObjective assessment of your internal audit function's effectivenessMeet and exceed the expectations of stakeholders throughout your organizationOn-site or remote assessments availableQuality Assessment Manual (2023 Edition) is used to conduct the assessmentReceive a comprehensive report, including a statement of the internal audit function's overall conformance or nonconformance with the Standards, successful practices, conformance gaps, enhancement opportunities, and a maturity level assessment utilizing the IIA Quality Services Principles Effectiveness Framework <p>Get Started</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Most cost-effective assessmentIncludes independent validation of the internal audit function's self-assessment by an independent validator well-versed in quality assessment methodologyWork completed by the self-assessment team is substantiated by an independent validatorInterview of selected senior management conducted by an independent validatorReceive a validation report of the internal audit function's SAIV report, including successful practices, conformance gaps, and enhancement opportunities <p>Get Started ></p>

Did You Know

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JOIN THE IIA SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CHAPTER!
BECOME A MEMBER!

JOIN the IIA SGV CHAPTER! BECOME A MEMBER!

Click on “**Join or Renew**” to complete an application



Remember to enter “**San Gabriel Valley**” as your Chapter Affiliation



Keep your IIA **Profile** up-to-date

Already an **IIA member** but want to be affiliated with the **San Gabriel Valley Chapter**?

New in 2022! There is one last step to ensure you’re connected with the **San Gabriel Valley Chapter** for your new membership term, which is confirming your chapter affiliation.

To do so, log in to **My IIA Portal** and navigate to My Memberships > My Chapter to select and confirm your chapter selection.



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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

MEMBERSHIP MILESTONES

25 Years

Jason Bradford
Bernardo Buenaflor

20 Years

Josephine Chen
M. Lizzette Espinoza
Sameel Salim

15 Years

Vickie Chau
Diana Jeanne Estrada
David Imre

10 Years

Victor Chee
Sunandha Pagadalu
Tyler Powell
Leslyn Rose
Fumi Sotozono
Vicky Tao

1 Year

Monica Calles
Manjit Dhothar
Aldo Martinez
Diana Pak
Olivia Van Bokkelen

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Member Spotlight

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WELCOME

TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Lydia Evans

Yi He

Thomas Hutchinson

Masashi Inoue

Kenneth Kim

Dania Lozada

Erick Miller

Daniel Rose

Hark Singh

Holly Xu

FREE IIA STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

Student membership is open to individuals currently enrolled in an undergraduate, graduate, or doctoral program who are engaged in a full-time academic schedule at a college or university. Student membership is limited to a maximum of six years. No processing fee is required.

For more info, please refer [here](#).

NEWLY CERTIFIED MEMBERS

We want to congratulate our newly certified San Gabriel Valley Chapter member!

Yuehhsia Wang

Certified Internal Auditor

Congrats

Join the IIA-SGV Chapter's LinkedIn for information on upcoming events and announcements

SGV LinkedIn

VOLUNTEER CALL TO ACTION

chapter208@iiachaptercommunications.org

Benefits

- Earn up to 15 CPEs for volunteering annually
- Access to event discounts
- Build up your resume qualifications
- Micro-volunteer opportunities
- Network to develop professional and social contacts
- Empower other professionals
- Share knowledge and keep up-to-date on the latest industry trends and best practices
- Have fun!



Who can volunteer

- ✓ Members
- ✓ Students
- ✓ Anyone

How to volunteer

Reach out to any of our Chapter Officers to let us know you are interested in helping.

Contact us at:
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Certifications

If success is measured by the impact you make, be certified for success with The IIA.

Why Should You Become Certified?

Earning a professional credential is essential to strengthening your knowledge base and be distinguished from your peers. Wherever your journey takes you, there is an IIA credential that can certify your success. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Internal Audit Practitioner

Demonstrate your aptitude and foundational knowledge of The IIA Standards. This designation is ideal for University students, rotational auditors and new auditors.



Which internal audit certification is right for you?

Internal Audit Practitioner (IAP)

- ✓ Ideal for students, beginner internal auditors & rotational internal auditors
- ✓ Part 1 of CIA exam
- ✓ Covers internal audit fundamentals
- ✓ 150-minute exam, 125 multiple choice questions
- ✓ Exam available in multiple languages
- ✓ No prerequisite
- ✓ Discounts for members and students

[Explore the IAP >](#)

Most Popular

Certified Internal Auditor (CIA)

- ✓ Globally recognized certification for internal auditors
- ✓ Complete the exam in three parts
- ✓ Exam available in multiple languages
- ✓ Covers internal audit fundamentals, internal audit engagement & internal audit function
- ✓ Discounts for members

[GET STARTED](#)

Certification in Risk Management Assurance (CRMA)

- ✓ The only risk management assurance certification for internal auditors
- ✓ 150-minute exam, 120 questions
- ✓ Covers internal audit roles and responsibilities, risk management governance & risk management assurance
- ✓ CIA designation not required
- ✓ Discounts for members

[Explore the CRMA >](#)

Certified Internal Auditor

As the only globally recognized internal audit certification, becoming a Certified Internal Auditor® (CIA®) is the optimum way to communicate knowledge, skills, and competencies to effectively carry out professional responsibilities for any internal audit, anywhere in the world.



Becker+ The Institute of Internal Auditors

Announcing
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CIA® Exam Review



CIA Exam Review: Click [here](#) to learn more.

Certification in Risk Management Assurance

Updated to reflect the in-depth organizational knowledge and advanced skill sets that are required to provide effective risk management assurance to audit committees and executive management.

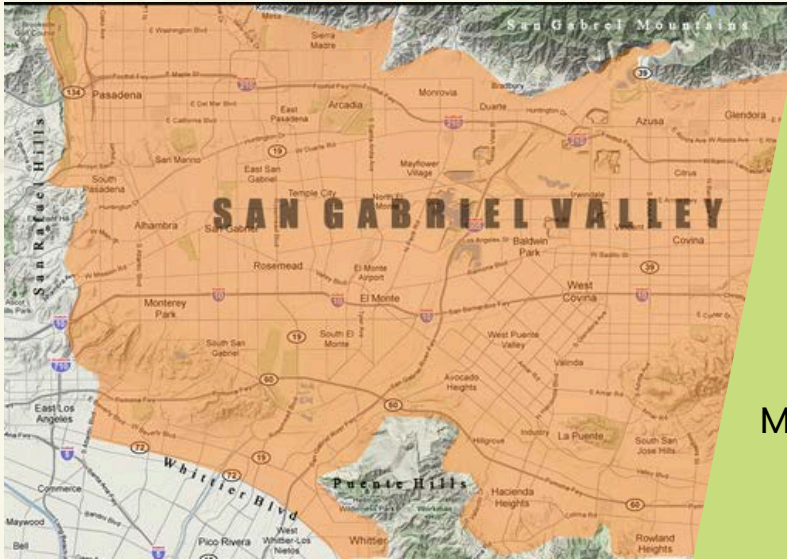




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To our Chapter
Members, Sponsors, and
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We are always looking for speakers to help bring knowledge to the San Gabriel Valley Chapter members. Reach out to us at chapter208@iiachaptercommunications.org to recommend a speaker or volunteer to be our next presenter!

Let's CONNECT

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