



September 2026

Louisville IIA Chapter News

Message From The President

Dear IIA Louisville Chapter Members,

As we begin a new chapter year, I want to welcome everyone back and express how excited I am about what lies ahead for the IIA Louisville Chapter. A new chapter year brings new opportunities to learn, connect, and grow together, and I am looking forward to continuing the momentum we have built while finding new ways to provide value to our members and strengthen our professional community.

I also want to take a moment to recognize and thank **Zack Estes and Grace Wilson** for stepping in to support our chapter while our Treasurer, **London Lopez**, is out on maternity leave. We greatly appreciate their willingness to help maintain continuity for the chapter, and we wish London and her family all the best during this exciting time.

As we begin our new year of programming, I'm excited to highlight our upcoming luncheon seminar featuring **Rolanda London, Director of Risk Detection and Intelligence at DraftKings**, presenting "*Perspectives in Fraud and Abuse Mitigation*." Rolanda brings extensive experience across fraud, financial crimes, customer journey abuse, payments, and recovery optimization. Her background spans multiple perspectives within the ecosystem, including issuer, service provider, acquirer, and merchant environments, along with experience training industry professionals and partnering with law enforcement.

Fraud and abuse continue to evolve across industries, making it increasingly important for internal auditors and risk professionals to understand how bad actors identify and exploit weaknesses in processes, technology, and human behavior. This session will explore different perspectives on fraud and abuse, how threats develop and spread, and how organizations can better recognize warning signs and assess vulnerabilities. Rolanda will also discuss the importance of ongoing education, cross-industry collaboration, and adaptive strategies as emerging threats continue to change the risk landscape.

I encourage everyone to join us for what promises to be an insightful and engaging discussion. Topics like fraud and abuse mitigation are particularly valuable to our profession because they challenge us to look beyond individual controls and consider how risks evolve across an entire organization and industry.

As we embark on another chapter year, I also want to thank our officers, Board of Governors members, committee members, volunteers, speakers, sponsors, and, most importantly, our members. Your continued participation and support are what allow our chapter to provide meaningful CPE opportunities, professional development, and opportunities to connect with fellow internal audit professionals.

I am genuinely excited about the year ahead and look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming luncheon and throughout the chapter year. Together, I am confident we can continue to build on our successes and make the IIA Louisville Chapter an even stronger resource for our members and the internal audit profession.

Warm regards,

K.Robert Stutsman
President
IIA Louisville Chapter



DERBY CITY DISCLOSURES

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

The newsletter will be published monthly from September 2026 through May 2027. If you have a request for a submission please email the information to sthomas@republicbank.com and your submission will be included in the next month's issue

September Monthly Meeting Hybrid

Date: Tuesday, September 8, 2026

Please register for this session by Noon on September 7th to secure your spot.

Meeting Time: 12pm - 1pm (All IIA Louisville Chapter Events are held on Eastern Time.)
Networking and Check-In 11:30a-12a

CPE Credits: 1 hour

Cost:	IIA Member Virtual:	\$15	
	Non-Member Virtual:	\$20	
	IIA Member In-Person:	\$25	
	Non-Member In-Person:	\$30	
	Student In-Person:		Free
	Student Virtual:		Free

Location: Virtual (Zoom)— Register below to receive details

In-Person @ Dean Dorton (ShelbyHurst Campus) - 1st Floor, Room 435
435 N Whittington Pkwy Suite 400, Louisville, KY

REMINDER: Dean Dorton has a visitor policy where all visitors must check-in and receive a visitor's badge upon arrival. All in-person attendees should arrive no later than 11:45am Eastern to allow enough time to complete the check-in process.

Registration: [Here](#)

Speaker: Rolanda London, Director of Risk Detection and Intelligence
DraftKings

Session Title: Perspectives in Fraud and Abuse Mitigation

Session Description: Understanding fraud and abuse, and how these activities develop and spread across industries, is essential for effective risk management. Bad actors can exploit weaknesses in organizational processes, technology, and human behavior, often causing financial and reputational harm. Examining different perspectives on fraud helps organizations recognize warning signs, assess vulnerabilities, and implement appropriate safeguards. Effective mitigation requires ongoing education, cross-industry collaboration, and strategies that evolve alongside emerging threat

*Lunch will be provided by Jimmy Johns

IIA Academic Relations

IIV Vcsqewm!c Belsctonsz

Following the revamping of Academic Relations, AR has appointed two volunteer student ambassadors at the University of Louisville and is selecting an additional ambassador for the Indiana University Southeast campus. Academic Relations is looking for a few IIA Louisville Chapter members willing to serve as mentors for our student ambassadors during the upcoming school year. The mentorship is meant to be low-commitment and informal. It is primarily to provide a space for the mentee to ask questions and gain career insights over the occasional coffee or lunch outing. Anyone interested can reach out to Roy Holden at roy.holden@kylottery.com.

Student Memberships

FREE IIA Student Memberships—Easier Enrollment

The IIA now offers an easier way for students to enroll in a Student Membership. If you have any interns or know of any students who would like to join the IIA, please contact Roy Holden at roy.holden@kylottery.com for assistance with enrollment.

Internships

If your company has an open internship position, please share the following with your HR/ Recruiting departments. The Universities require that internships be posted to their respective Career Services sites to satisfy their Equal Opportunity requirements. Handshake and Cardinal Careers are the sites used by the schools. Here's the link for [Cardinal Careers Employer Registration](#), which is used by UofL's School of Business. Here's the link for [Handshake](#), which is used by both Bellarmine and IUS. Please forward any open internship postings to [Roy Holden](#). We can help spread the word further about your internship by reaching out to faculty at the local universities.



LOUISVILLE IIA INSTAGRAM PAGE

Let's start sharing! We have an Instagram account to be used to post pictures, videos, announcements, etc. Also, we created it to help increase knowledge about what IA is with the goal of better engagement and increase membership to our chapter. Here is a link below: [IIA Louisville Chapter \(@ialouisville\) • Instagram photos and videos](#)

As you all have any information, photos, etc., please send to [Sean Byrnes](#) so they can post all the exciting things we are doing. Some ideas can be pictures of members and/or students receiving certification, students receiving scholarships, volunteer work we are doing, social events, etc.

Academic Relations Volunteer Opportunities

Occasionally, we may reach out directly to our members to ask for volunteers to participate in various student events. Please consider participating in student events for any of our local Universities. Please reach out to [Roy Holden](#) to discuss opportunities.

Certification News

Certification Recognition



Matthew Cassin and Jon Byrd have earned the designation of Certified Internal Auditor.
Marlow Riedling has earned the designation of Internal Audit Practitioner.

The Return of the CPE Quiz

Reading *Internal Auditor* keeps you informed on emerging risks, industry trends, best practices, and the issues shaping the internal audit profession. Therefore, *Internal Auditor* has brought back its CPE Quiz! Starting with the April issue, readers can earn 1 CPE credit by completing a five-question quiz, based on the magazine's content. Here's how to participate: Read the magazine, go to the link below, and earn a score of at least 80%!

[Get your CPE credit.](#)

Earn your Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) with a one-part CIA Challenge Exam for experienced internal auditors

This Professional pathway for earning the CIA with a one-part challenge exam is currently a pilot program. The pilot program is available in June, September, and November 2026 testing windows. The application window is open 1 April to 30 September 2026.

The CIA Challenge Exam allows you to obtain the CIA designation after successfully passing a one-part examination. It evaluates the practical application of internal audit knowledge at an advanced level.

There are three pathways to expedite obtaining the Certified Internal Auditor® (CIA®) designation by successfully passing this one-part examination:

- active CPA designation holder
- active CISA designation holder
- professionals with at least 10 years of experience in internal audit or related fields.

Visit the [Certifications](#) page to learn more about this opportunity.

CAE Roundtable

**"Calling all Auditors—
Audit Roundtables"**

The Louisville Chapter of the IIA will begin offering roundtable discussions for Staff level and for Senior level auditors to facilitate networking, open dialogue, and upon establishment of interests of the attendees, begin to include training topics in the roundtable meetings.

If you are interested, please contact Shawn Steverson at shawnsteverson@yahoo.com.

Volunteer Opportunities

The IIA Louisville Chapter is looking for volunteers for a few open committee positions. Positions currently open are:

- Advocacy Chair & Diversity Chair
- Government Relations Chair
- QAR Chair
- Seminar Chair

For more information please reach out to [Robert Stutsman](#), IIA Louisville Chapter President

*For 2027, the Audit Chair role will be open. Anyone interested in taking on that role is welcome to reach out to Brittany Myers at brimyrs@republicbank.com for more information.

Call for New Members

The IIA Louisville Chapter offers numerous benefits for members and we are always looking for new members to join our chapter. If you know someone who would like to join, please reach out to [Catie Knable](#) for more information. Some benefits of joining the IIA Louisville Chapter are as follows:

- Members-only rates on conferences, seminars, and executive development through Vision University can save you hundreds of dollars.
- Exclusive monthly Members-only Webinars are part of your core membership benefits and provide you with CPE units without ever leaving your desk or paying additional fees.
- Members-only rates for other specialty webinars and self-study courses provide easy access to advance your knowledge from the convenience of your own desktop.
- And much more!

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

PRESIDENT

Robert StutsmanCredit First National Association
(CFNA)

VICE PRESIDENT

Zack Estes

Republic Bank & Trust Company

TREASURER

London Lopez

Humana, Inc.

CO-TREASURER

Zack Estes

Republic Bank & Trust Company

SECRETARY

Grace Wilson

Humana

PROGRAM CHAIR

Joseph Gause

GM Financial

Shenikia Thomas

Republic Bank & Trust Company

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Catie Knable

Caesars Entertainment

ACADEMIC RELATIONS

Zack Estes

Republic Bank & Trust Company

Roy Holden

Kentucky Lottery

ADVOCACY/DIVERSITY

London Lopez

Humana, Inc.

AUDIT CHAIR

Brittany Myers

Republic Bank & Trust Company

CERTIFICATIONS CHAIR

Bob Aemmer

LG&E and KU Energy

CHIEF AUDIT EXECUTIVE (CAE)

ROUNDTABLE CHAIR

Shawn Stevison

Humana, Inc.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS CHAIR

Open

NEWSLETTER CHAIR

Shenikia Thomas

Republic Bank & Trust Company

SEMINAR CHAIR

Open

QUALITY ASSESSMENT REVIEW CHAIR

Open

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES CHAIR

Andrea Higgins

Robert Half Management Resources

WEBMASTER

Open

SOCIAL MEDIA

Sean Byrnes

Humana, Inc.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

ELECTED MEMBER TERMS

Joseph Gause (Thru 5/31/2028)

GM Financial

Jennifer Fritz (Thru 5/31/2027)

Churchill Downs

John LeMaster (Thru 5/31/2027)

JCPS

Kayla Thomas (Thru 5/31/2027)

Humana

Shenikia Thomas (Thru 5/31/2028)

Republic Bank & Trust Company

PAST PRESIDENTS TERMS

Shawn Stevison

Humana, Inc. (Thru 5/31/2026)

Lesley ClarkFederal Reserve Bank of St.Louis
(Thru 5/31/2027)**Myhanh Pham**

Synchrony (Thru 5/31/2028)