



The Audit Voice

Co-Presidents' Message



Dear Members & Friends,

Six Monthly Meetings are now in the books, with three to go as we begin heading down the homestretch! Our annual Fraud Day had an in-person component for the first time in three years. The survey results have been mostly positive, especially regarding the presenters. Approximately 100 attended in person with 240 attending remotely via ZOOM. From a technological standpoint, hybrid events are not easy to host. At all. That is why we have started a Technology Committee. The people who bring you these events, the Professional Development Committee, are all volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes and are passionate about giving back to the profession. It's what they do. They deserve our gratitude. There will always be a hiccup or two at events of long duration such as ours. That's simply endemic to the process. Very few IIA chapters attempt what we do. There may occasionally be a virtual speaker at an in-person event. While feedback on the content of such presentations has been positive, we have nonetheless received recommendations that in-person events should only have in-person speakers. Although we conceptually agree, this is not always possible due to logistical issues. That said, the opportunity to network is important to many of you. So please bear with us. In exchange, you will receive our very best efforts, every time. Special thanks to our Fraud Day presenters:

Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP - Robert Bilott ("DuPont's Worst Nightmare")
Grant Thornton – Gene Cahill and Michael Sullivan
Federal Bureau of Investigation - Jeff Dressler
Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland – Jennifer Roberts, Emerson Brown, and Mary Kornelakis
Frantz Ward LLP – Christopher Keim, Christopher Koehler, and Michael Smith
RGP – Alisanne Allen and Jaime Gutierrez

Please note that the speaker names for Frantz Ward LLP were inadvertently left out of the post-event survey. We apologize for this oversight and if anyone has follow up questions for them please reach out to Christopher Koehler (ckoehler@frantzward.com), Michael Smith (msmith@frantzward.com), or Christopher Keim (ckeim@frantzward.com).

Looking ahead, we are hosting, in conjunction with the Ohio Society of CPA's, an all-new in-person meeting, networking, and entertainment event...all rolled into one...for March. It will begin at 1:45 p.m. Monday afternoon, March 6 at Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse, offer four CPE credits, and will be followed by dinner and our very own CLEVELAND CAVALIERS against the Boston Celtics. Tip-off is at 7:00 p.m. The meeting, networking event, and game will all take place under one registration. Further details on this can also be found on [Page 3](#) of this newsletter. We hope you can join us!

We will have a similar event in April, this time with the CLEVELAND GUARDIANS at Progressive Field on Wednesday, April 12 against the New York Yankees. It will begin at 8:00 a.m., offer four CPE credits, food and beverage service beginning at 12:00 noon in the Terrace Club, followed by the game with a first pitch at 1:10 p.m. Further details on this can also be found on [Page 4](#) of this newsletter. Keep your eyes open for the registration announcement in the coming days.

Our annual New Auditor Training will be held on June 9 at the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District. Also, our annual Northeast Ohio IIA Member Appreciation Golf Outing now has an assigned date; it will be held on [Friday, June 23](#) at Coppertop in Valley City, OH, with registration and doughnuts and coffee beginning at 7:30 a.m. You can obtain balls and tees from the clubhouse at that time.

In addition to attending our chapter's events, we also encourage you to consider attending any of the IIA's flagship events including the Financial Services Exchange, IIA International Conference, and GAM – in the year ahead. Please visit the IIA website for dates and updates on conference formats. Please also see, on [Page 5](#), the [Central Penn IIA March 2023 virtual event](#) and on [Page 6](#), registration for the [47th Annual Meonske Professional Development Conference](#) at Kent State University, which our Chapter is supporting and at which our very own Joe Nejman, Senior Director of Internal Audit and Compliance at STERIS will be presenting!

Thank you for your continued support of the Northeast Ohio Chapter! We cannot be successful without YOU!

Best regards, [David Golias](#) and [Melissa Banfield](#), Co-Presidents

Events Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Location	CPE
3/6/23	1:45 pm – 5:30 pm	Joint IIA/OSCPA Monthly Meeting	Quicken Loans Arena (followed by Cavaliers vs. Celtics – 7:00 pm tipoff – no virtual option)	4
4/12/23	8:00 am – 12:00 pm	Monthly Meeting	Progressive Field Terrace Club (followed by Guardians vs. Yankees – 1:10 pm first pitch – no virtual option)	4
5/8/23	12:45pm – 4:30pm	CAE Roundtable	Embassy (In-person event; no virtual option)	4
6/9/23	8:00am – 4:30pm	New Auditor Training	N.E. Ohio Regional Sewer District (In-person event; no virtual option)	8
6/23/23	Registration begins at 7:30 am	Annual Golf Outing	Coppertop (Valley City, OH)	--

Note: If you have an audit, ethics, business improvement or human resources topic and are interested in presenting at a future NEO IIA event, please contact [Nick Jorz](#) or [Stephy Gao](#).

Chapter Achievement Program (CAP)

Members can contribute to the chapter's success through completion of the following activities:

- Conducting unpaid speaking engagements related to Internal Audit topics – including presenting at local universities to inspire the next generation of internal auditors!
- Hosting an Internal Audit event at work (i.e., lunch and learn)
- Publishing articles in professional journals, including the Internal Auditor magazine
- Obtaining an IIA certification (i.e., CIA, CRMA, etc.)

Should you accomplish/complete any of the above items, please provide this information to [David Golias](#) for inclusion in the CAP Report.

Meeting Announcement

Monday, March 6, 2023 – [IIA/OSCPA Monthly Meeting with the Cleveland Cavaliers](#)

Northeast Ohio IIA is happy to announce that we are hosting, in conjunction with the Ohio Society of CPA's, an all-new in-person meeting, dinner/networking, and entertainment event. Please join us for an engaging and interactive session as we welcome Sam Strano & Becki Sauer from Deloitte, Kyle Bickhart from Ohio Society of CPA's, and Anna Stroup & Elvis Kanlic from Key Bank to present a Sarbanes-Oxley 20 years refresh, an update on professional issues, and practical uses of data analytics.

The NEOIIA/OSCPA Joint Meeting will be held in-person at Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse (1 Center Court, Cleveland, OH 44115).

The meeting will be followed by dinner/networking and include a ticket to see the Cleveland Cavaliers vs. Boston Celtics. Tip-off for the game is scheduled for 7:00 PM EST.



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Cost for this event is \$115 for IIA/OSCPA members, \$135 for non-IIA/OSCPA members

4 CPE

We are pleased to offer training at this event to students and to our retired and in-transition members free of charge, although if you wish to attend the game, tickets will cost \$89. Additionally, friends and family of IIA/OSCPA members are welcome to attend the game, also for \$89. Retired and in-transition members should contact [Jonathan Sanfilippo](#) to register.

Register Online at:

[NEOIIA/OSCPA Joint Meeting](#)

Mystery Fraud Training with Tim Hungerford – Mark Your Calendar!



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The Northeast Ohio IIA will be holding an all-new, in-person only monthly meeting in the Terrace Club at Progressive Field on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, beginning at 8:00 a.m. and featuring 4 CPE credits. This will be followed by a luncheon at 12:00 noon and then first pitch against the New York Yankees at 1:10 p.m. Again, look for a registration announcement in the coming days!

Employment Opportunities

The chapter's Employment Coordinator serves as a clearinghouse for members seeking positions and organizations seeking personnel by maintaining a current listing of local internal audit employment opportunities. All inquiries are confidential. If you are interested in viewing the most up-to-date opportunities list, visit our LinkedIn page at <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/3072042/>.

Company	Opportunity
Cleveland Clinic	Internal Audit Manager
Farmers National Banc Corp	Sr. Internal Auditor
FirstEnergy	Lead Auditor
FirstEnergy	Staff Auditor
Ohio Turnpike Commission	Internal Audit Manager
Progressive	Internal Auditor - Senior or Lead
Westfield	Senior IT Internal Auditor

If you are an employer trying to fill a position, please forward the job description to [Patrick Brogan](#).



**Central Pennsylvania Chapter
Institute of Internal Auditors**



[Join the Central PA Chapter on Tuesday, March 28 for a 4-hour virtual CPE event!](#)

The Central Penn Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) is excited to bring an event focused on Audit Skills.

Audit Skills

This four-hour program will cover overall audit skills needed for determining and evaluating risks, completing audit engagements, leadership tips/tricks, and exit meetings.

This will take place in the form of a Zoom Meeting; details to be emailed prior to event.

Online event opens at 7:45 am. Program begins at 8:00 am. There will be a break from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. Program concludes at 1:00 pm.

Cost is **\$80 for IIA members, \$120 for non-IIA members.**

Deadline to register is March 23, 2023. Please click on the link below.

[Central Penn IIA March 2023 Event](#)

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Bill is President of Woodington Training Solutions, LLC. He delivers internal auditing and professional development training seminars.

Prior to starting his business, Bill spent 18 years managing the Learning & Development (L&D) function for Wells Fargo Audit & Security. He was responsible for teaching the core curriculum classes (New Hire Orientation, Auditor In-Charge Training, CIA Exam Review, Effective Writing, Situational Leadership, and Leadership 101) to Wells Fargo's Audit staff. Bill was also responsible for developing and delivering virtual training related to audit topics and managing Audit & Security University at Wells Fargo. He spent four years as an Audit Specialist at Wells Fargo supervising audit projects prior to moving into the L&D position. Prior to his career at Wells Fargo, Bill worked for First Bank System and Deloitte and Touche.

Bill has taught seminars for the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) and MIS Training Institute (MISTI). He is certified by the IIA to teach CIA Exam Review. He is also certified by the Ken Blanchard Companies to teach Situational Leadership II. Bill is a CPA, CIA, and CRMA, with a bachelor's degree in Accounting and a master's degree in Finance. Bill is also a member of the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA).

Bill delivers the following audit, business writing, and leadership seminars, which can be tailored to meet your organization's needs:

- New Auditor Training
- Auditor In-Charge Training
- Audit Skills Training
- CIA Exam Review
- Writing to Achieve Results
- Situational Leadership II
- Leadership 101

The Northeast Ohio Chapter of The Institute of Internal Auditors is pleased to announce its support of

THE 47TH ANNUAL MEONSKE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

APRIL 27-28, 2023

KENT STATE STUDENT CENTER

Hosted By: Ambassador Crawford College of Business and Entrepreneurship

Registration is now open! Please click on the link below to register.

REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE

One of our Chapter's very own Board of Governors members, Joe Nejman, Senior Director of Internal Audit and Compliance at STERIS will be presenting at this conference. Please come out and support him and our Chapter if you can!

About the Conference

The Meonske Conference is held in Kent, Ohio at the Kent State University Student Center (KSC). It is named after Norman Meonske, the conference founder and Kent State Professor Emeritus. The conference has well-deserved reputation for high-quality dialogue and welcoming hospitality. It offers a total of 16 hours of CPE credit. Registrants can attend one or both days of the conference. **Early registration is encouraged as capacity is limited.**

[View the 2023 Conference Schedule](#) [View the 2023 Speakers & Panelists](#)

HOST CONTACT:

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Important Updates & News for Members

Ensure your [National IIA](#) profile is up-to-date, particularly your e-mail address.

ALL-OR-NOTHING: If you choose to opt out of e-mails within this master profile, you will NO LONGER RECEIVE local communications such as meeting announcements and the *NEO IIA Audit Voice* monthly newsletter.

News from the IIA

Access the IIA website for important information related to [news releases](#), [certifications](#), [scholarships](#), and the IIA's [Learning Conferences](#) – including GAM, International Conference, GRC, Financial Services, and All-Star. Also make sure to take advantage of The IIA's Chapter Partnership program! New [online courses](#) are added every day.

Join the Northeast Ohio LinkedIn Group

Request access to the group [here](#).

Academic Relations News

As of August 1, 2022, IIA Student Membership will be free of charge for eligible students. To be eligible, an undergraduate student must be enrolled in at least 12 semester hours or equivalent and a graduate student must be enrolled in at least 9 semester hours or equivalent. Although student membership is free, each student will need to complete an application through the IIA's website and submit an official transcript for the current semester.

The following statement was released by the IIA in conjunction with their announcement:

"Our highest priority is to add value back to the member, and we know that making student membership more accessible will open opportunities for your students, and your chapter, to thrive. This initiative is a great way to showcase Internal Audit as a global profession to students of all academic areas, and we are encouraging chapters to broaden their reach to students outside of solely accounting majors."

As we consider the future of the IA profession, the Northeast Ohio IIA Academic Relations Team encourages you to give back to your alma maters by volunteering your time to speak with current students regarding careers in internal auditing. If you'd like to make a presentation, please contact one of our Academic Relations Co-Chairs: [Scott Miller](#) or [Dan Schrag](#). They can provide you with a PowerPoint template that you can modify to your liking for your presentation. But ultimately the students just love to hear about the career experiences of someone who has worked in the field!

GET INVOLVED!

Please reach out to any NEO IIA representative via email to get involved! The chart on the last page of this newsletter contains their e-mail addresses.

Committee	Objectives
Professional Development	Deliver programming to members that supports maintaining professional certifications and continuous learning designed to enhance internal audit professionals' value to stakeholders. This committee also handles all meeting arrangements, registrations, CPE, etc.
Knowledge-Sharing	Structure opportunities for members to connect, share knowledge, promote the internal audit profession, and advance thinking on matters of local importance.
Leadership	Create opportunities for members to enhance their leadership capabilities while providing effective chapter governance.
Audit	Act on behalf of the Board of Governors in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities for the financial reporting process, certain internal control processes, the independent audit/review process, and the chapter's process for filing IRS Form 990 and other relevant IRS information.
Nominating	Identify and submit to the Board and/or chapter members the formal nominations for all member-elected Board and officer positions, as required in chapter by-laws. It also identifies and appoints members to other officer and committee chair positions that do not require election by the chapter members on behalf of the Board of Governors.
Strategic Planning	Assess current and future chapter member needs and to recommend long-range objectives for the chapter to maximize chapter member benefits.
Academic Relations	Develop and support relationships through educational programs among practitioners, educators, students, educational institution administrators, and business/government communities, which enhance knowledge, skills, understanding and value of internal auditing as a profession in the marketplace.
Technology	Connect members through social media presence and maintain chapter website; Evaluate technology options as the chapter navigates the ever-changing climate.

Officers, Committee Leaders, and Governors

Should anyone want to contact any of our Officers, Committee Leaders, or Chapter Governors, please do so via e-mail by clicking on a name listed below:

Officers	Title
David Golias	Co-President
Melissa Banfield	Co-President
Nick Jorz	1 st Vice President
Jonathan Sanfilippo	2 nd Vice President
Margo Cejer	Treasurer
Stephy Gao	Assistant Treasurer
Brad DeBusk	Secretary

Leaders/Committee Chairs	Role
Scott Miller & Dan Schrag	Academic Relations Committee Co-Chairs
Ken Koncilja	Audit Committee Chair
David Golias	Chapter Achievement Program Lead
Jerry Mancinetti	Chapter Administrator
Jonathan Sanfilippo	Hospitality Coordinator
David Golias & Melissa Banfield	Nominating Committee Co-Chairs
Nick Jorz & Stephy Gao	Professional Development Committee Co-Chairs
Patrick Brogan & Johanna Davison	Knowledge Sharing Committee
Bill Quinn	Specialty Centers Liaison
Scott Miller & Laurence Talley	Strategic Planning Committee Co-Chairs
Laurence Talley & Andrew Scott	Technology Committee

Board of Governors	
Christy Gardner	Dan Schrag
Ken Koncilja (A)	Randal Slifer
John Krueger	Amanda Sterling (A)
Scott Miller	Laurence Talley
Bill Mitchell	Ed Vargo (A)
Richard Molina	Chrissy Walters
Bill Quinn	

Note: "(A)" designates a member of the Audit Committee.