



The Audit Voice
Co-Presidents' Message



Dear Members & Friends,

Thank you to everyone who joined us in-person for our March meeting at Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse, which was held in conjunction with the Ohio Society of CPAs and Financial Executives International! The meeting was immediately followed by dinner/networking and featured a thrilling come from behind victory by the Cleveland Cavaliers over the first-place Boston Celtics! A big thank you to all of our presenters! The event included presentations from Harold Silverman (Institute of Internal Auditors), Scott Wiley (Ohio Society of CPAs), and Allison Ikeda & Eric Flanders (BMO).

In April, we will once again be offering OSCPA Ethics training to our members. This event will feature a CPA PSR requirement compliant ethics presentation by the Ohio Society of CPAs and a panel discussion presentation by MCPC, which will bring together the realms of IT Asset Management (ITAM) and Cybersecurity for a total of 4 CPE hours for the afternoon. 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.

Our annual New Auditor Training will be held on Friday, June 7 at the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District. An event announcement will go out in the coming weeks.

Additionally, our annual Northeast Ohio IIA Member Appreciation Golf Outing will be held on Friday, June 28 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. We are in the process of seeking sponsorships for this eagerly awaited event!

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
4/22/24	11:15am – 5:50pm	April Meeting	Embassy Suites	4
5/16/24	11:15am – 4:50pm	CAE Roundtable & Networking Reception	Kent State University – Meonske Professional Development Conference	5
6/7/2024	Registration begins at 7:30am	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.

Your Perspective Needed for Top 5 Regional Risks

Chief internal auditors are encouraged to participate in The IIA's annual worldwide [Risk in Focus](#) project, which seeks to help them understand how their peers view today's risk landscape as they prepare audit plans for the year ahead.



Call to Action: Take the [Risk in Focus 2025 Survey](#) by 19 April 2024.



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Risk in Focus
Global Survey

Monday, April 22nd

Ohio Society of CPA's (OSCPA) Ethics & MCPC

April 22, 2024: 11:45 a.m. –4:30 p.m. (4 CPEs)
IIA Members: \$75/In-person (Lunch & Training Included)
Non-Members: \$95/In-person (Lunch & Training Included)

Northeast Ohio IIA is excited to welcome back the OSCPAs to present an ethics session that will fulfill the 3-credit Professional Standards & Responsibilities (PSR) requirement for CPAs in Ohio!

We would also like to welcome MCPC to present a panel discussion which will bring together the realms of IT Asset Management (ITAM) and Cybersecurity. In this intersection, organizations strategically align their technology assets with robust security practices. By harmonizing ITAM processes—such as inventory management, software licensing, and lifecycle tracking—with cybersecurity protocols, businesses enhance their resilience against threats. This synergy ensures efficient resource utilization, compliance, and risk mitigation, ultimately safeguarding digital landscapes.

This meeting will be held in-person only at the Embassy Suites in Independence (5800 Rockside Woods Blvd N, Independence, OH 44131). If you have any questions please email [Marvin Tarry](#) or [Nick Jorz](#).

Training Agenda (In-Person only):

11:45 a.m.	Lunch
12:45 – 12:50	Opening Announcements
12:50 – 3:20	Laura Hay (Ohio Society of CPAs) Topic: Avoiding the Slippery Slope – Establishing Ethical Guardrails (PSR3)
3:20 – 3:35	Break
3:35 – 4:25	MCPC Panelists (TBD) Topic: Cyber-Asset Synergy: Where ITAM Meets Cybersecurity
4:25 – 4:30	Closing Announcements

Register Online at: [NEO IIA April Meeting – OSCPAs Ethics & Cyber-Asset Synergy](#)

Thursday, May 16th

2024 Chief Audit Executive Roundtable & ESG Update @ The Meonske Conference in Kent, OH

May 16, 2024

Internal Audit-Specific Training:

11:15 a.m. – 4:50 p.m. (5 CPEs)

\$125: Includes lunch, 5 CPEs, and an evening reception!

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The Meonske conference is two days, May 16th and 17th, with opportunities to earn additional CPE outside of the internal audit-specific training offered. Please see the Meonske Conference [website](#) for information about the conference, including the full schedule and presenter bios.

The event will be held at the Kent State Student Center (1075 Risman Dr, Kent, OH 44242).

To register for just the internal-audit specific training at a rate of \$125, please go [here](#).

To register for one or both days of the full conference at the standard rate, please go [here](#).

Session Summary for Internal Audit-Specific Training (In-person only):

11:15 am – 12:45 pm: Lunch & Speaker: Fraud & Cybersecurity Threat Landscape – Alexandra Madonia, FBI

12:45 – 3:00 pm: Chief Audit Executives Roundtable presented by KPMG

3:00 – 3:15 pm: Afternoon Break

3:15 – 4:15 pm: ESG Regulatory Reporting Update – Luke Wilson, KPMG

4:15 – 4:40 pm: Increasing Meeting Productivity: A Systemic Approach – R. Drew Sellers, Kent State

4:40 – 4:50 pm: Closing Remarks

4:50 – 5:50 pm: Networking Reception hosted by Kent State University

Members with questions about registration or the Meonske Conference should contact [Jonathan Sanfilippo](#) or [Scott Miller](#). If you are a CAE / Internal Audit Director in the local area and would like to participate in the CAE Roundtable this year or in a future year, please reach out to [Stephy Gao](#).

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

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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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

- Northeast Ohio IIA will be presenting scholarships to students at the following universities at the end of April: Akron, Baldwin Wallace, Cleveland State, Heidelberg, John Carroll, and Kent State. The names of the recipients will be shared in a future edition of this newsletter. Our chapter is proud to support the next generation of auditors!
- - IIA Student Membership is 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.
 - 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!



IIA Quality Services

IIA Quality Services helps validate and strengthen your internal audit activity and enhances your effectiveness, efficiency, and successful practice implementation.

As a trusted source in the profession, we have helped hundreds of organizations in various industries and around the world by providing qualified audit professionals, a global benchmarking database, and a repository of successful practices. We assist CAEs in gaining support from the audit committee, enhance understanding of why an external assessment is necessary and valuable, and describe the different approaches.

IIA Quality Services can help move your Quality Assurance and Improvement Program (QAIP) to the next level with a range of services and expert practitioners.

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.