



The Audit Voice
Co-Presidents' Message



Dear Members & Friends,

Thank you to everyone who joined us in-person and virtually for our annual Fraud Day event! A big thank you to all of our presenters! The event included presentations from Eric Balish (United States Secret Service), Derek Diaz (Federal Trade Commission), Krista Toole (FBI), Jeremy Buening (HHS-OIG), Ann Marie Sclafani (CareSource – SIU), Jeremy Epstein and Taylor Uhl from Crowe, Chris Tarbell (Former FBI Agent), April Wehrle and Michael Kaizar from the Ohio Attorney General's Office, and Gene Cahill and Anne Layne from Grant Thornton. The sessions provided current information about fraud trends, schemes, protection, and dynamic case studies.

Coming up in March, we are hosting, in conjunction with the Ohio Society of CPAs and Financial Executives International, an in-person meeting, networking, and entertainment event...all rolled into one...for the month of March. It will take place Tuesday afternoon, March 5 at Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse, offer four (4) CPE credits, and will be followed by dinner and our very own Cleveland Cavaliers playing the Boston Celtics. Tip-off is at 7:00 p.m. The meeting, networking event, and game will all take place under one registration.

In April, we will once again be offering OSCP Ethics training to our members. This event will be 3 CPE's for Ethics and 1 additional topic for a total of 4 CPE hours. This training will be held in-person at the Embassy Suites in Independence.

Looking forward to May, we will be partnering with KPMG and local Chief Audit Executives (CAEs) to bring you our 6th Annual CAE Roundtable on May 16. This year the event will be held in conjunction with the Meonske Professional Development Conference on the campus of Kent State University in Kent, OH. NEO IIA and other local professional organizations have been invited to participate in the conference and make it one of the largest CPE events in Northeast Ohio in 2024! The Meonske conference is two days, May 16th and 17th, with opportunities to earn additional CPE outside of the IIA training offered.

Thank you for your continued support of the Northeast Ohio Chapter. We can't wait to see you again soon!

Best regards,

[Melissa Banfield](#) and [Nick Jorz](#), Co-Presidents

Events Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Location	CPE
3/5/24	1:45pm – 5:30pm	IIA/OSCPA/FEI Joint Meeting	Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse	4
4/22/24	12:45pm – 4:30pm	April Meeting	Embassy Suites	4
5/16/24	11:15am – 5:50pm	CAE Roundtable & Networking Reception	Kent State University – Meonske Professional Development Conference	3
June 2024	8:00am – 4:30pm	New Auditor Training	Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District	8
6/28/24	Registration begins at 7:30am	Annual Golf Outing	Coppertop Golf Club	--

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 [Marvin Tarry](#) or [Chasey Rotondo](#).

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 [Melissa Banfield](#) for inclusion in the CAP Report.



We recently invited you to participate in the global survey for [Internal Audit: Vision 2035](#), designed to envision the future state of the internal audit profession. We appreciate your insights as we work to shape the future of internal audit. Please take approximately 20 minutes to share your perspective. The survey will be available **until March 15th**.

Here is the survey link: <https://www.theiia.org/vision2035survey>

Tuesday, March 5th

LAST CALL! Northeast Ohio IIA is happy to announce that we are hosting, in conjunction with the Ohio Society of CPAs and Northeast Ohio Financial Executives International. Please join us for 4 hours of engaging learning with 4 CPE credits (details on pg. 2), an industry networking dinner and a Cleveland Cavs game.

Register Online at:
[NEOIIA/OSCPA/FEI Joint Meeting](#)

Event Schedule:

1:45pm	Opening Announcements
1:50pm	Harold Silverman (Institute of Internal Auditors) <i>Topic: The new Global Internal Audit Standards - Why Financial Executives, CPAs and Internal Auditors Should Care</i>
2:55pm	Break
3:10pm	Scott Wiley (Ohio Society of CPAs) <i>Topic: An Overview of the Business Climate in Ohio</i>
4:35pm	Allison Ikeda and Eric Flanders (BMO) <i>Topic: Rates and Foreign Exchange</i>
5:25pm	Closing Announcements
5:30pm	Dinner/Networking

The NEOIIA/OSCPA/NEOFEI Joint Meeting will be held in-person at Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse (1 Center Court, Cleveland, OH 44115). Tickets will be distributed virtually via Seat Geek. Please be sure to register with the email linked to your Seat Geek account or an email you can access via your smart phone the day of the event. Attendees may enter through the Cleveland Cliffs Entrance located on the corner of East 6th and Huron Road. 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.

NEOIIA/OSCPA/NEO FEI Joint Meeting: 1:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. (4 CPEs)

IIA Members: \$115/in-person only (Dinner & Cavs ticket included)
OSCPA Members: \$115/in-person only (Dinner & Cavs ticket included)
NEO FEI Members or Strategic Partner: \$115/in-person only (Dinner & Cavs ticket included)
Non-Members: \$135/in-person only (Dinner & Cavs ticket included)
Friends & Family Tickets: \$109 (Dinner & Cavs ticket included)



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Certification Updates

Congratulations to the 14 new Certified Internal Auditors since the chapter year began on June 1, 2023. The CIA sets the standard for excellence within the Internal Audit profession.

Congratulations to: Kevin Fentner, Emma Schneider, Tyler Crocket, Janice Liu, Kimberly Madden, Logan Rishaw, Qije Wang, Benjamin Preston, Matthew Harrison, Heather Dunlap, Carly Chester, Melissa Banfield, Allyson Kidik, and Collin Brooks! Also, congratulations to Rachel Neilsen for earning a Certification in Risk Management Assurance. For more information on certifications, please reach out to [David Golias](#) for details.

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 [Institute of Internal Auditors \(IIA\) - Northeast Ohio Chapter](#) page on LinkedIn.

Company	Opportunity
Cleveland Clinic	Senior IT Internal Auditor
Eaton	Senior Data Analyst, Internal Audit
Erie Insurance	IT Internal Auditor II
Farmers National Banc Corp	Sr. Internal Auditor
The Gorman-Rupp Company	Internal Auditor

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

Important Updates & News for Members

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

Please add the following to your "Safe Senders" to avoid important communications from going into your junk folder:

National Communications	IIA-Global.Headquarters@iia-communications.org
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CPE Certificates	noreply@etouches.com

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 updated regularly.

Join the Northeast Ohio LinkedIn Group: Request access to the group [here](#).

Academic Relations News

On February 23, 2024, The Northeast Ohio Chapter of the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) sponsored the 6th Annual Intercollegiate Ethics Case Competition (IECC) hosted by Cleveland State University. The annual competition features accounting majors from universities across Ohio competing to solve real-world ethical dilemmas. This year's case was the original work of CSU Accounting Department Faculty Dr. Craig Foltin. It challenged students to think critically about auditor independence and the auditor's responsibility for detecting fraud.

Each of the competing teams showcased their talent by submitting a paper in response to the case and making a presentation in front of judges. **The University of Akron** emerged victorious over **Cleveland State University** in the final round showdown, after each team had won its opening round bracket. Both teams received a cash prize. Northeast Ohio IIA Co-Presidents Melissa Banfield and Nick Jorz served as judges for the event, along with Bill Allamon of EY, Philip Borders of PwC, Todd Kennedy of Pease Bell CPAs, Gino Scipione and Andrea Shengelya of Cohen & Co. CPAs, and Janis Thiedemann of Parker Hannifin.

University of Akron Team



Cleveland State University Team





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Want to learn more? Please visit the IIA Quality Services web page for more information and a Request for Proposal link. [IIA Quality Services web page](#)

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

2023-2024

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
Melissa Banfield	Co-President
Nick Jorz	Co-President
Jonathan Sanfilippo	1 st Vice President
Brad DeBusk	2 nd Vice President
Margo Cejer	Treasurer
Stephy Gao	Assistant Treasurer
Bill Allen	Secretary

Leaders/Committee Chairs	Role
Scott Miller & Dan Schrag	Academic Relations Committee Co-Chairs
Ken Koncilja	Audit Committee Chair
Melissa Banfield	Chapter Achievement Program Lead
Jerry Mancinetti	Chapter Administrator
Jonathan Sanfilippo	Hospitality Coordinator
Melissa Banfield & Nick Jorz	Nominating Committee Co-Chairs
Marvin Tarry & Chasey Rotondo	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
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Scott Miller	Laurence Talley
Bill Mitchell	Ed Vargo (A)
Richard Molina	David Golias
Bill Quinn	Patrick Brogan
Joseph Nejman	

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