



The Audit Voice

Co-Presidents' Message

Dear Members & Friends,

Thank you to everyone who joined us in-person on May 15th at the Meonske Professional Development Conference on the campus of Kent State University in Kent, OH. We returned for a second year at this new location for our May meeting and the event featured our annual Chief Audit Executive (CAE) Roundtable Discussion. The event was held in conjunction with NEO IIA and other local professional organizations were invited to participate in the conference and make it one of the largest CPE events in Northeast Ohio in 2025! The Meonske Conference took place over two days and included opportunities to earn additional CPE outside of the IIA training offered.

Thank you to Lisa Stiffler & Stephy Gao from KPMG and local CAEs Sarah Gampo (Kent State), Matt Harrison (JM Smucker), and Kevin Fether (Nordson) who volunteered their time to organize, moderate, and join the CAE panel for the 7th Annual CAE Roundtable. Thank you also to Ashley Gibson of Eikon-X who presented on the Future of the Finance Function, Luke Wilson and Ted Christy of KPMG who presented a Sustainability Regulatory Reporting Update, and to our Audit Technology Panel Discussion team which included moderator Patrick Brogan (Silicon Valley Accountants) and panelists Bryan Dziak (CBIZ), Tom Keaton (Crown Castle), and Piotr Skomra to close out the afternoon.

Next up is our annual New Auditor Training, which will be held on Friday, June 13th, at the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District. Registration for this event will be limited to 40 attendees so if you plan on sending a summer intern or new staff auditor please make sure you prioritize early registration.

Additionally, our annual Northeast Ohio IIA Member Appreciation Golf Outing will be held on Monday, June 16th at StoneWater Golf Club in Highland Heights, OH, with registration beginning at 7:30 a.m. You can obtain balls and tees from the clubhouse at that time. We are still in the process of seeking sponsorships for this eagerly awaited event! Please contact [Jonathan Sanfilippo](#) for questions about sponsorship opportunities.

We want to remind everyone that May is Internal Audit Awareness Month, so please send us reasons why you enjoy working in audit and we will include some of the responses in our next newsletter! Your emails can be sent to [Jonathan Sanfilippo](#) and [Nick Jorz](#).

In addition to attending our chapter's events, we also encourage you to consider attending any of the IIA's flagship events including the 2025 International Conference, Financial Services Exchange, and other events in the year ahead. Please visit the [IIA website](#) for dates and conference information.

Best regards,

[Nick Jorz](#) and [Jonathan Sanfilippo](#), Co-Presidents

Events Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Location	CPE
6/13/2025	Registration begins at 7:30am	New Auditor Training	Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District	8
6/16/2025	Registration begins at 7:30am	Annual Golf Outing	StoneWater 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.

Friday, June 13, 2025

8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

8 CPEs – \$50

NE Ohio Regional Sewer District
4747 E 49th St., Cuyahoga Hts, OH 44125

Register Online at: New Auditor Training

Class size is limited to 40 to allow for maximum interaction for the case studies. Breakfast, lunch, and snacks will be provided. Training materials are provided in digital format; please bring your laptop.

As more audit shops signal a willingness to add brand new auditors through direct hire or through intern or co-op programs, your local IIA Chapter sees the need to help those new hires be more productive in their Internal Auditor roles. Training of this type and targeted to this audience will increase the interest by organizations and students to explore greater roles in the Internal Audit field and broaden the field of interested and experienced auditors in our region.

Content: This day long training is focused on three core areas:

1. **IIA Standards** – Instructors will provide a brief outline and reasoning behind the IIA, its purpose, standards and ethical framework. Performance standards will be detailed and drawn to actual audit expectations.
2. **Case Study** – Multiple audits will be developed for a specific target company, with results applied to various industry types. Risk assessment and key control designation will be part of audits that include payables, payroll and technology.
3. **Application of Concepts** – Using the case studies, participants will be asked to consider compliance audits, fraud exposure and financial audits.

Instructors: This training will be conducted by your peers:

- Joe Nejman – STERIS Corporation
- Nick Jorz – Medical Mutual of Ohio
- Brandon Masin – Eaton Corporation
- Marvin Tarry – Progressive
- Casey Crawford – Progressive

Payment by cash will not be accepted at this time. For anyone that needs to pay for an event by check, please send to the following address:

NEO Institute of Internal Auditors
PO Box 311008
Independence, OH 44131

If you have any questions, please contact Professional Development Committee co-chairs [Marvin Tarry](#) or [Chasey Rotondo](#).

Monday, June 16, 2025

2025 Member Appreciation Golf Outing

7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
\$120 per person

- Date:** Monday, June 16, 2025
- Place:** StoneWater Golf Club
1 Club Drive, Highland Heights, OH 44143
- Schedule:**
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| Registration and Breakfast | 7:30 a.m. to 8:50 a.m. |
| Golf with lunch | 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. |
| Post-Golf Steak Dinner and prizes | 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. |
- Format:** Scramble with a shotgun start – Teams of four (4)
Individuals – Sign up and teams can be made for you!
- Food:** Box lunch provided, eat on the course at your leisure
Beer and soda available, cash cart available
Dinner at the conclusion of golf
- Prizes:** Prizes for top three (3) teams
\$10,000 Hole in One Contest
- Price:** **Register by Monday, June 9, 2025:**
\$120 per person (IIA Members)
\$150 per person (Non IIA Members)
Limited space available (maximum of 132 golfers)
Post-Golf Dinner only option available at \$75 per person
- Events:** Skills competitions (long drive, long putt, closest to pin, closest to pin (2nd shot))
Mulligans available (\$5 each, max 4 per team)
Putting green “hit and keep” (1 free putt per person, 3 for \$10)

Registration Link: [Golf Outing](#)

Sponsorship Availability

We are always looking for sponsors to assist with the golf outing. To become a sponsor, please see our [website](#) for further information. If you have questions about sponsorship or donating prizes, please contact [Jonathan Sanfilippo](#).

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
Third Federal	Senior Internal Auditor
Westfield Insurance	Internal Auditor

Academic Relations News

- During April, Northeast OH IIA presented scholarships to the following students during on-campus awards ceremonies: Brendan Knapp (University of Akron); Sean Charles (Baldwin Wallace University); Olivia Galek (Cleveland State University); Payton Moser (Heidelberg University); Xavier Biedenbach (John Carroll University); and Beck Shoemaker-Jackson (Kent State University). The chapter extends its congratulations to each of these deserving recipients!
- 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

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

Leaders/Committee Chairs	Role
Scott Miller & Dan Schrag	Academic Relations Committee Co-Chairs
Ed Vargo	Audit Committee Chair
Nick Jorz	Chapter Achievement Program Lead
Chris Millen	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
Melissa Banfield (A)	Randal Slifer
John Krueger	Amanda Sterling (A)
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.