



The Institute of
Internal Auditors
Houston



Chapter Newsletter

February 2026



IIA-Houston December 2025 SOX Roundtable.

Excellent knowledge sharing session with Houston colleagues on all things SOX! A big thank you to Mary Frontiera and EAG for hosting this event!

Interested in hosting a future roundtable? Contact one of our Houston IIA officers!

President’s Message

We are into February and I feel like we are about 12 weeks into the year. January was fast and furious as everyone works toward 10-K filings, presentation of 2026 audit plans, and kick-off of 2026 work. The daily news cycle has not disappointed, as it seems every day is a new headline, global development, and market impact. 2026 also brings mid-term elections, so we should expect the trend to continue. Focusing on Houston, take a look at the next two months!

- 2026 Government Auditing Conference on February 24th – [Register Here](#)
- TopGolf Networking and Personal Brand Event on March 3rd – [Register Here](#)
- 2026 IIA Houston Annual Conference on April 13th – [Register Here](#)



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Chapter News

Upcoming Events

2026 Government Auditing Conference – 8 CPE Hours

In Person @ Petroleum Club | February 24, 2026 | 8 am - 4:20 pm

Registration ends on Wednesday, February 18

Limited to IIA members of the government sector

[Click Here for Registration and Information about the Event](#)

Annual CPE and networking event – 2 CPE Hours

In Person @ Top Golf | March 3, 2026 | 1 pm – 5 pm

Presentation and panel discussion 1 pm – 3 pm.

Networking with light bites, drinks, and golf driving bays 3 pm – 5 pm.

[Click Here for Registration and Information about the Event](#)

2026 IIA Houston Annual Conference – 8 CPE Hours

In Person @ NRG Center and Virtual | April 13, 2026 | 7:30 am – 5 pm

Early Bird Registration Rate ends Friday, February 20

[Click Here for Registration and Information about the Event](#)

Fraud Enforcement & the Future of AI in Risk – 1 CPE Hour

Webinar | May 4, 2026 | 12 pm – 1 pm

More information, including registration, will be sent out later this month

Upcoming IIA Conference

GAM: Great Audit Minds - [For more info.](#)

March 9–11, 2026 | Las Vegas, NV | 15.6 CPEs

2026 Analytics, Automation and AI Virtual Conference - [For more info.](#)

April 7, 2026 | 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. ET | 9+ CPEs

Volunteer Spotlight

Mary Frontiera has been a member of Houston IIA for many years and was looking for a way to give back to this organization that has given so much to her and others in our profession. So, she volunteered to host one of Houston IIA's roundtables in 2024 and was excited to host Houston IIA's SOX Roundtable for the second consecutive year in 2025. Thank you, Mary, for your commitment to Houston IIA! Mary serves as Director, Internal Audit department at EAG, a Houston-based, privately held, consulting, back-office outsourcing, and IT outsourcing firm delivering services primarily to upstream and midstream business and technology services. In her spare time, Mary enjoys spending time with her husband and their German Shepherd, Black Lab mix, Smalls. She and her husband love to travel together, boating and spending time with their families and friends.



Thank you, **Mary**, for your commitment to the IIA Houston Chapter and for helping to make our chapter a success!

Call for Nominations for Officer and Board Positions

The IIA Houston Chapter is currently accepting nominations for our officer and board positions for the 2026-2027 chapter year, along with nominations for other volunteer positions to assist Officers and Committees in chapter initiatives. If you are interested in nominating yourself or others for a position, please send an e-mail to Greg Bone at gbone@renew.com.

2026 TEXAS TECHNOLOGY SUMMIT

MACHAON TEXAS TECHNOLOGY SUMMIT

Supporting Sponsor

March 5, 2026

Norris Conference Center

8:00am - 4:00pm

REGISTER TODAY

Use Code TTS26IIA

<https://technologysummit.net/texas.html>

IIA Houston Members have also been provided the opportunity to attend the 2026 Texas Technology Summit (details below):

- Members can register with this promo code, when registering online: **TTS26IIA**
- Registration link: [Event Registration Selection](#)
- Attached is a promotional flyer you are welcome to use
- Texas Technology Summit webpage for more info: [Texas Technology Summit | Home](#)
- Event date: Thursday, March 5th
- Event location: Norris Conference Center – Houston/CityCentre
- 6 CPE credits for a full day of attendance
- This year's theme: "Future-Ready: Where AI, Systems, & Culture Unite"
- Opening Keynote Speaker: Mark Seale, CTO with the City of Houston
- Closing Keynote Speaker: Daryl "Radar" Riley, Board Member & Membership Director with ISACA Houston
- Panel Discussion: "AI Governance, Ethics, and Accountability"

Houston IIA Annual Conference Energizes the Lineup with

⚡ 🔋 ⚡ Corey Chadderton & Craig Stanland! ⚡ 🔋 ⚡

Electrify your professional journey at the IIA Houston 2026 Annual Conference, where “Recharged and Ready” promises an energizing experience! We’re thrilled to announce two inspiring speakers: Corey Chadderton and Craig Stanland.

Corey Chadderton presents “Digital Deception: The Deepfake Dilemma”—a session designed to equip you with practical tools for identifying deepfake content, assessing related risks, implementing strategies to mitigate impact, and staying updated on the latest deepfake technology. Corey’s expertise will help auditors and risk professionals defend against new forms of digital deception.

Craig Stanland’s session, “Smarter Than the System: How Human Need and Rationalization Defeat Internal Controls,” explores how fear, pressure, and emotional needs create blind spots that no AI or internal control can detect. Craig will share ways to recognize behavioral shifts preceding misconduct, strengthen fraud prevention by fostering human connection, and empower attendees to make values-aligned decisions.

Don’t miss this opportunity to learn from extraordinary speakers, connect with peers, and recharge for the future! Mark your calendars—this is your moment to become truly “Recharged and Ready.”

IIA Houston Annual Conference Sponsor Registration

Sponsor registration is now open for the IIA Houston Chapter’s 2026 Annual Conference. Registration and details are available at [Sponsor Registration](#). Remember that exhibit booth assignment priority as well as logo posting on the Conference website and use in Conference marketing materials are based on your sponsor level and the timing of payment receipt, so register early.

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Dana Aiyenuwa - The PNC Financial Services Group Inc	Shawn Cullen - LyondellBasell Industries Audit Group	Paola Martinez
Wesam Alagil - Aramco Americas Company	John Dugas - Halliburton	David McDonough - CVR Energy, Inc.
Jewell Arceneaux - Valaris	Daniel Fenzau - Redstone Federal Credit Union	Karon McMahan
Jacob Armitage - IES Holdings, Inc.	Saju Georgesam - Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County Texas	Kourtney Nguyen - Aramco Americas Company
Ariba Ashfaq	Jasminder Kaur Gill - Tokio Marine HCC	Ademola Olusanya
Myra Aslam	Martin Gooderham - Group 1 Automotive	Ashley Reyes - Orion Group Holding Inc
Ricardo Bahena	Louise Graham - Group 1 Automotive	miguel rodriguez - Jera Americas
Doris Ijeoma Batram - Houston Methodist Hospital	Brandon Greenfield - USAA, Enterprise Risk and Compliance	Michael Rusk - Weaver
Katrice Breedlove	Amanda Grizzle	Emma Saenz
Sandra Brobbey - Redstone Federal Credit Union	Katherine Gubbels - Quanta Services Inc	Sasha Schmick - ConocoPhillips
Rebecca Brooks - National Oilwell Varco	David Harden - Texas Board of Criminal Justice	Steve Thompson - Group 1 Automotive
Sergio Carrillo - Sysco Corporation	Ryan Hunt - Randolph-Brooks Federal Credit Union	Esther Tinnin - Motiva Enterprises LLC
Noel Cipriano - Precision Drilling Corporation (Canada)	Tanika Isaac - Idea Public Schools	Jacquelin Valdez Campa - Quanta Services Inc
Jason Clarke - Redstone Federal Credit Union	Shakur Jamalov - Group 1 Automotive	
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Academic Relations

We invite IIA members to inspire and support students in achieving their goals by sharing expertise and experiences. Opportunities include delivering presentations on an internal audit career path and leadership skills, serving as guest lecturers, participating in career fairs, mentoring, judging panel discussions, assisting with case analyses and competitions, and helping students strengthen their communication skills. To volunteer, please email Jose Quintana, Houston IIA VP of Academic Relations, at academic-relations@houstoniia.org.



Special thanks to our volunteers, Ray Tran and Andy Pinto, for sharing their transition journeys from Big 4 to Industry with Rice University Master of Accounting Students.

Call for Volunteers

Houston Chapter Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteering is a great way to contribute to both your personal and Chapter's success – it expands your professional and personal network, provides development opportunities in skills such as project management, communication, and leadership, provides better job prospect, and adds fun to your years!! Many volunteer positions only require an hour or two each month, and some can be broken down into smaller tasks requiring even less!

Email us at membership@houstoniia.org if you would like to volunteer!

Group Membership

Organizations with as few as three eligible members can take advantage of substantial savings with an IIA Group Membership. Government, Public Sector, and Educators – additional savings are available for you! Consider a group membership to both save money and help to support all your team members grow in the profession!

<https://www.theiia.org/en/membership/>

Membership Privileges

Membership with the IIA provides you with the tools and guidance needed to succeed and thrive in your career! Top benefits include the following:

- Complimentary Specialty Centers access
- Specialty and member-only webcasts
- Online testing for certifications
- Practice Guides, GTAGS, Thought Leadership, *Internal Auditor Magazine*
- Member-only discounts

Membership also includes access to career center resources and job postings (<https://jobs.theiia.org/jobseeker/search/results/>)

If you need assistance with your membership or would like more information on benefits provided, email the Chapter VP of

Membership Frequently Asked Questions Page

The Institute of Internal Auditors has a Membership FAQ page. Check it out!

<https://www.theiia.org/en/membership/membership-faq/>



IIA Houston Communications & CPE

All communications from the Houston Chapter will come from do-not-reply@iianotifications.org. If you do not receive our emails:

- Please be sure to have added these e-mail addresses to your safe sender list/whitelisted.
- Verify that you're listed as affiliated with the Houston Chapter. Check your profile on The IIA's website and ensure you are affiliated with the Houston chapter <https://myiia.theiia.org/Chapter/index>.
- Please visit your member profile on TheIIA.org to confirm your email preferences globally, and if you've previously unsubscribed from a chapter email, let us know at registration@houstoniia.org if you'd like to re-subscribe.

CPE certificates are sent within 5 to 10 business days for all events. If you have not received your CPE certificate within 10 business days of the event, please contact registration@houstoniia.org. All requests for replacement CPE certificates must be made within 30 days of the event.

Why should you get CIA Certification?

As The IIA's premier designation for more than 40 years, the CIA sets the standard for excellence within the profession. Earning the CIA is an important step toward demonstrating your core internal audit skills and knowledge.

Earning a professional internal audit credential is a critical step to being distinguished from your peers and will:

- Enhance credibility and respect.
- Sharpen skills and proficiencies.
- Increase your earning potential by as much as 51%*.
- Demonstrate understanding and commitment.

Click the following link to learn more about the benefits of obtaining your certification: [Certified Internal Auditor](#).

Prepare to Pass the CIA Exam

The IIA's CIA have a variety of resources to help you learn, review, and apply the key CIA content. For more information, visit [CIA Exam Review Course | Becker](#)

Annual Certification Renewal

CIA certifications in Revoked status can now be restored to Active with just one exam. Individuals who wish to participate will only need to complete a recertification application and CIA Part 1. This new policy is posted to theiia.org/CPERequirements.

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