Lehigh Valley Chapter Newsletter

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SAVE THE DATE – TACTICAL AI EVENT!!!!

March 26, 2026
12:00 PM-1:00 PM ET

Dive into the practical world of AI in auditing: Discover how artificial intelligence can enhance every stage, from risk assessment to reporting. This webinar will explore how AI enhances effectiveness, augments your team's capabilities, and provides time-saving solutions. Join us to bridge the gap between buzzwords and real-world applications.

In this session, participants will:
- Understand practical strategies for integrating AI into existing processes.
- Learn how to analyze AI tools and technologies effectively.
- Evaluate the implementation of AI solutions in their workflows.
- This session will provide a hands-on approach to equip participants with the knowledge necessary to harness AI for enhanced efficiency and effectiveness.
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Presenter: Audra Nariunaite

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.

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Our Officers and Board of Governors have completed the Chapter Strategic Plan for 2026/2027. This newly implemented plan will promote our chapter's ongoing sustainability and growth, highlighting just one of the many ways they contribute to our success.

In February, we hosted a webinar on Anti-Fraud Tests that (Actually) Work! During this session, participants learned how to correlate data and create risk-based anti-fraud tests to shape compelling narratives.

Later this month, on the 26th, we'll present our next Chapter Model event: Tactical AI—A Stage-by-Stage Guide to Transforming Audits. This session will examine the growing role of AI in auditing, which is quickly becoming a crucial element of the process. We anticipate attendees will gain valuable insights from this event.

To wrap up the chapter year, we will jointly host the annual Student Night at DeSales University along with the ACFE Lehigh Valley Chapter, then gather for our annual business meeting and social event at an Iron Pigs baseball game, providing a fun opportunity to connect and enjoy time with fellow members.

As one of our goals for the Chapter to enhance the competencies of the Internal Audit profession, we invite you to submit your suggestions regarding previous activities or prospective subjects that you would like our chapter to consider for future programming.

Our Chapter Slate is in the nominating period, and there are some Board of Governor and Committee positions that may be of interest to you. This is a great way to contribute to the professional community, help shape meaningful programs for members, and support the growth of the Internal Audit profession. Please reach out to me or any one of the current officers or board members for more information.

I hope to see you at an upcoming event!

Nanton John

President

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Topic	Location	Host	Presenter/Event Link	CPE
3/26/2026	Social with Tactical AI	Virtual	IIA Chapter Model	Audra Nariunaite Summary - Lehigh Valley - Tactical AI: A Stage-by-Stage Guide to Transforming Audits	1
3/24/2026	Student Night	DeSales University	IIA/ACFE	TBD	1
5/8/2026	Iron Pigs Social Event	Coca Cola Park, Allentown PA	Lehigh Valley IIA	TBD	n/a

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 (THEIIA.ORG)

Check out the IIA Site for Upcoming Conferences https://www.theiia.org/en/learning/conferences/

CHAPTER NEWS

WELCOME TO THE LEHIGH VALLEY CHAPTER!

Timothy Brezinsky – County of Northampton

Randelle Agravante – Lehigh University/Student member

Samantha Schoch – St. Luke's University Health Network

Congratulations to the following member(s) for achieving their certifications!

Nanton John – CRMA

Check out the Lehigh Valley Chapters LinkedIn page!!!

https://www.linkedin.com/groups/13353471

REGIONAL AND SURROUNDING CHAPTERS

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/

NON-CHAPTER NEWS

- **The Cybersecurity Topical Requirement is now in effect! -**.The Cybersecurity Topical Requirement sets a mandatory baseline for evaluating cybersecurity governance, risk management, and controls. Part of the International Professional Practices Framework® (IPPF®), it boosts consistency and audit quality. Cybersecurity Topical Requirement | The IIA

- **Analytics, Automation, and AI Virtual Conference -** Digital transformation is reshaping internal audit and knowing where to start or how to scale makes all the difference. The **2026 Analytics, Automation & AI Virtual Conference** delivers practical guidance to help you build confidence, apply new tools, and move your audit function forward. Analytics and Automation and AI Virtual Conference | The IIA

- **Organizational Behavior Topical Requirement -** The newly released Organizational Behavior Topical Requirement and user guide promote quality and consistency when assessing the observable human actions, decisions, and interpersonal dynamics in an organization. Organizational Behavior Topical Requirement

- **Support Identification of Audit Trends -** Be a part of this premier annual research project, now featuring AI and fraud, plus key benchmarks for budgets and staffing. Open to all CAEs and directors in North America through November 21. 2026 North American Pulse of Internal Audit

- **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)

- **All Things Internal Audit Tech: Auditing Privacy in the Age of AI** Charles King of KPMG talks with Kavin Anburaj from Meta about privacy in today's AI-driven world. They cover key data risks, global regulations, and practical steps for auditing privacy programs with transparency, consent, and collaboration. Auditing Privacy in the Age of AI

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

Officers/Committee Chairs	Name
President	Nanton John
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Nominating Committee Member	Hilari Rinehart
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Newsletter	Jodi Hartzell

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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

****Our nomination period for the 2026-2027 term is here! ****

The chapter slate is due on March 31st. We encourage all interested members to submit their requests to join the board as early as possible. Serving on the board helps strengthen our chapter's programming and provides opportunities to be more engaged and influence chapter activities. Volunteers also gain opportunities to practice leadership skills, networking, and earn up to 15 FREE CPEs a year for serving as an officer or other board/committee member.

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