

Lehigh Valley Chapter Newsletter



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The IIA Lehigh Valley Members were greeted by FeFe at the Iron Pigs Social Event!



Certifications

CERTIFIED INTERNAL AUDITOR (CIA)

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

CERTIFICATION IN RISK MANAGEMENT ASSURANCE (CRMA)

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

INTERNAL AUDIT PRACTITIONER (IAP)

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

This year, our chapter—together with affiliated organizations—offered a dynamic lineup of professional development events designed to educate, connect, and inspire internal auditors and fraud examiners throughout the 2025–2026 chapter year.

From thought-provoking virtual sessions on cybersecurity, ethics, fraud prevention, and AI to engaging in-person and hybrid gatherings, there was something for everyone.

Highlights included the IIA/ACFE Joint Fall Seminar at DeSales University, insightful presentations from industry experts, Student Night in April, and a fun season finale at the Iron Pigs Social Event in May. We're grateful to everyone who participated and helped make this year's events such a success.

Here's a look at the events during the chapter year:

- Cybersecurity Virtual Event
- IIA/ACFE Joint Fall Full Day Seminar at DeSales University
- Risk Reimagined: Internal Audit's Evolving Role in a World of Interconnected Threats
- Next Level Foundations of Effective Internal Audit
- Role of Ethics in Fraud Prevention
- Ethics in the Age of Algorithms
- Designing Anti-Fraud Tests that (Actually) Work!!
- Social with Tactical AI
- Emerging Trends & Opportunities
- Student Night
- Iron Pigs Social Event

As we end our chapter year, I would like to thank you all for your support and encouragement during my tenure as Chapter President. It has been an honor serving this chapter, the Board, and it's members, and I am grateful and proud to be part of the resurgence of this group.

We look forward to building on this momentum with even more valuable learning and networking opportunities ahead!

Nanton John

President

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Date	Topic	Location	Host	Presenter/Event Link	CPE
6/2/2026	From Numbers to Narratives: How the New Mexico Department of Justice Builds Financial Crime Cases	DeSales University, Center Valley, PA	Lehigh Valley ACEFE and IIA Joint Event	Vadim Witt, CPA, CFE, CAMS, FCI Jacqueline Torres, CPA, CFE Special Agent Peter J Ahearn, Jr. Lehigh Valley ACEFE - Meeting registration	8

CHECK OUT THE CHAPTER WEBSITE FOR UPDATED INFORMATION ON EVENTS: [LEHIGH VALLEY \(THEIIA.ORG\)](http://LEHIGH VALLEY (THEIIA.ORG))

CHAPTER NEWS

Celebrating Our Dedicated Chapter Members

 **Member Milestones**

25+ Years	20 Years	15 Years	10 Years	5 Years
Kevin Kerestus	Susan Dell	Sharon Manning	Kevin Koch	Karen Arcario
John A. Falk			Andrew Wittig	Daizo Motoyoshi
Allan P. Vavra				
Anthony Sabino				
Albert M. Sleeva				
Denise C. Stull				
Marianne Marks				
Eric E. Nagle				
Steven Fahs				
Dean D. Silfies				
Tracy Lynn Wilson				
Rachelle Gordon				
Jason M. Slabikosky				
Robert Cirillo				

NON-CHAPTER NEWS

- Top Risk Areas Internal Audit Must Address in TMT for 2026-** As innovation accelerates across the TMT sector, internal audit is being pushed beyond traditional assurance. Emerging technologies, expanding regulations, and new digital business models require more forward-looking oversight and stronger governance. [Top Risk Areas Internal Audit Must Address in TMT for 2026 - Crowe LLP - The IIA Resource Hub](#)
- 2026 RISE Virtual Conference** - The IIA’s RISE Virtual Conference is the premier online event designed for internal audit leadership. Whether you head an internal audit function, manage a team, or are preparing for a senior role, you’ll gain advanced strategies in Resilience, Innovation, Strategy, and Ethics to strengthen operational resilience and navigate emerging risks like cybersecurity. [2026 Rise Virtual Conference](#)

NON-CHAPTER NEWS (CONT'D)

- 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](#)
- 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](#)
- 2026 Governance, Risk & Controls Conference** brings together professionals from governance, risk, audit, cybersecurity, and compliance for a focused look at the challenges shaping today's organizations. [GRC Conference](#)

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/

CHAPTER LEADERS

**2026/2027 IIA Lehigh Valley Chapter
Officers, Board of Governors, and
Committee Chairs**

Officers	Name
President	Sherry Tomaine
Senior VP	Star Gonzalez
Treasurer	Sarah Rossetti
Secretary	Adria Nemeroff
Committee Members (Required)	Name
Audit Committee Member	Timothy Brezinsky
Audit Committee Member	Joseph Buick
Past President/Nominating Committee Chair	Nanton John
Nominating Committee Member	Hilari Rinehart
Nominating Committee Member	Jason Slabikosky
Optional Committee/Other Positions	Name
Certifications Chair	Debra Bealer
Membership Chair	Anthony Sabino
Programming Chair	OPEN
Academic Relations Chair	Carlos Aguilo
CAP Chair	N/A
CVENT Coordinator	Sarah Rossetti
Newsletter	Jodi Hartzell
Board of Governors	Name
BOG1 2027	Nanton John
BOG2 2027	Allan Vavra
BOG3 2027	Hilari Rinehart
BOG4 2027	Jason Slabikosky
BOG5 2027	Carlos Aguilo
BOG6 2027	OPEN
BOG1 2028	Joseph Buick
BOG2 2028	Jodi Hartzell
BOG3 2028	Debra Bealer
BOG4 2028	Anthony Sabino
BOG5 2028	Timothy Brezinsky
BOG6 2028	OPEN
BOG7 2028	OPEN
Non-voting	
	Jim Mahoney
	Shawn Dugan

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