

The Audit Voice

Northeast Ohio IIA Chapter

CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and Friends,

Before we begin, we would like to thank Nick Jorz for his leadership over the last year as President of the NEO IIA. Nick's dedication to the local chapter and profession has helped us continue to grow and expand. Because of Nick's leadership abilities, he has taken on a larger role within the National IIA as a District Representative, overseeing the Central region. We wish Nick the best of luck in this new role!

August Meeting Recap

Thank you to everyone who joined us in-person on August 27th at the monthly meeting held in conjunction with the NEO chapter of ISACA. We returned to the ballpark for our third year having our meeting before a Guardians game and then a great networking opportunity during the game. The weather was beautiful, and the Guardians pulled out a win in extra innings!

A big thank you goes out to the Deloitte Team for leading the speaker line up. Our topics included how the Guardians and Cavs are doing their part in creating a sustainable future and reducing their carbon footprint from visitors at events. Meeting attendees got a chance to see a small sample of behind-the-scenes operations of the ballpark through a tour of the trash compactor area. In addition, we received sustainability regulatory, tax and cybersecurity updates, including current trends in Artificial Intelligence (AI). If you have any questions about the events or would like to inquire more about Deloitte's services, please contact [Ben Tomins](#).

Upcoming Events

Next up we scheduled a training event to be held on October 20th. This meeting will be held virtually through Zoom and will cover 4 CPEs. More details and registration information to come in a few weeks.

Additionally, our annual CSU Extravaganza will be held on Monday, November 24th, on the campus of Cleveland State University. This will be an all-day event worth eight (8) CPEs. Six (6) CPEs will be granted in the field of Auditing, and two (2) in the field of Ethics.

Past Meetings and CPE (IMPORTANT)

For those who do not know, The IIA has used a program called STOVA/Aventri to register for meetings and CPE distribution for the past several years. National IIA will be discontinuing this service at the end of 2026. Starting in 2026, we will use the CVENT service to register for meetings and distribute CPE.

NOTE: With this change, we will no longer have access to our history of CPE events and certificates. If you require CPE certificates for any previous event, you need to contact [Jonathan Sanfilippo](#) before 12/30/25 to receive a copy.

Other Information

Do you have any information pertinent to the profession or NEO IIA you would like to share, such as retirements, significant promotions, job openings, etc.? Please send an email with the required information to [Jonathan Sanfilippo](#) or [Brad DeBusk](#) and we will include it within upcoming IIA Voice and meeting announcements.

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

during the year ahead. Please visit the [IIA website](#) for dates and conference information.

Best regards,
[Jonathan Sanfilippo](#) and [Brad DeBusk](#), Co-Presidents

EVENTS CALENDAR

Date	Time	Event	Location	CPE
10/20/25	1:00pm – 4:30pm	October Meeting	Virtual (Zoom)	4
11/24/25	8:00am – 4:30pm	CSU Extravaganza	Cleveland State University, Cleveland, OH	8
2/9/26	8:00am – 4:30pm	Fraud Day	Embassy Suites, Independence, OH	8
March 2026 April 2026	TBD	Monthly Meeting – Cavs Game	Rocket Arena, Cleveland, OH	4
5/14/26	8:00am	Meonske Conference	Kent State University, Kent, OH	TDB
June 2026	8:00am – 4:30pm	New Auditor Training	TBD	8
6/26/26	Registration - 7:30am Shot Gun Start – 9:00am	Annual Golf Outing	StoneWater Golf Club, Highland Heights, OH	N/A

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 [Chris Millen](#)

CHAPTER ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM (CAP)

The Chapter Achievement Program (CAP) is a program managed by the National IIA that recognizes and awards chapters for excelled in service to their members, the internal audit profession, and chapter administration.

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 [Jonathan Sanfilippo](#) for inclusion in the CAP Report.

ACADEMIC RELATIONS NEWS

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 nine (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!



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GET INVOLVED – VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES

The Committees listed below are what keeps the NEO IIA chapter offering the best experience for its members. Please reach out to any NEO IIA representative listed below via email to get involved!

Committee	Objectives	Chair(s)
Professional Development	Deliver programming to members supporting professional certifications and continuous learning designed to enhance internal audit professionals' value to stakeholders. This committee also handles all meeting arrangements, registrations, CPE, etc.	Marvin Tarry Chasey Rotondo
Knowledge-Sharing	Structure opportunities for members to connect, share knowledge, promote the internal audit profession, and advance thinking on matters of local importance.	Patrick Brogan Johanna Davison
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.	Ed Vargo
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.	Jonathan Sanfilippo
Strategic Planning	Assess current and future chapter members' needs and recommend long-range objectives for the chapter to maximize chapter member benefits.	Scott Miller Laurence Talley
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.	Scott Miller Dan Schrag
Technology	Connect members through social media presence and maintain chapter website; Evaluate technology options as the chapter navigates the ever-changing climate.	Laurence Talley Andrew Scott

2025 – 2026 OFFICERS AND BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Should anyone want to contact any of our Officers and or Board of Governors, please do so with their contact information below:

Officers	Title
Jonathan Sanfilippo	Co-President
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Note: “(A)” designates a member of the Audit Committee.

LOCAL JOB OPENINGS

Company	Opportunity
Third Federal	Senior Internal Auditor II
Cleveland Clinic	Senior Director Financial Audit

If you are hiring and would like to post the position within the NEO IIA, please contact [Jonathan Sanfilippo](#).

NEW CERTIFICATIONS

We are pleased to announce the following individuals obtained a certification (as of August 18th) within the Internal Audit profession. If you know or work with these individuals, please join me in congratulating them on their amazing accomplishment.

Name	Company	Certification
Thomas Corrick	Signet Jewelers	Certified Internal Auditor (CIA)

If you would like to recognize any professional certification achievements for a NEO IIA Member, please contact [Jonathan Sanfilippo](#).