



The Institute of
Internal Auditors
Florida West Coast

Audit Scope
Newsletter
July – August 2026

Your member resource for training, news, & announcements

NEW LEADERSHIP SLATE

We're excited to introduce the Florida West Coast Chapter's 2026-2027 Board of Governors and Officers.

Meet the team at **page 2!**

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SAVE THE DATE – JOIN US!

60th Anniversary Celebration
St. Pete Yacht Club



Location: 11 Central Ave, St. Pete
Date & Time: 10/17/26 6:00-10:00PM

Celebrate six decades of impact while reconnecting with colleagues, partners, and friends of the Chapter!



FY26/27 LEADERSHIP SLATE

Name

Position

Term

Susan Glickman	Governor	1
Mark Smith	Governor	1
Aaron Kerr	Governor	2
Kyle Hoffman	Governor	2
Monica Moyer-Kessel	President	5
Megan Cappy	Sr Vice President	1
Monica Sanchez	Immediate Past President	1
Eric Reighard	Treasurer	1
Olivia DiCapua	Secretary	3
John Heagy	Programming Officer	1
Toby Thames	Communications Officer	1
Weiss Campbell	Membership & Certifications Officer	2
Melissa Dondero	Software Officer	1
Virginia Kalil	Academic Relations Officer	2

>>> Advocacy Update

IIA Advocacy Meets with U.S. Rep. Gus Bilirakis

The Florida West Coast chapter is proud to share that IIA Advocacy staff recently had the opportunity to participate in a private breakfast reception with U.S. Rep. Gus Bilirakis – and it's a great example of how the IIA PAC program is intended to work.

Congressman Bilirakis represents portions of Pasco County and all of Citrus and Hernando Counties. He currently serves as Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, which is at the center of federal legislation on artificial intelligence and data privacy – two issues at the heart of The IIA's policy agenda.

IIA PAC is what makes attendance at events like this possible. It's how The IIA builds relationships with lawmakers that allow us to have real conversations about policy at the right time and in the right rooms. This meeting was a direct result of that investment.

During the reception, IIA staff were able to speak directly with Congressman Bilirakis about the importance of including internal assurance provisions in the recently introduced Securing and Establishing Consumer Uniform Rights and Enforcement over Data (SECURE) Act – the kind of substantive policy engagement that only happens when relationships are already in place.

The meeting also represented an opportunity to encourage Congressman Bilirakis to meet with local internal auditors from the Florida West Coast chapter. This request – which is a part of The IIA's Congressional Key Person Program – is intended to develop a local rapport with members of Congress so they better understand the role internal auditors play in promoting accountability and sound governance in the community.

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IIA CEO Anthony Pugliese meeting with US Rep. Gus Bilirakis in September 2025

>>> Membership & Certifications



New Certifications July - August 2026

Big congrats to each of our members
recent outstanding achievements:

Certified Internal Auditor (CIA)
Alexis Salado
Eleanor Connell

Welcome to our new IIA FWC Chapter Members: July - August 2026

Javier Williams
Paul White
Terra Dailey
William Watson
Annabelle Hilt
ABM Uddin
David Ferguson
Matthew Berry
Ryan O'Sullivan
Osama Abdullatif
Jezrhael Millan
Laura Smith
Keith Newman
Kieran Compagnone
Richard Rash
Kristopher Kobernus

Diego Soria Gutierrez
Tahlia Hall
Quinn Hanna-Chipman
Erica Wainscott
Brittany Hinsberg
Marlon Miller
XIAO XU
Melandie Bynum
Noorie Jadeja
Alex Kitsos
Adam Bravard
Lisa Young
Tonya Freeman
Chloe Mintz
Renukaa Bocio
Ann-Marie Erwin
Desiree Lasker



IIA Membership: Guidance, Growth, & Global Connections

IIA membership gives more than credentials.
You get exclusive access to trusted guidance, global thought leadership, and cross-industry
networking. Explore benefits to advance professional development keeping your
skills and your career moving forward.

Dive into the full range of benefits!



★ **Take advantage of exclusive chapter discounts on CIA review
courses and study materials through Becker and Gleim.** ★



UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

9/29/2026

Half Day Seminar

Sponsor: CliftonLarsonAllen (CLA) | Time: 8am - 12pm | CPE: 4 hours

Fall 2026

Danny Goldberg Presentation

Sponsor: IIA FWC | Time: 8am - 12pm | CPE: 4 hours

Fall 2026

CAE Roundtable

Sponsor: RSM | CPE: 2 hours | *More info to come*

Winter 2027

CAE Roundtable

Sponsor: Jefferson Wells | *More info to come*

Spring 2027

Fraud is in the Air

Time: 8am - 12pm | CPE: 4 hours | *More info to come*

Spring 2027

CAE Roundtable

Sponsor: Cherry Beckaert | *More info to come*

2/17/2027 - 2/18/2027

2027 AHIA Tampa Regional Conference and Internal Audit Leader Roundtable

Sponsor: AHIA & IIA FWC | Location: Clearwater, FL | *More info to come*

Spring 2027

Half Day CPE Event

Sponsor: CitrinCooperman | *More info to come*



IIA membership now includes OnDemand Training with up to 180 CPE hours





>>> IIA CONFERENCES



Aug 17 – 19, 2026 | San Diego, California

Join us at GRC 2026 — in person **AND** virtually — to empower yourself to excel in today's fast-changing governance, risk, and control environment.



Aug 31 – Sept 1, 2026 | Brooklyn, New York

Join us at FSE 2026 — in person **AND** virtually — to connect with industry leaders, exchange insights with peers, and stay ahead of the risks reshaping financial services.



Sept 8, 2026 | Virtual – 9am – 5pm

Join the 2026 Enterprise Risk Management Virtual Conference to gain actionable insights and proven practices for enhancing enterprise risk management across your organization.



Nov 2 – 3, 2026 | Washington, DC

Join us at Ignite 2026 — in person **AND** virtually — to strengthen your influence as a trusted advisor while building the skills needed to lead the future of internal audit.

[Overviews](#)

>>> Audit in the Headlines

The **Audit in the Headlines** segment provides a quick look at the latest topics influencing the audit profession. Whether it's AI governance, cyber risk, regulatory updates, or leading practices, our goal is to help members stay informed, broaden their perspectives, and identify emerging areas of focus within their organizations.

Why two articles on AI? The overlap is intentional. Although these articles come from different sources, both underscore the growing importance of AI governance, risk management, and auditor involvement in responsible AI adoption.



Focus Area Audit + AI

Internal Audit's Expanding Role in AI Oversight

The IIA continues to spotlight AI as one of the profession's most important emerging risks. Recent guidance emphasizes that internal auditors should focus not only on technology itself, but also on the human decisions surrounding AI implementation, including governance, accountability, transparency, and ongoing oversight. As organizations deploy more AI-enabled solutions, audit plans are evolving to include dedicated AI risk assessments and governance reviews.

Why it matters to auditors: AI is quickly becoming a board-level topic. Auditors who understand AI governance, ethical use, and emerging regulatory expectations will be well-positioned to serve as trusted advisors to management and audit committees.

[Learn More](#)

AI Is Eroding Trust. Can Internal Auditors Help Rebuild It?

As organizations rapidly adopt AI, concerns are growing around data quality, governance, cybersecurity, and the reliability of AI-generated outputs. According to a recent CFO.com article, accounting and finance professionals report declining confidence in data, systems, and decision-making as AI adoption outpaces the establishment of effective controls and oversight mechanisms. The article emphasizes that organizations must balance innovation with strong governance, human judgment, and accountability to maintain trust in AI-enabled processes.

Why it matters to auditors: Internal auditors are uniquely positioned to evaluate whether AI technologies are being implemented responsibly and supported by adequate governance, controls, and oversight. As organizations increasingly rely on AI for decision-making, auditors can provide assurance over data integrity, model governance, cybersecurity risks, compliance considerations, and the effectiveness of human review processes.

[Learn More](#)



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Spring 2026 Student Engagement



University of South Florida

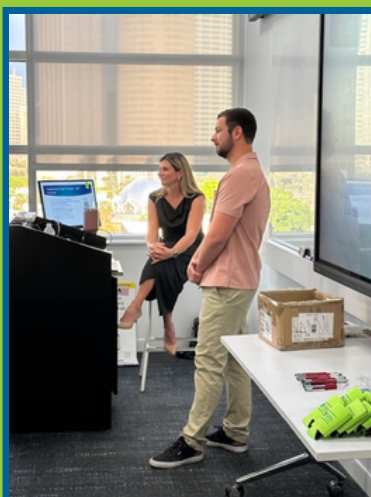
Meet the Firms | 1/29/2026 - Volunteers Luise Odenheimer and Derek Cooper connected with students in a dynamic recruiting environment focused on accounting and business careers. This event provided students the opportunity to network with professionals, explore career and internship paths, and gain insight into both accounting and internal audit roles in a casual, professional setting.



University of Tampa

Classroom Engagement | 3/24/2026 - Volunteers Luise Odenheimer, Darcy Eckert, and John Kraus joined Dr. Robert Marley's class for a session on audit careers and chapter highlights.

Classroom Engagement | 4/23/2026 - Luise Odenheimer, Megan Cappy, and John Kraus participated in an advanced financial statement analysis class, continuing the conversation on audit roles and certifications.



Spring 2026 Student Engagement



Hillsborough College - Dale Mabry

Classroom Engagement | 3/2/2026 - Volunteers Luise Odenheimer and Terrell Aston led three separate classroom sessions with Professor Eric Russell, allowing the chapter to reach a broader group of students in one day and maximize exposure to the internal audit profession.

Classroom Engagement | 3/26/2026 - Darcy Eckert and Terrell Aston partnered with Professor Shelby Moore to deliver another in-person classroom session focused on internal audit fundamentals and career pathways.

Classroom Engagement | 4/7/2026 - The chapter hosted a virtual classroom session with Professor Shelby Moore's class, led by Terrell Aston and Virginia Kalil, extending the chapter's reach through a flexible, remote format and ensuring continued student engagement.





Get Involved with the IIA FWC!

Looking to expand your network, build leadership skills, and give back to the audit profession? Volunteering with the Florida West Coast Chapter is a flexible way to make an impact while developing professionally.

Volunteer Opportunities Available

PROGRAMMING

Plan CPE + networking events; assist with flyers, onsite support, food + beverage, speakers, and CPE reconciliation

Works with: Programming Officer | Meets monthly, 30-60 min | Time: 1+ hr/month

COMMUNICATIONS

Help create/edit the bimonthly newsletter and support LinkedIn content, member interviews, posting, tagging, and engagement.

Works with: Communications Officer | Meets bimonthly, 30-60 min | Time: 1+ hr/month

Email: Chapter89@IIAChapterCommunications.org



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Connection

‘Social Support’

Each of us are in this group for many different reasons. Your IIA FWC chapter exists to create events and give you **support through connection.**

We keep working hard to grow **your FWC LinkedIn page.**

Follow now and connect to:
***events, jobs, members, leaders,
mentors, partners, experts, internships,
other IIA chapters, industry content...***

