



Springfield Audit Trails

January 2026

Message from the President

Kayla Routh

Welcome back IIA members!

The Chapter has decided to try something a bit different from the newsletters you are used to seeing. Since we have received feedback recently about people not reading the newsletter in its entirety, we have decided to give you the high-level information you want and need to know. This will include our training schedule, IIA Headquarter news and training, and our officers. While this could change back to a more full-scale newsletter, we would like to try this for a few months and see if this is a better way to get you what you need to know each month.

Additionally, the system IIA Headquarters is now using for training is different so the screens and information required will be different than in the past. One thing that is now required is the use of your Global Account Number (GAN) to register for training. This is our way of knowing who is and is not a member of the IIA. If you do not know your GAN, please see your group membership administrator or log into your member portal on the IIA. If you have any questions or concerns over the new format of the newsletter, please let me know at Kayla.Routh@illinois.gov and I will bring the concerns to the Board at our next meeting.

Lastly, we will begin accepting nominations for open positions on the Board. Currently, the following Officer positions would be open in the coming Chapter Year: **Secretary, 1st and 2nd Treasurer, and Senior Vice President – Programming Chair**. There are also some Governor positions opening as well. If you would like more information on these roles, please reach out to me at Kayla.Routh@illinois.gov. Further, if you would like to submit a nomination, you can send me an email with your name, a short bio, and a picture. **The Chapter will be accepting nominations until February 15, 2026.**

Regards,
Kayla Routh, President

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The Institute of
Internal Auditors
Springfield

Training

January Training

Katrina Woodcock, CPA, CIA

Happy New Year! We hope you are as excited as we are for our training events in January!! In January, we have the world-renowned Body Language Expert and Behavior Analyst, Traci Brown and Internal Audit and Communication Consultant, Keynote Speaker, and Motivational Trainer, Tracie Marquardt!! See more information below. We look forward to having you!

Lastly, the IIA Headquarters has decided to roll out a new training registration program. Beginning this month, all event registrations and event management will be through CVENT. See page 6 for instructions on registering for this month's training through CVENT.

January 28: Liar, Liar, Pants on Fire

Training Description

Join us on Wednesday, January 28, from 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM, for "Liar, Liar, Pants on Fire". Learn to read fraudsters like a book with renowned body language expert Traci Brown. Discover how to win the game of 'Two Truths and a Lie' you play every day with clients, boss, your team, and prospects. Protect your company's hard-earned profits and catch would-be fraudsters before they can take away everything.

You can quit second-guessing your instincts and immediately tell fact from fiction when Traci teaches the nine telltale signs someone is lying, how to quickly uncover the truth, and how to keep nefarious people from making you a victim.

Speaker Bio

TIME Magazine has named Traci one of the nation's top deception detection experts. She's learned that recognizing secrets hidden in plain sight leads to victory every. single. time. Her customizable keynotes & trainings equip organizations to better inform their most critical decisions to build profits: Sales, Hiring, Negotiations, Investigations, and Fraud Prevention. Plan on fun, high-energy keynote, training, and video courses.

Ms. Brown is a frequent television guest. You've seen her on Nancy Grace, CBS, NBC, and more. She is the author of How to Detect Lies, Fraud, and Identity Theft. She's trained alongside our country's top law enforcement and is currently ranked the #3 body language expert in the world.



January 29: Audit Report Writing and Communication Strategies with Stakeholders

Training Description

Join us on Thursday, January 29, from 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM, for "Audit Report Writing and Communication Strategies with Stakeholders" where Tracie Marquardt, Trainer, Coach, and Consultant at Quality Assurance Communication, will share strategies for efficient, truly meaningful messaging that engages stakeholders and drives action. She'll also discuss AI's role in streamlining audit reporting and effective communication strategies to achieve better results in at work and in creating successful relationships. It's time to rethink how we communicate audit insights, drive accountability, and leverage technology to stay ahead.

Speaker Bio

Tracie Marquardt is a 2024 Beacon Award recipient and highly sought-after Audit Results Strategist, empowering Chief Audit Executives and their teams to bring more added value to their communication and their audit reporting.

Her strategic approach addresses the heart of audit's challenges: to derive and communicate results that add more value to stakeholders, positively impacting the organization's productivity and profitability, and wherever possible, applying an agile approach to communication.

Tracie has trained 9000+ international internal auditors across industries and is a keynote speaker at international audit conferences around the world.

In 2024, Tracie launched her podcast, Inspiring Women in Audit, to amplify women's voices in the audit industry, with a supporting LinkedIn community of over 500 inspiring women in internal audit.



PLEASE NOTE: While our registration notes the invoicing option is only available for State of Illinois employees, the Chapter will review requests for an exception to this rule on a case-by-case basis. If you would like to request an exception to use the invoicing option and are not a State of Illinois employee, please reach out to the Chapter at Chapter145support@iachaptercommunications.org.

Cancellations should be made prior to the start of training.

NOTE: CPE Certificates will not be issued until payment is received

Questions? Email - Chapter Secretary at Chapter145support@iachaptercommunications.org

**Register for the
training here**

Virtual Training

Liar, Liar, Pants on Fire

January 28

8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Audit Report Writing and Communication

January 29

8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

You may pay with a credit card.

Make Checks Payable to: The Institute of Internal Auditors—Springfield (FEIN 37-1088763)

Mail Checks to: Springfield Chapter Institute of Internal Auditors

P.O. Box 332, Rochester, IL 62563

Become an IIA Volunteer

Volunteers help to maintain the Chapter and keep services available for members. There are many ways you can get involved with the IIA. Whether you are an experienced leader or just entering the field of internal auditing, there is a place for you at the IIA. If you are interested in volunteering on a large or small scale and are looking for more information about those opportunities, please email the Springfield IIA at Chapter145@iachaptercommunications.org and cc Kayla.Routh@illinois.gov. We would love to get you any information you could want on Officer, Governor, or other volunteer roles.



(Source: Google Images)

HQ News & Events

You can find out events and news from the IIA by going to www.theiia.org. Additionally, as part of your membership you can access exclusive webinars and articles on the site. See below for exciting training opportunities that Headquarters is offering:

2026 GAM: Great Audit Minds Conference (March 9-11, 2026; Las Vegas, Nevada)

For 44 years, the GAM Conference has been the essential experience for audit executives seeking to be influential, indispensable, and informed. Building on this success, we are excited to announce the 2026 GAM Conference, scheduled for March 9–11, 2026, at the Aria Resort & Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada. This event will continue to provide a dynamic learning environment for senior audit professionals, focusing on strategic insights and peer-to-peer engagement to prepare for the future of the profession. For more information, visit the website at: [Great Audit Minds](#)

2026 Fraud Virtual Conference (February 17, 2026; Virtual Only)

Fraud drains 5% of annual revenue from organizations — averaging \$1.7M per case — and it's evolving faster than ever. This growing fraud threatscape demands new strategies to detect, prevent, and manage risks. Internal auditors are on the front lines, protecting organizations from losses that can reach millions. The 2026 Fraud Virtual Conference delivers targeted fraud risk management training, equipping auditors with tools to outsmart fraud in an AI-driven world. For more information, visit the website at: [2026 Fraud Virtual Conference | Internal Audit & Risk](#)

2026 Analytics, Automation and AI Virtual Conference (April 7, 2026; Virtual Only)

Internal auditors are under increasing pressure to modernize—yet many still struggle to confidently adopt analytics, automation, and AI in their assurance work. The Analytics, Automation & AI Virtual Conference gives today's auditors the tools, frameworks, and practical guidance needed to strengthen assurance, enhance efficiency, and govern emerging technologies responsibly. PLUS: Registration includes a FREE AI OnDemand Nano Course (a \$59 value!) For more information, visit the website at: [Analytics and Automation and AI Virtual Conference | The IIA](#)

2025-2026 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Springfield Chapter of the Institute of Internal Auditors

January 28 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Traci Brown Liar, Liar, Pants on Fire	Register here	Members \$80 Non-Members \$120
January 29 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Tracie Marquardt Audit Report Writing and Communication Strategies with Stakeholders	Register here	Members \$80 Non-Members \$120
February 25 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Chuck Gallagher Ethics		Members \$60 Non-Members \$90
February 26 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Gary German Fraud and the Forensic Matrix		Members \$60 Non-Members \$90
March 25 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Harold Silverman Retrospective on Year 1 of the Global Internal Audit Standards		Members \$60 Non-Members \$90
March 26 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Rick Roybal Behind the Invoice: Uncovering Vendor Fraud in Plain Sight		Members \$60 Non-Members \$90
April 29-30 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM, <i>each day</i>	John Hall Better! Auditing		Members \$160 Non-Members \$240
May 27 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Mary Breslin Leveraging AI in Audit		Members \$80 Non-Members \$120
May 28 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Dr. Gleb Tsigursky Addressing Unconscious Bias and Making the Best Decisions for Auditors		Members \$80 Non-Members \$120

You may pay with a credit card.

Cancellations should be made prior to the start of training.

Meetings are currently being held remotely for the 2025-2026 Program Year unless otherwise noted.

Note: CPE Certificates will not be issued until payment is received

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CVENT Instructions

Below are a few helpful tips and tricks you may use as a guide to register for an event using the new system.

1. Access the training event registration link for the training you'd like to register for. See below.

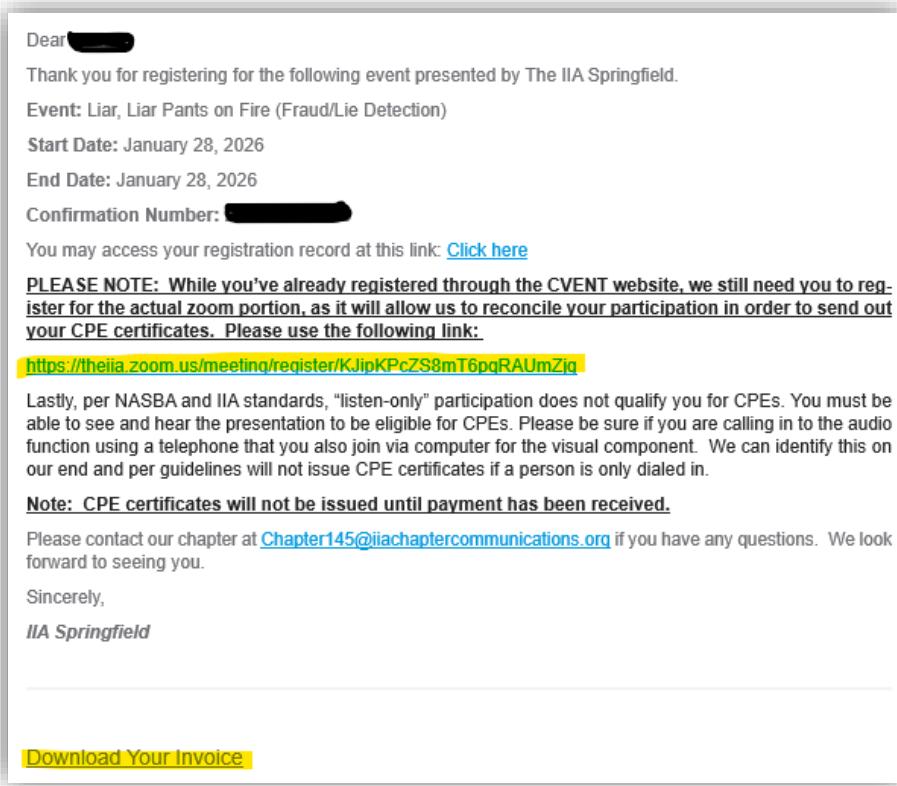
January 28th: Liar, Liar Pants on Fire with Traci Brown: [Liar, Liar, Pants on Fire](#)

January 29th: Audit Report Writing and Communications Strategies: [Audit Report Writing](#)

2. Enter the fields and follow the prompts. If you wish to register multiple people in one registration, when you get to the “registration summary” page, click on “Add Another Registration” and follow through the prompts.

Note: When you arrive to the Payment section, please note that the invoice option is only for State of Illinois agencies, but can be requested on for use by other entities on a case by case basis.

3. After going through the prompts, you will receive an email with the calendar invite that has the ZOOM registration link and the invoice, as shown in the picture below:



If you have any questions as you register for our events, please contact the Programming Chair/Vice President, Katrina Woodcock: katrinaanne.woodcock@illinois.gov.

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