



The Institute of
Internal Auditors
Florida West Coast

AUDIT SCOPE
Newsletter
Jul – Aug 2025

Chapter resource for training, news, & member announcements!

New Leadership Slate

The chapter's 25/26 fiscal year
runs from 6/1/25 – 5/31/26.

Check out page 5 for our new leadership slate!

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Hello to all the new members that joined the IIA FWC in April/May 2025



James Angell
Rodrigo Bautista
Amy Fung
Kayla Guenther
Brian Hamilton
Melissa Rodriguez
Nina Tran

Membership in the IIA grants exclusive access to authoritative guidance, global thought leadership, cross-industry networks, and progressive education pathways.
For more information on membership, refer to the link below:

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>>> Thank you to our Sponsors!

Thank you to all of the amazing companies for supporting and sponsoring the chapter during the last fiscal year!

Sponsorship support provides our chapter with the ability to host events, partner on educational and professional development content, and expand our membership through direct participation with many of you! We look forward to our continued success with these highlighted companies in the coming year!



**Think your business is interested in supporting your chapter?
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sponsorship opportunities.**





UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

The IIA is sunsetting Stova (the current event management system) effective 12/31/25.

Why does this matter?

Stova is where all CPE certificates are being maintained through May 2025.
Emails containing CPE certificate links will not function after 12/31/25.

Be sure to print/save all of your CPE certificates.

You may also email the chapter if you have any questions or need assistance accessing your CPE certificates.

8/21/25*

CAE Roundtable

Sponsor: **Cherry Bekaert**

Time: **Afternoon***

Cost: **\$35 per person**

CPE: **2 hours**

*Please note these are the tentative date/time for the event. Finalized details will be available soon!

9/9/2025

Lunch Webinar

From Box Ticking to Business Value:
Becoming a Trusted Advisor using
Agile Mindset & Methods

Speaker: **Burke Willis**

Time: **11:00 am – 1:00 pm**

Cost: **\$25 per person**

9/16/2025

Webinar

How I Got Caught: A Deep Dive
Into an \$800K Fraud

Speaker: **Craig Stanland**

Time: **9:00 am – 11:00 am**

Cost: **\$25 per person**

12/10/25

CAE Roundtable

Sponsor: **Jefferson Wells**

Time: **8:00 am – 10:30 am**

Cost: **\$35 per person**

CPE: **2.5 hours**

Location: **Oxford Exchange**

420 W Kennedy Blvd, Tampa, FL 33606

Registration for upcoming events will open soon!

Check out our chapter's LinkedIn for more information on how to register.



>>> FY 25/26 Leadership Slate

Current Chapter Leaders

Monica Sanchez	Governor	3
Deanna Arnott	Governor	3
Steven Parker	Governor	2
Katie Dennison	Governor	2
Aaron Kerr	Governor	1
Heather Lascano	Governor	1
Morgan Quesinberry	Governor	1
Monica Moyer-Kessel	President	4
Kyle Hoffman	Treasurer	2
Megan Cappy	Programming Officer	1
Olivia DiCapua	Secretary	2
Christie Leslie	Communications Officer	1
William Campbell	Membership and Certifications Officer	1
Melissa Dondero	Technology Officer	6
Virginia Kalil	Academic Relations Officer	1
Kristina Simmons	Audit and Governance Chair	2

Thank you to our exiting chapter leaders!

Laura Tatem	Governor
Karen Percent	Governor
Meagan Long	Membership and Certifications Officer
Susan Glickman	Academic Relations Officer
Jonathan Pizarro	Programming Officer
Scott Casturo	Communications Officer

>>> PAST CHAPTER EVENTS

Trivia Night

The IIA FWC members came together to celebrate Internal Audit Month with a fun filled Trivia Night at The Blind Goat in Tampa! It was a fantastic evening that consisted of good food and drinks, networking, and friendly competition.



Summer Planning

Our chapter attended a collaborative session where members shared ideas, feedback, and inspiration to help shape the future of our chapter. Thank you to everyone who joined to contribute their time, energy, and thoughtful input.

We're excited about what's ahead!





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IIA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE TORONTO • 14-16 JULY 2025

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

GRC Conference 2025

18-20 August | New York, NY | 24 CPEs

The IIA & ISACA gather leading minds in governance, risk management, & control (GRC).

2025 Enterprise Risk Management Virtual Conference

September 9, 2025 | 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. ET | 6.6 CPEs

Gain the latest insight on how to approach internal audit activities related to the assessments of risk & risk management practices.

2025 IGNITE Conference

Igniting the Fire in Your Career Path
October 6 - 8, 2025 | Las Vegas, NV | 15+ CPEs

Dynamic learning for emerging leaders & auditors interested in gaining new insights.

For details on conferences, refer to the link below:

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>>> LEADERSHIP SPOTLIGHT

In our new **Leadership Spotlight** series, we're shining a light on the individuals who serve our FWC chapter; offering a glimpse into their professional journey, personal insights, and the impact they've made through their involvement with the IIA.

Welcome Aaron – our expert wine enthusiast and champion of professional learning!



AARON KERR

IIA FWC Board Governor
Partner, Citrin Cooperman

Q What is your current role and what do you enjoy most about it?

A I'm a Partner at Citrin Cooperman, a leadership role in our national Risk Advisory practice. I had a leadership role in helping build a regional firm acquired by Citrin in November 2024.

I enjoy the opportunity to make changes and provide opportunities for my team that have trusted me through integration into a new firm.

Q How did you get into internal auditing?

A I graduated from college with an Information Systems degree and stumbled into the profession because consulting firms were looking for recent graduates that could plug into Sarbanes Oxley work. That got me started supporting IA departments, then I worked in an IA industry role for about 6 years before returning to consulting.

Q What's one piece of advice you'd give someone new to internal auditing?

A Embrace new technologies such as AI. While I expect a profound industry change in the coming years, Internal Auditors will continue to be relied upon as problem solvers for our clients and colleagues – we will just have more powerful tools to support them more effectively than ever before! I expect that our "consultative" hat will become more important than ever.

Q What's a fun fact about you that most people don't know?

A I have a level 2 designation with the Wine & Spirits Education Trust (WSET). I'm passionate about wine and run a wine club in my neighborhood. I've also donated tasting events for charitable organizations, I started in Baltimore (*and now he brought it to Florida!*)



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Q How did you get involved with the IIA?

A I became active in the Baltimore IIA Chapter in 2012 working at a start-up firm – looking to meet everyone I could at local events. From there, I joined the board because I met a lot of great people and wanted to give back and work more closely with the group.

Q What inspired you to take on a leadership position within the chapter?

A I moved to SW FL in December 2022, and my firm doesn't have an office in the area so I didn't have much of a professional network locally. I've attended numerous IIA FWC events in the last 2.5 years and was impressed with the chapter. I enjoyed helping plan the 2-day April event and working with the board, so decided to join!

Q What are your top priorities for the chapter this year?

A To do my part to ensure we are engaging with our membership across our entire geography. I live in Bradenton, so I enjoyed helping put together the April 2025 that included both Sarasota and Tampa – we have a large area to cover with great programming!

Q How has your involvement with the IIA FWC impacted your professional career?

A It has allowed me to get plugged into the professional community in a new area that would have been very difficult otherwise!



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leader + member spotlights!