



The Institute of
Internal Auditors
Springfield

Springfield Audit Trails

May 2025

Message from the President

Kayla Routh

As this chapter year comes to a close, I want to thank each and every one of our members and volunteers. We could not continue our mission without our members continuously supporting us by attending our trainings, and without our dedicated volunteers. We have four members rolling off the Board this year that I would like to recognize: Leighann Manning for 10 consecutive years of service, Satu Allen for 9 consecutive years of service, Tassi Maton for 6 consecutive years of service, and Matt Ulmer for 3 consecutive years of service as one of our Treasurers. I can't wait to have another successful Chapter Year and work towards bringing more to our members.

Additionally, did you know May is Internal Audit Awareness Month. Governor Pritzker signed a proclamation designating May as Internal Audit Awareness Month in the State of Illinois. If you would like to see the signed proclamation, you can find it on our Springfield IIA Website at <https://www.theiia.org/en/chapters/united-states/illinois/springfield/>. Additionally, if you have been wanting to take the CIA exam, Headquarters has announced a sale (25% off) on CIA examination fees and preparation material. The promotion can be found at: <https://www.theiia.org/en/promotions/Accelerate-for-less/>.

While we have one more training session this month, we will be taking a break to regroup and prepare for the upcoming Chapter Year. Have a great summer and see you all in September! As always, if you have any questions or would like more information about the Board, feel free to email me at Kayla.Routh@illinois.gov.

Kayla Routh
President

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Training

May Training

Katrina Woodcock

On May 28th and May 29th, please welcome Raven Catlin back to our Chapter. She will be presenting an extreme risk-based auditing course which includes how we audit through a risk-based audit lens. It follows the audit process from planning to testing the design of controls to determining when/if there is a need to test the effectiveness of controls, how to test controls with CAATs and sampling, and ending with reporting risks/findings. Below is the training description and her bio. We hope you can join us.

About the Speaker: Raven Catlin, CIA, CPA, CFSA, CRMA

Raven is a globally recognized speaker and instructor in risk management and internal audit. She possesses over 19 years of diverse internal audit experience, and 15 years of instructing and facilitating a variety of courses. With this diverse experience she “helps professionals add dimensions to help them grow for a successful future.”

She performed reviews and audits of not-for-profit and philanthropic organizations, mutual funds, general banking operations, trust operations, real-estate lending, construction activities, benefits, compensation, payroll, procurement activities, accounting operations, marketing activities, governance activities, information technology, treasury & cash management, derivatives, secondary marketing, and debt issuance.



Her industry expertise and audit experience includes mortgage operations, mortgage backed securities, and capital markets. She served as an integral member of the financial restatement team for Freddie Mac. Additionally, she created project plans and coordinated the efforts of over 150 individuals responsible for correcting security pricing as part of the Fannie Mae financial restatement. Most recently, Raven performed a business process analysis and redesign (using Six Sigma and Lean) at the World Bank/IFC and a Fraud Risk Assessment for a Regional Bank and Trust Company.

She developed and redesigned the auditing infrastructure for internal audit functions, including developing internal audit policies and procedures, implementing audit software, designing reporting and time management templates, designing audit committee packages, and implementing databases to report and track progress of audit concerns. Raven embraces the definition of internal auditing as a value-added service and operations owners have welcomed the “fresh approach” to internal auditing.

Raven is the proud mother of a ten-year-old aspiring actress, CC, 2 ferrets, 1 hedgehog, and an adorable Maltese, Pepper Sugar Spice. In her spare time, she enjoys cooking, island hopping & world traveling, tapping into her inner child at amusement parks (especially Disney World), and spending time with her family!

May 28 & 29: Designing and Performing Risk Based Audits

Risk-based auditing is the leading approach for conducting value-driven internal audits. This course equips participants with the practical skills and knowledge needed to design and execute effective, efficient risk-based audits.

Through hands-on activities, participants will learn how to develop a risk-based audit program—from scoping audits based on risk to identifying and testing controls. The course delves into advanced topics such as audit sampling strategies, leveraging technology (including data analytics and artificial intelligence), and driving corrective actions that address root causes.

In this intensive course, participants will explore and apply the eight key distinctions between risk-based and traditional audit approaches. By the end, you'll be able to identify which elements of risk-based auditing are most relevant to your organization and how to integrate them into your internal audit methodology.

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@iichaptercommunications.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 Chapter145support@iichaptercommunications.org

Register for the training here

Virtual Training

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May 28-29

8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

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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

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:

2025 AuditSphere (June 17, 2025, online)

This event will provide the small shop auditor with additional guidance and expertise to be able to manage the unique relationships and challenges faced by those with small staff yet increasing board expectations. For more information, visit: [AuditSphere Virtual Conference](#)

2025 IIA International Conference (July 14-16, 2025; Toronto, Canada and online)

Join us in person and virtually as we bring together experts from across the globe to address the issues impacting the profession, network with fellow internal auditors from 100+ countries, share ideas, and earn CPE credits. For more information, visit the website at: [IIA International Conference 2025 – NEW HORIZONS NEW OPPORTUNITIES](#)

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@iiachaptercommunications.org. We would love to get you any information you could want on Officer, Governor, or other volunteer roles.

From the Editor

Dani Berrien
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Another year is in the books Audit Trails!

First, I want to say congrats to our new officers in the upcoming program year. Also, thank you to our officers that are rolling off at the end of this program year. Without the officers, this Chapter would not run smoothly. Thank you for always providing quality trainings and opportunities of growth to the members of this Chapter.

On another note, May is Internal Audit Awareness Month which is a great time to spread awareness about our profession! One thing I plan to do is debunk the myths about auditing. The comment I always get tired of sarcastically responding to is, "Oh you're an auditor? Well don't look at my taxes!" I never said I worked for the IRS, but here I am again clarifying my job title and duties. Based on my past experiences, what I've learned and wanted the most is to make sure people understand that internal auditors are not your enemies. We want the same successes as anyone else in our organizations. More than anything, I want people to know that clean audits are the ones I love the most. I cannot speak for all auditors, but I do not love to write findings. Hopefully we are all able to spread some good information about our profession during the month of May.

Everyone have a safe and wonderful break and enjoy some fun in the summer sun!

This Month in Chapter History - May

2020 Chapter President: **Nikki Lanier**, CPA

- No activities/trainings held.

2015 Chapter President: **Tracy Allen**, CPA, CISA

- **Training.** The Chapter held two half-day training sessions at the Northfield Center. The morning session was presented by **Carol Kraus** on the topic of *"The Illinois Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA)."* The afternoon session was presented by **Steve Minder** on the topic of *"Audit Reporting, Finding, and Follow Up."*
- **Member News.** **Abigail Flatt** earned her CGAP designation and **Jay Wagner** passed the CFE exam.

2010 Chapter President: **Larry Stone**, CISA, CCP, CRPC

- **Training.** This month's training on May 12, 2010 was *"Power Excel."* The seminar was presented by the dynamic and entertaining Mr. Excel **Bill Jelen**.

2005 Chapter President: **Stephen Kirk**, CIA, CGAP

- **Training.** The May meeting was held at the Northfield Center and focused on the *"Year in Review,"* with the theme *"No Auditor Left Behind."*
- **Member News.** The Chapter recognized members who helped make it possible to achieve the coveted "Gold Award" and thereby maintain the "Platinum" status in the IIA's Chapter Achievement Program.
- **Member News.** **Dr. John Nosari** announced he was retiring from UIS in May and planning to go fly-fishing in Montana during the summer.

2000 Chapter President: **Rusti Cummings**, CPA

- **Training.** This month's meeting was held at the Northfield Center in Springfield. The afternoon seminar was presented by **Dennis R. Schueler**, CIA, CPA, CFE, President of Schueler Consultants, Inc., who spoke on *"Effective Communication/Reporting of Audit Findings."* Mr. Schueler also presented the after-dinner presentation on *"Measuring Internal Audit Performance."* The Chapter recognized two new CIA's:
 - **Wendell Sheely** – Department of Transportation
 - **Phillip Donaho** – Department of Natural Resources
- **Member News.** Joining the Chapter as a new member was **Dan Kahle**, Acting Chief Internal Auditor with the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs. Also, the April meeting attendance award, a \$15 gift certificate to Best Buy, was won by **Harry Thurau**.

1995 Chapter President: **Nancy Hilger**, CPA

- **Training.** This month's meeting was at the Best Western Springfield East. The speaker was Chapter President **Nancy Hilger**, who spoke on *"The IIA Springfield Chapter Recognition Program."*
- **Member News.**
 - New Chapter members were **Nick Marsters** Illinois Supreme Court, **Jeffrey Wilson** Student at Illinois College, and **Rodney Wilson** Illinois Secretary of State.
 - The Chapter recognized the following members for their years of service:
 - **Judith Lazar** – 15 years
 - **John Nosari** – 15 years
 - **William Henson** – 15 years
 - **Alvin Ostendorf** – 15 years
 - **Bradley Hammond** – 10 years
 - **David Leggett** – 10 years
 - **Elaine Hyden** – 10 years
 - **Gerald Wright** – 10 years

2024-2025 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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Non-Members \$240

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2024-2027	Nick Barnard Charla Bond-Jones Jackie Hohn Nikki Lanier, CPA
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