

# The Audit Voice

## Northeast Ohio IIA Chapter

### CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and Friends,

Thank you to everyone over the past year for giving me the opportunity to be your NEO IIA President. It has been an honor and privileged to work with such great people within the Officer and Board of Governors group of the chapter.

#### **Recent Meeting Recap:**

Thank you to everyone who joined us in March for an ethics training hosted by the Ohio Society of CPAs, where we learned the value of accountants when identifying fraud and unethical behavior within companies.

A big thank you goes out to the local FEI group in co-sponsoring the Cleveland Cavs event in April. We heard amazing topics ranging from an update on tariffs, local financial crimes cases, and the Disaggregation of Income Statement Expenses (D.I.S.E) requirements. To top off a great event, the Cavs pulled out a win over the Atlanta Hawks!

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Next up we are collaborating with Kent State University to offer training sessions during the annual Meonske Conference. This is a two (2) day event held on the campus of Kent State University in Kent, OH. The internal Audit track will take place on Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.

Have a new auditor working at your company who would like to receive audit 101 training? On June 12<sup>th</sup>, we will be offering our New Auditor Training at the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District offices. Watch your e-mail boxes for further information in the next week or two.

Additionally, our annual member appreciation golf outing will be held on Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at Stonewater Golf Club in Highland Heights, OH. Watch for registration details to follow in the next week. If you would like to be a sponsor for the event, please refer to our sponsorship [website](#).

Finally, mark your calendars in September for our monthly general meeting held in conjunction with a Cleveland Guardians game vs the Toronto Blue Jays. The Cleveland Deloitte office will be providing updates on various topics within the industry. This event will be held on Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, starting at 8:00am. More information and registration to come later in the summer.

#### **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 2026 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
5/14/26	8:00am - 4:30pm	Meonske Conference	Kent State University, Kent, OH	6
6/12/26	8:00am - 4:30pm	New Auditor Training	NEO RSD	8
6/25/26	Registration - 7:30am Shot Gun Start - 9:00am	Annual Golf Outing	StoneWater Golf Club, Highland Heights, OH	N/A
9/3/26	8:00am - 4:30pm	General Meeting and Guardians Game	Progressive Field Cleveland, OH	4

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](#)

## **2026 Chief Audit Executive Roundtable (& More!)**

### **At the Kent State Meonske Conference**

**Thursday, May 14, 2026**

**Earn up to 6.5 CPE through the NEO IIA ticket**

**\$135: Includes lunch, CPE, and a networking reception!**

NEO IIA is partnering with KPMG and local Chief Audit Executives (CAEs) to bring you our 8th Annual CAE Roundtable during Internal Audit Awareness Month on May 14th! This year the event will once again be held in conjunction with the Meonske Professional Development Conference on the campus of Kent State University in Kent, OH. It is one of the largest CPE events in Northeast Ohio in 2026! Please note there is a special rate for NEO IIA members and guests separate from normal conference registration to earn up to 6.5 CPE.

The 50th annual Meonske conference spans both May 14th and 15th overall, with opportunities to earn up to 16 CPE across two days if you opt to attend the full conference instead of just the NEO IIA meeting portion. Please see the Meonske Conference [website](#) for information about the conference, including the full schedule and presenter bios. The conference will be held at Crawford Hall – Kent State’s business building.

To register for the NEO IIA ticket at a rate of \$135, please go [here](#).

To register for one or both full days at the regular rate of \$245 per day, please go [here](#).

**The event will be in-person only. Crawford Hall is located at 100 Midway Dr, Kent, OH 44242. A parking map will be sent (by Kent State) to conference participants a week before the event.**

Session Summary for the NEO IIA ticket on May 14<sup>th</sup> (You may arrive when you'd like and earn CPE by attending the following sessions)\*:

10:20 – 11:20 am: Beyond Controls: Getting Real About Fraud. Anne DeTraglia, Sabre-Corp

12:05 – 12:40 pm: Love Mondays: A New Perspective on Work and Performance in Finance and Accounting. Ron Monteiro, KICT Inc.

12:50 – 1:55 pm: Chief Audit Executive (CAE) Roundtable *presented by KPMG*: Audit Committee Oversight in a Changing Risk Landscape.

2:00 – 3:15 pm: When Control Failures Lead to Fraud – Best Practices for Internal Auditors. Patricio Munoz, KPMG

3:30 – 4:45 pm: AI Agents: Transforming the Internal Audit Landscape. Sean Humphreys, Protiviti

4:50 – 5:15 pm: Closing Remarks & Door Prizes

5:15 – 6:00 pm: Networking Reception hosted by Kent State University

*\*Note there are other concurrent sessions that participants can select in place of these recommendations. All sessions offered, plus speaker bios, are listed on the conference's website. Participants will turn in a CPE form noting sessions attended as they leave the conference.*

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, please reach out to Stephy Gao.

## ACADEMIC RELATIONS NEWS

During April, Northeast OH IIA presented scholarships to the following students during on-campus awards ceremonies:

Award Recipient	University
Joshua Pierce	University of Akron
Tyler Nicholson	Baldwin Wallace University
Eriny Eskander	Cleveland State University
Lexie Honigford	Heidelberg University
Elizabeth Hohlfelder	John Carroll University
Trenton Baylor	Kent State University

The chapter extends its congratulations to each of these deserving recipients!

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

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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.

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## OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Are you interested in being an officer of the Northeast Ohio Chapter of the Institute of Internal Auditors? Please reach out to [Jonathan Sanfilippo](#) for further information, please include a bio about yourself, including professional certifications.

# 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.	<a href="#">Marvin Tarry</a> <a href="#">Chasey Rotondo</a>
Knowledge-Sharing	Structure opportunities for members to connect, share knowledge, promote the internal audit profession, and advance thinking on matters of local importance.	<a href="#">Patrick Brogan</a> <a href="#">Johanna Davison</a>
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.	<a href="#">Ed Vargo</a>
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.	<a href="#">Jonathan Sanfilippo</a>
Strategic Planning	Assess current and future chapter members' needs and recommend long-range objectives for the chapter to maximize chapter member benefits.	<a href="#">Scott Miller</a> <a href="#">Laurence Talley</a>
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.	<a href="#">Scott Miller</a> <a href="#">Dan Schrag</a>
Technology	Connect members through social media presence and maintain chapter website; Evaluate technology options as the chapter navigates the ever-changing climate.	<a href="#">Laurence Talley</a> <a href="#">Andrew Scott</a>

# 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
<a href="#">Jonathan Sanfilippo</a>	Co-President
<a href="#">Brad DeBusk</a>	Co-President
<a href="#">Bill Allen</a>	1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President
<a href="#">Marvin Tarry</a>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President
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<a href="#">Stephy Gao</a>	Assistant Treasurer
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<a href="#">Bill Mitchell</a>	<a href="#">Ed Vargo (A)</a>
<a href="#">Richard Molina</a>	<a href="#">David Golias</a>
<a href="#">Bill Quinn</a>	<a href="#">Patrick Brogan</a>
<a href="#">Joseph Nejman</a>	

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

## LOCAL JOB OPENINGS

We currently have the following job opening to mention for companies within Northeast Ohio.

Company	Position	Application Link
Cleveland Clinic	Manager IT Audit	<a href="#">Click Here</a>

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