

Lehigh Valley Chapter Newsletter



President's Message

Dear Members,

As we end our chapter year 2024-2025, we are excited to share a review of our activities and events. We hope you have enjoyed and benefited from the diverse programs we provided. Here is a recap of the events that took place:

- Inaugural Northern District Conference - "Uniting our Profession & Defining the Future of Internal Audit" - hosted jointly by the IIA's northeast district 1 chapters
- Fall All-Day Hybrid Seminar - "Teaching Auditors to be Better Thinkers" with speaker Toby Groves, Ph.D.
- Improv Workshop - "Communication Strategies" presented by Cindy Marsh
- Webinar - "Practical Ethics 7.0" with speaker Danny Goldberg
- Student Night - Keynote speaker: Dr. Ashley Stampone, CPA
- Spring Hybrid Seminar - "Fraud Prevention, Information Security, and Financial Crime Prevention" with speakers Bruce Dorris, Deborah E. Arndell, James Rumph, Matt Dotts, Scott McCulloch, and Asaf Ezov - hosted jointly by the ACFE & IIA Lehigh Valley Chapters
- Iron Pigs Social Event

We appreciate your participation and support throughout the year.

If you have any questions or would like information on how to volunteer with our chapter, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for being a member!

Nanton John

President

Let me know if you need any further assistance!

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CERTIFICATIONS

CIA

To preserve the integrity of IIA certification programs and reduce misconduct, we are transitioning back to a **test center-only delivery model**. Online proctoring will be permanently discontinued.

[CIA Exam Review Course | Becker | Becker](#)

[Certified Internal Auditor | Global Certification in Internal Audit | The IIA](#)

CRMA

[Certification in Risk Management Assurance | Global Certification in Internal Audit | The IIA](#)

IAP

[Internal Audit Practitioner | Global Certification in Internal Audit | The IIA](#)

CHAPTER EVENTS

2025/2026 -Chapter Year

Date	Topic	Location

**PLANNING IN SESSION
COME BACK SOON**

REGISTRATION INFORMATION IS SENT TO YOU VIA EMAIL FROM THE CHAPTER144@IIACHAPTERS.ORG

CHECK OUT THE CHAPTER WEBSITE FOR UPDATED INFORMATION ON EVENTS:

[LEHIGH VALLEY \(THE IIA.ORG\)](http://LEHIGH VALLEY (THE IIA.ORG))

CHAPTER NEWS

The Lehigh Valley Chapter of the IIA needs your help!

Every year, we are required to conduct an independent review of our Annual Financial Statement by the end of August for the prior chapter year. We need volunteers to step up and agree to conduct the review. The prior audit and steps performed are available, as will be guidance from the Chapter for questions as the review is performed. Estimated time to commit is 30-35 hours.

The following responsibilities pertain to the audit:

- Validate the accuracy and completeness of the Annual Report of Revenue and Expenses. This includes the review of the related notes and follow-up on past findings.
- Review of Chapter Activities
- Testing of Chapter events
- Review of Bank reconciliations

Current Membership is at 115!

Welcome New Lehigh Valley

Chapter Members!

Patricia Dogan

Benjamin Bard

CHAPTER NEWS (CONT'D)

Welcome our 2025/2026 IIA Lehigh Valley Chapter Officers,
Board of Governors, and Committee Chairs!

Position	Name
President	Nanton John
President-Elect	Sherry Tomaine
Treasurer	Sarah Rossetti
Secretary	Adria Nemeroff
Certifications Officer	Debra Bealer
Membership Officer	Anthony Sabino
Programming Officer	Sherry Tomaine
Audit Committee Member	OPEN
Audit Committee Chair	Joseph Buick
Nominating Committee Chair	OPEN
Nominating Committee Member	Hilari Rinehart
Nominating Committee Member	OPEN
Academic Relations Chair	Tara Zrinski
CAP Chair	Star Gonzalez
EMT Manager	Sarah Rossetti
Newsletter	Jodi Hartzell
Board of Governor	Name
BOG1 2026	Shawn Dugan
BOG3 2026	Jason Slabikosky
BOG1 2027	Rob Cirillo
BOG2 2027	Allan Vavra
BOG3 2027	Hilari Rinehart
BOG4 2027	Tara Zrinski
BOG1 2028	Star Gonzalez
BOG2 2028	Jodi Hartzell
BOG3 2028	Charles Ballard
Non-voting	
	Jim Mahoney
	Joseph Buick

PLEASE NOTE – The IIA has recently instituted a policy whereby new members must select the chapter with which they want to be affiliated when they originally enroll and register. In some instances, members have selected an incorrect chapter. As a result, we have found that some members who intend to be affiliated with the Lehigh Chapter are not and therefore are not receiving important communications about events and other offers from the chapter. If you are a group membership leader, please have your members check their profiles at www.theiia.org. Do not assume that because your staff is included in your group membership, they are affiliated with the Lehigh Valley Chapter. Also, if you are not in a group membership and are aware of any member who should be receiving communications from our chapter and is not, please encourage them to check their profile.

Volunteer Opportunities!

The IIA Lehigh Valley Chapter needs your help! We are excited to reestablish the value and energy the chapter has provided through the years. We are seeking volunteers, who can provide us with as little as an hour on a quarterly basis. What is in it for you?

Opportunities to practice leadership skills, networking, and earning up to **15 FREE CPEs** a year for serving as a volunteer officer or other board/committee member. View the information on the IIA Leadership to see what being a volunteer can look like and all the benefits for you and your organization. https://affiliate-library.theiia.org/189/Documents/Documents/IIA_Leadership.pdf

For the 2025-2026 chapter year, we are seeking volunteers for the following:

Committees

- Audit Committee
- Nominating Committee

Our board meets 4-5 times per chapter year, usually in-person in the summer to transition and begin planning for the next chapter year. The remaining may be a mix of in person and online meetings.

Those interested in volunteering should have the following:

- Active membership within The IIA - in good standing.
- Affiliation with the local chapter.
- The time, commitment level, and skills necessary to carry out the respective duties.
- The desire to serve local chapter members.

Not interested in being a board/committee member and still want to volunteer? Please reach out and let us know what you're interested in. We are always in need of volunteers!!! If you are interested in a position, please let us know by reaching out to chapter144@iiachaptercommunications.org

Regional and Surrounding Chapter Websites

Chapter	Website
Central Jersey	https://www.theiia.org/en/chapters/united-states/new-jersey/central-jersey/
Central Penn	https://www.theiia.org/en/chapters/united-states/pennsylvania/central-pennsylvania
Lehigh Valley	https://www.theiia.org/en/chapters/united-states/pennsylvania/lehigh-valley/
Philadelphia	https://www.theiia.org/en/chapters/united-states/pennsylvania/philadelphia/
New York	https://www.theiia.org/en/chapters/united-states/new-york/new-york/
Northeastern PA	https://www.theiia.org/en/chapters/united-states/pennsylvania/northeastern-pennsylvania/

Upcoming Non-Chapter News and Events

- New Report Reveals the Value of Strategy Plus Increasing Responsibility of Internal Audit Leaders** - Internal audit functions that are more strongly aligned with overall organizational strategy are more likely to have sufficient funding.
<https://www.theiia.org/en/content/communications/press-releases/2025/march/new-report-reveals-the-value-of-strategy-plus-increasing-responsibility-for-internal-audit-leaders/>
- The Global Internal Audit Standards** Auditors have had a year to prepare, and many [resources](#) are available to help them prepare to conform. Check out the new standards here <https://www.theiia.org/en/standards/2024-standards/global-internal-audit-standards/>
- Topical Requirement on Cybersecurity** The topical requirements have been released in multiple languages. They are a new, mandatory component of the International Professional Practices Framework <https://www.theiia.org/en/standards/2024-standards/topical-requirements/#download>
- Auditing Identity and Access Management, 2nd Edition** Released in late December, the updated Global Technology Audit Guide® (GTAG®) covers the controls that safeguard the confidentiality and integrity of systems and data by restricting user access. This guidance, now aligned with the Global Internal Audit Standards™, replaces the original edition published in 2021 and is free to members.
<https://www.theiia.org/en/content/guidance/recommended/supplemental/gtags/gtag-auditing-identity-and-access-management/>
- 2025 Learning Catalog** The IIA's Learning Catalog, Your Path for Professional Excellence, is a turnkey planning tool for individual and team development. Strengthen core competencies or upskill as needed to stay up to date with latest trends, Standards, and Vision 2035. [IIA Learning Catalog \(theiia.org\)](#)
- Upcoming Auditing AI Course** Discover a revolutionary approach to AI training with Auditing AI: A Hands-On Course for Internal Auditors! This immersive, hands-on experience offers your team the chance to master AI and generative AI concepts in a secure, controlled lab environment. Plus, earn valuable Microsoft certifications. [Auditing Artificial Intelligence \(AI\): A Hands-On Course for Internal Auditors \(theiia.org\)](#)

Upcoming Non-Chapter News and Events (cont'd)

- **Risk in Focus** Risk in Focus provides practical, data-driven insights to help internal auditors, and their stakeholders understand today's risk environment and prepare audit plans for the year ahead. <https://www.theiia.org/en/internal-audit-foundation/latest-research-and-products/risk-in-focus/>
- **Get your copy of the 2024 North American Pulse of Internal Audit!** The go-to benchmarking, metrics, and trends report for the profession is now available for download. Encourage your chapter members to get their copy of the 2024 North American Pulse of Internal Audit and share the digital-friendly format with their peers, audit committees, and executive management. <https://www.theiia.org/en/resources/research-and-reports/pulse/>
- **Upcoming Conferences** the IIA offers a wide variety of dynamic events focused on emerging issues in internal auditing. IIA conferences are designed to allow for networking with peers, gaining a greater understanding of leading practices, and taking your career to the next level. <https://www.theiia.org/en/learning/conferences/>
- **Stay Ahead of the Quantum Computing Curve** In this episode of All Things Internal Audit, Frontier Foundry co-founder and COO, Nick Reese, delves into the groundbreaking world of quantum computing and its game-changing potential. Discover how this cutting-edge technology could revolutionize the profession. <https://www.theiia.org/en/content/podcast/all-things-internal-audit/2024/ep-0045/>
- **Fraud Analytics for Internal Auditors Certificate** As fraud risks like synthetic identities and deep fakes continue to grow, this certificate program will equip internal auditors with essential skills to identify, detect, and deter fraud using data analytics. Build technical expertise to meet today's challenges and prepare to earn your certificate through The IIA's LMS platform. <https://www.theiia.org/en/products/learning-solutions/course/fraud-analytics-for-internal-auditors-certificate>