



The Institute of
Internal Auditors
Houston



Chapter Newsletter

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Academic Relations volunteers serving our local universities
during the 2025, chapter year.

President's Message

Welcome 2026! I hope you all had a pleasant and restful holiday season. I'll be honest in relaying that I am typically ready to get back to work and not sure exactly why that is. Perhaps it's the need to be back in a routine, but likely also driven by the satisfaction of working with numerous great colleagues. Participating in the Houston Chapter of The IIA over the past few years has enhanced the positives of working as an Internal Auditor and I appreciate the relationships gained through The IIA. Turning to global news, it didn't take long for the new year to become dominated by headlines related to the developing story in Venezuela. Events in Venezuela hit even closer to home due to large Venezuelan community in Houston, as well as the past (and potentially future) ties to the oil and gas industry. It appears we are in for another busy year and I look forward to interacting with each of you in 2026!



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Chapter News

Upcoming Events

2026 Government Auditing Conference – 8 CPE Hours
In Person @ Petroleum Club | February 24, 2026 | 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Limited to IIA members of the government sector. More information, including registration, will be sent out later this month.

2026 IIA Houston Annual Conference – 8 CPE Hours
In Person @ NRG Center | April 13, 2026 | 7:30 am - 5:00pm
More information, including registration, will be sent out later this month.

Upcoming IIA Conference

2026 Fraud Unmasked Virtual Conference – [For more info.](#)
February 17, 2026 | 10:00 a.m.-4:50 p.m. ET | 13+ CPEs
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

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@revenew.com.



Members attending the December 2025 SOX Roundtable event

Houston IIA Annual Conference Energizes the Lineup with **Allison Shapira as the lunch keynote speaker!**

Get ready to supercharge your professional growth and inspiration! The Houston IIA Chapter is thrilled to announce that **Allison Shapira**, Best-Selling Author, Leadership Communication Expert, will deliver our highly anticipated lunch keynote at this year's Annual Conference.

Allison's presentation, "AI for the Authentic Auditor," will take you on an illuminating journey into the intersection of technology and genuine leadership. As organizations integrate artificial intelligence into their daily operations, Allison will share how leaders can leverage these powerful tools without losing sight of their authentic voice and purpose. Expect a session filled with practical strategies on using AI to enhance communication, strengthen decision-making, and amplify your impact—while staying true to your values and leadership style.



Whether you are an emerging professional or a seasoned auditor, you'll leave Allison's keynote lunch session ***Recharged and Ready*** to take on new challenges, foster innovation, and lead with purpose in your organization. Mark your calendars and prepare to be inspired during a lunch that promises much more than a meal—it's the launchpad for an afternoon filled with learning, networking, and renewed enthusiasm for our profession!

*Please note: Linda Miller was previously announced as the lunch keynote. She will now serve as our closing keynote for the conference.

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.

Welcome New Members!!

Olutosin Ajayi	Cindy Garrett	Christina Nguyen
Augustus Antestenis	Kallie Hart - Jera Americas	Emmanuel Ongutu
Andrea Bain - Smart Financial Credit Union	Muhammad Amir Husain - Corebridge Financial, Inc.	Isabela Pratt - Waste Management Inc
Christine Belock	Ahronimus Johnson - University of Alabama System	Hermengarda Puri - Baker Hughes Inc
Luna Bridgewood - Weaver	Clint Joines - City of Houston - Finance	John Pusateri - BDO USA, P.C.
Dina Cashman	Anahita Kanga	Sophia Ramirez - Texas First Bank
Elena Colom - Deloitte & Touche LLP (US)	Camille Lachney - Halliburton	Musharaf Saeed - Apache Corporation
Samuel Cooper - Waste Management Inc	Tri Le - Apache Corporation	Samantha Torres - Waste Management Inc
Pamela Fanniel - Houston-Galveston Area Council	Carlos Lopez - Corebridge Financial, Inc.	Allison Vivas
Jalynn Fleetwood - First Liberty Bank	Connor Mary	Madison Williams - Waste Management Inc
Jessica Galeas	Brian Medley	
Shadany Garcia	Anna Montes - First Liberty Bank	

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@houstonia.org.

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](#)

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](#).

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@houstonia.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/>

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](#).

Job Postings

Golden Pass LNG – Senior Auditor – [Apply here](#)

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.

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***Thank you for being
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