



The Institute of
Internal Auditors
Springfield

Springfield Audit Trails

October 2025

Message from the President

Kayla Routh

The month of October brings the annual State Internal Audit Advisory Board (SIAAB) Fall Government Auditing Conference. A huge thank you to Jay Wagner for coordinating this event every year! We are excited to bring Mr. Excel to our event after a few years away from presenting for the Chapter and bringing in Frank Perri who will talk about Red Collar Crime and Fraud. The two days of in-person training are a great time to meet, mingle, and strengthen your business connections. We are also bringing Student Day back to the afternoon session on October 23rd, which is a great opportunity for students to network with our members and learn more about what we do for the State. For more information on the conference, see pages [2-4](#).

This also is a friendly reminder that membership payments are due to Headquarters, not our local Chapter. As memberships become due, we encourage you to work with the individuals making the payments to ensure this is sent to the correct entity. **PLEASE NOTE:** Headquarters will not allow us to forward your membership payment on, so if dues are paid to the local Chapter, we will issue your agency a refund which could result in delays in processing your membership. See details on page [7](#).

Our Board is looking for feedback from you! We have created a new survey that can be accessed by the following link: <https://forms.office.com/g/BTFQM7Qwe9> or by scanning the QR code. This will also be shared at the SIAAB conference. We would like our trainings to add the most value to you, our members, so please take some time to complete the survey. Also, if you complete the survey, you could have a chance to win a gift card from the Board!

Since this is the last newsletter before the start of the new year, I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season!

Best wishes and holiday cheer,
Kayla Routh, President



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Training

October Training

Katrina Woodcock, CPA, CIA

Join us in person for the following training events this month!

October 21-22: 2025 SIAAB Illinois Government Auditing Conference

The State Internal Audit Advisory Board (SIAAB) will host its annual Fall Government Auditing Conference on Tuesday, October 21st and Wednesday, October 22nd at the Northfield Inn Suites and Conference Center. Costs is \$150 for IIA members (\$200 for nonmembers). The costs includes lunch on both days. Participants can earn up to 14.0 hours of CPE during the two-day conference, which covers a variety of internal audit training topics pertaining to:

- Status of the Audit Profession in the State of Illinois
- Cybersecurity and Information Technology Governance
- Enterprise Risk Management
- Professional Ethics
- Navigating Excel with MrExcel – *All attendees get a copy of Mr. Excel's 70th book, Navigating Excel!*
- Red Collar Crime and Fraud Offenders

For more information about the Conference, here is the link to the brochure: [SIAAB Conference Brochure](#)

Visit the SIAAB website to learn more about SIAAB and their mission to serve the State's internal audit agencies.
<https://siaab.audits.uillinois.edu/Home>

HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS: A special discounted rate of \$110.00 (plus tax) is available at the Northfield Inn, Suites & Conference Center in Springfield, IL for the night before each conference date. The Northfield Inn is located at 3280 Northfield Drive, Springfield, IL 62702, and provides free parking. The Northfield Inn also provides complementary shuttle service to/from Amtrak, airport, and bus stations upon request. Reservations are to be made directly with the Northfield Inn by calling 217-523-7900. The block of rooms for this conference is reserved under the name of Institute of Internal Auditors. This block of rooms will be released on October 6, 2025. After the cutoff date, there is no guarantee rooms will be available at State rates. Additional information about the Northfield Inn can be found at The Northfield Inn's website (www.northfieldinn.com).

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CANCELLATION POLICY: Written notice of cancellations received on or before October 17, 2025, will be fully refunded. After October 17, 2025, cancellation refund requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Substitution of registrants is allowed.

PLEASE NOTE: Registration for this conference will be closed at noon on October 17, 2025. Registrations after the closing date will be added as cancellations are received. If you wish to be placed on a waiting list for this conference, please contact H. Jay Wagner at 217-524-4094 or at Harold.Wagner@ilag.gov

October 22: Networking Night

The Springfield IIA Chapter will be having a Social Networking Event at 5:00 p.m. at Top Cats Chill and Grill. It's less than one mile away from the Northfield Center. The address is 3211 E Sangamon Ave., Springfield, IL 62702. We hope to see you there!

October 23: The People Puzzle

The Springfield IIA, along with Central IIA, are excited to host Elizabeth McDowell, CPA, CIA, who will be presenting in person at the Northfield Inn & Suites on Thursday, October 23rd, in the afternoon from 1:00-4:30 p.m. for a total of 4 hours of CPE. She will be delivering a presentation on "The People Puzzle". The People Puzzle will cover Interviewing, Body Language, and Generational Insight for Auditors. Auditing is as much about people as it is about procedures. This session builds key interpersonal skills — interviewing, body language, and generational awareness — to help internal auditors communicate effectively, read the room, and build trust during audits.

About the Speaker: Elizabeth McDowell, CPA, CIA



Elizabeth McDowell, CPA, CIA has over 20 years of audit experience and is the founder of Audit Forward, an innovative internal audit consulting and training firm. Elizabeth is passionate about advancing and advocating for the internal audit profession and was recognized as one of the 2023 Internal Audit Beacons by Richard Chambers. Elizabeth makes auditing and training fun (no, really!) with the help of her mascot, Audie the Internal Otteror. In addition to training and consulting, Elizabeth is an adjunct Professor of Accounting at Front Range Community College. Elizabeth's most recent industry experience was at Achieve, where she was Sr. Director, Audit Strategy; prior to that, she held internal audit leadership roles at Elevations Credit Union, Fidelity Investments, and Xcel Energy after first starting her career at Ernst & Young.

We hope to see you there!

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@iiachaptercommunications.org.

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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@iiachaptercommunications.org

Register for the training here

In-Person Training

SIAAB Government Auditing Conference

October 22-23

8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

The People Puzzle

October 24

1:00 PM – 4:30 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

From the Second Vice President

Charla Bond-Jones

Initiatives and Academics: Building Bridges Through Education

I'm pleased to forward this information on to you as part of our efforts to highlight initiatives, academics, and continuing education within our community.

As your Academic Relations Chair, I have spent the past few months gathering information, training, and reaching out to colleges/universities to build meaningful connections. My goal has been to open doors for student engagement and to share opportunities that strengthen relationships between students and our profession. I'm excited to provide this update as we continue moving forward.

Celebrating Continuing Education

If in the past year you've earned a new credential—no matter how big or small—or recently passed the CIA exam, we want to celebrate your achievement at this year's meeting! Please send the following to Charla.V.Bond-Jones@illinois.gov:

- Your name
- Your department/agency
- The credential earned
- A photo so your light can be reflected

Did You Know? Becker and The IIA have collaborated to bring new study material for the CIA exam! They offer financing (some terms may apply). Check the **IIA website** for more info.

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Student Day “The People Puzzle” – October 23, 2025 | 1:00–4:30 PM | Northfield Inn

The People Puzzle is also being featured as a Student Day to help connect students with audit and accounting professionals as well as to give students an opportunity to learn soft skills needed for the workplace. Registration is noted on page [9](#).

Did you know? IIA Student Memberships are free! Students may use this membership to get access to all the IIA has to offer, including attending our trainings for FREE! All students wanting to attend our trainings for free must have either signed up for a free membership or already be a member of the IIA. Apply online today at [Student \(theiia.org\)](http://Student.theiia.org).

New Initiative: Curriculum Engagement

On behalf of Lincoln Land Community College’s Accounting Program, our Chapter was invited to the Accounting Program Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting.

I will be in attendance along with my colleague, Chapter President Elect, Chapter Program Chair Katrina Woodcock, CPA, CIA, to provide insight into the curriculum and help strengthen collaboration between academia and professional practice. If you have any insights you’d like to share with LLCC, please let us know by Thursday, October 16th by sending an email to the Charla.V.Bond-Jones@illinois.gov.

Moving Forward

Please help us spread the word about Student Day and free student registration and membership. If you know of some students you’d like me to visit, I welcome the opportunity—just message me directly.

Follow us for updates on LinkedIn, Facebook & Instagram @Springfield IIA Chapter.

Until next time, remember:

“We should learn something new every day. Growth requires evolution, and evolution is inevitable.”

– Charla V. Bond-Jones

Respectfully,

Charla V. Bond-Jones

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.

Our Chapter was asked to share a few developments with Sarbanes – Oxley with our Chapter members. HQ would like your help and input! If you have thoughts on SOX, please visit, [IIA SOX Public Comment Solicitation 2025 | Internal Audit & SOX](#), to share your views on how the role of internal audit could be strengthened and clarified in the law.

Additionally, our Chapter is co-sponsoring a NASBA certified free ethics training being presented by a previous member of the Board of Directors of the IIA and is currently on the IIA Standards Board, Mike Levy. The Event is *“Ethics in the Age of Algorithms: What Internal Auditors Must Know.”* For more information or to register for this free event, please follow the link: <https://luma.com/cx91ok54>

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See below for exciting training opportunities that Headquarters is offering:

2025 IGNITE Conference (October 6-8, 2025; Las Vegas, Nevada and virtual)

Designed to fuel the career growth of emerging internal audit leaders, the 2025 IGNITE Conference offers an energetic, 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. For more information, visit the website at: [IGNITE Emerging Leaders Conference | Global Internal Audit Conference | The IIA](#)

2025 Cybersecurity Virtual Conference (October 16, 2025, virtual)

Join cybersecurity and internal audit professionals at The IIA's 2025 Cybersecurity Virtual Conference. This one-day virtual training event is built for internal auditors, cybersecurity, fraud, and risk professionals who protect, assess, and respond to cyber risk every day. For more information, visit the website at: [2025 Cybersecurity Virtual Conference](#)

2025 Financial Services Exchange (November 3-4, 2025; Washington DC and virtual)

Designed exclusively for internal audit and risk professionals in banking, insurance, consumer finance, and credit unions, the Financial Services Exchange delivers specialized insights to help you navigate emerging risks, regulatory shifts, and innovation in today's complex financial landscape. Gain actionable knowledge, fresh perspectives, and valuable connections that empower you to stay ahead of industry shifts. For more information, visit the website at: [Financial Services Exchange](#)

2025 RISE Virtual Conference (December 5, 2025; virtual)

The IIA's RISE Virtual Conference is the premier online internal audit leadership event, designed for current and emerging leaders. Whether you head an internal audit function, manage a team, or are preparing for a senior role, you'll gain advanced strategies in Resilience, Innovation, Strategy, and Ethics to strengthen operational resilience, navigate emerging risks like cybersecurity, and fulfill your year-end CPE requirements. For more information, visit the website at: [2025 Rise Virtual Conference](#)

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](#)

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.



(Source: Google Images)

Employment Opportunity

The Department of Early Childhood is seeking a Chief Internal Auditor. If you are interested or know of anyone else who is interested in this opportunity working with the State of Illinois, apply today! The auditing profession would love to have you! Click the link below for details on the position!

[Chief Internal Auditor – Department of Early Childhood](#)

Western Illinois University is seeking to fill their Director of Internal Auditing position. Please follow the link below if you are interested in this opportunity.

[Director of Internal Auditing – Western Illinois University](#)

Member News



IIA Member and IDOT Internal Audit Manager **Jerry Nimmons** was awarded the Dave Campbell Quality Award at the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' Internal and External Audit Conference held August 19th in Salt Lake City, for outstanding service in auditing for a state department of transportation. Nimmons took home the award along with his colleagues on the AASHTO Rail Audit Guide task force.

"I would have been very honored and humbled just to have been considered for the award," Nimmons said. "Receiving it along with my colleagues on the task force takes that to a whole other level."

Nimmons also worked for Dave Campbell, a former IDOT Chief of Auditing who helped establish the AASHTO Internal and External Audit Committee, when he started his career at IDOT.

"Particularly special for me is that the award is the namesake of Dave Campbell, who was my bureau chief when I first started in the Audit Section back in 1993. I recall the importance he placed on engaging with other DOTs to identify, share and develop processes and practices that enable each to better achieve their transportation goals and objectives. To that end, Dave was instrumental in the promotion of the AASHTO Committee on Internal and External Audit. Accordingly, I had the opportunity to attend my first committee meeting in Bloomingdale along with my Audit Section colleagues in 1996."

Chief Internal Auditor **Stephen Kirk** won the award last year, making this the second year in a row that IDOT staff have been honored.

Congrats Jerry on this wonderful achievement!

Membership Dues Reminder

The Chapter would like to remind everyone that all group membership fees need to be sent to IIA Headquarters. Please **DO NOT** send fees to the local Springfield Chapter. The correct address for membership invoices is 1035 Greenwood Blvd., Suite 401, Lake Mary, FL 62746-5402 and the correct FEIN for Headquarters is 135532538 (which is listed on the invoice). Please make sure whoever is processing the payment for you double checks the vendor as many payments are mistakenly made to the Springfield Chapter throughout the year. We appreciate everyone's help with this matter.

From the Editor

Dani Berrien
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Greetings Springfield Audit Trails!

I am looking forward to the conference this year. I always enjoy seeing all our members together and meeting new people! I am especially eager to hear Mr. Excel. This will be my first time attending one of his trainings, but I am sure he will be an excellent keynote speaker! I'm also excited to hear our other keynote speaker, Frank Perri, and his presentation on "Red Collar Crime." If this year's conference is anything like the ones I've attended before, then I'm sure it will not disappoint!

In other news, as I have said in the last newsletter, my contact information has changed. Well, with that has come a new opportunity with a new job. With that said, this will be my last Chapter year as newsletter editor. So, if there are any members out there that are looking to volunteer with the Chapter, please think about becoming the next newsletter editor! You can reach out to me at my email above and I can give you a brief synopsis of what this volunteer role entails! It's a great opportunity to learn about the profession, the Chapter and its history, and all our members near and far.

I hope to hear from some of you soon about this opportunity! See you all at the conference!

This Month in Chapter History - October

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

- No activities/trainings held.

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

- No activities/trainings held.

2010 Chapter President: **Coleen Jordan**, CIA, CPA

- **Training.** The chapter met at the Northfield Center for an afternoon seminar titled *“Adding Value with Data Analytics/Continuous Monitoring.”*
- **Presenter.** Janet Beckman from Brown Smith Wallace in St. Louis where she is the Data Analysis Practice Leader.
- **New Chiefs.** **Shayne Clennon**, CPA, congratulated the following new Chief Internal Auditors at State agencies: **Debbie Abbott** (DHS), **Jeff Anderson** (Fire Marshal), **Jane Cullen** (Aging), **Marcus Dodd** (IDES), **Brett Finley** (Corrections), **Doug Hathhorn** (Revenue), **Brent Nolen** (State Police), **Steve Kirk** (IDOT), **Lisa LaBonte** (DNR), **Elvin Lay** (HFS), **Spencer Staton** (CMS), **Doug Tinch** (CDB), and **Ted Tracy** (Agriculture).

2005 Chapter President: **Tina Neely**, CIA, CISA, CGAP

- **Training.** The Chapter met at the Northfield Center for a half-day seminar on *“SAS 99 Fraud Issues and Answers.”*
- **Presenter.** Rob Cameron
- **New Position.** Chapter Secretary **Jay Wagner** became an IT auditor for the Office of the Attorney General.
- **Member News.** Our seminar registration chair **Cori Fuchs** and her daughter travelled to Paris and then to Switzerland on an amazing trip! Also, former Chapter President **Steve Kirk** took his wife Debbie and daughter Cassie to Minnesota’s Mall of America before they went to Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse, Custer State Park, and Colorado.
- **Prizes.** Awards Committee co-chairs **Tara Boggs** and **Alana Pierson** awarded door prizes to
 - **Clyde Pearce**, IOIA
 - **Ed Schofield**, IOIA
 - **Larry Coleman**, Clifton Gunderson
 - **Jamie Nardulli**, IOIA
 - **Ellen Perry**, IOIA

2000 Chapter President: **Deanna Marvin**, CIA, CISA

- **Training.** The chapter met at the Northfield Center for an afternoon seminar on *“Interviewing Techniques.”* The presenter was Captain Kevin Shaughnessey of the Illinois State Police.
- **After dinner.** The after-dinner speaker was Connie Klutnick, Supervisor of Training for the Illinois Department of Revenue, who spoke on *“Dealing with Different People.”*
- **Member Profile.** **Terry E. Radliff**, Internal Auditor for the State Retirement System, and an IIA member since 1980.

1995 Chapter President: **Mark Krell**, CIA

- **Training.** The chapter met for a joint meeting with the Central Illinois Chapter in Decatur.
- **Presenter.** The new IIA International Chairman, **William Taylor**, shared his perspectives on current issues related to internal auditing profession.
- **New Members.** **Paul Ottoson** and **Marty Paul**, both with the Department of Revenue.
- **Exam.** **Ellen Jennings**, **Tina Neely**, and **R. Paul Underwood** passed the CIA exam, and **Larry Stone** became and Certified Computer Professional.

2025-2026 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Springfield Chapter of the Institute of Internal Auditors

October 21-22 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM	Various Speakers (in person) SIAAB Illinois Government Auditing Conference	Register here	Members \$150 Non-Members \$200
October 23 1:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Elizabeth McDowell The People Puzzle	Register here	Members \$80 Non-Members \$120
January 28 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Traci Brown Liar, Liar, Pants on Fire		Members \$80 Non-Members \$120
January 29 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Tracie Marquardt Audit Report Writing and Communication Strategies with Stakeholders		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	Ricky Roybal Behind the Invoice: Uncovering Vendor Fraud in Plain Sight		Members \$60 Non-Members \$90
April 29-30 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM	John Hall Better! Auditing		Members \$160 Non-Members \$240

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

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