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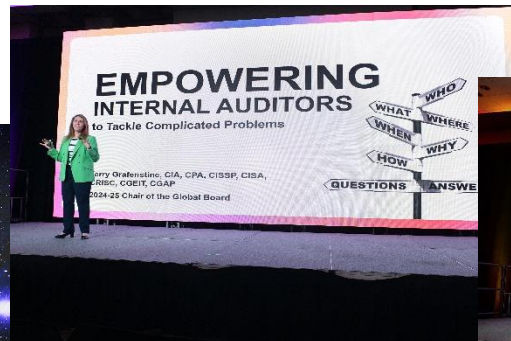
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Chapter Newsletter

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President's Message

Somehow we are in July, yet the year feels like it has just started at times. Audit plans require a push moving into Q3 and the height of SOX testing will be upon us soon. I attended a presentation a couple of weeks ago where the speaker said we should expect this period of uncertainty and volatility to continue, at least for the near future. The comment served as a reminder to me that we cannot wait until things get back to normal, we have to adjust, recalibrate, and reassess to meet changing markets, supply chain, and supply and demand of natural resources. Hopefully we will see improved consumer confidence moving into the back half of the year and I look forward to an exciting remainder to 2025. One news item from last week to pass along was a House Committee Hearing Assesses Sarbanes-Oxley Act's Impact. The 2 hour meeting is available online if you are interested with topics including the impact to smaller companies and the perceived "double attestation" associated with Section 404b of the Act.



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Social Media

Follow our IIA Houston Chapter's Official LinkedIn site by logging into LinkedIn, searching for "The Institute of Internal Auditors - Houston Chapter," and clicking on the "Follow" button.



Chapter News

Upcoming Events

New Roundtables – Coming Soon!

The Houston Chapter is pleased to announce two new roundtables: a CAE Roundtable for smaller departments (< 5 auditors) and a Manager / Senior Manager Roundtable targeted at internal audit management just below the CAE. We are finalizing timing and logistics – keep an eye out for registration information in the next few weeks!

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!

Job Postings

Enterprise Products – Lead Auditor – [Apply here](#)

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

Lone Star College – Chief Audit Executive – [Apply here](#)

Volunteer Spotlight

Terry Register serves on the Board of Governors and is the 2025-26 President Elect of the IIA Houston Chapter. Terry has presented for the IIA, including at this year's Houston IIA Annual Conference. Terry began his career implementing Oracle's eBusiness Suite for businesses throughout North America and has been the Director Internal Audit at Enbridge for over 10 years, providing assurance and advisory services across Enbridge's diverse North American energy infrastructure business. In April, he rotated to a Finance Director role where he uses his audit, controls, finance, and technology background to lead special projects for Enbridge. Terry holds an MBA from The University of Houston – Victoria and a Bachelor of Business Analysis (MIS) from Texas A&M University, as well as CFE, CISA, and CRISC certifications.



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

🌟 Call for Speakers - IIA Houston 2026 Annual Conference! 🌟

The Houston IIA Chapter will host its 16th Annual Conference on Monday, April 13, 2026 in Houston, Texas. Nominations are being accepted for concurrent session speakers. The session tracks are: Audit Leadership, Internal Audit Best Practices, IT, Fraud, and Current Hot Topics. To be considered as a concurrent session speaker, please submit **all** of the following items to Conference Programs at ConferenceProgram@HoustonIIA.org.

1. **Title:** Session Title (*make it catchy!*)
2. **Description:** Overview of the session topic for use in the conference program, including bullet points highlighting what the participants will learn (75-150 words)
3. **Bio:** Brief speaker bio for use in the conference program, including any certifications (100 words max)
4. **Photo:** High resolution color photo of the speaker for use in the Conference program
5. **Speaking experience:** Summary of the speaker's credentials and speaking experience (300 words max)

Please note that incomplete submissions will not be considered and that submission of a session topic or being a Sponsor does not guarantee inclusion in the Conference program. We would appreciate receiving your submission at your earliest convenience but **not later than September 15, 2025**. Thank you for your interest and participation in providing our Houston IIA Chapter members another outstanding learning experience.

Welcome New Members!!



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Denise Aaronson	Happy Lago	Ying Shen - National Oilwell Varco
Sally Atwell - Invesco	Arshila Memon - Baker Hughes Inc	Furen Xie - Invesco
Micheal Awoyemi - Corebridge Financial, Inc.	Vinay Ojha - Invesco	Juan Zavala
Edgar Fauteux	Ryan Park - Invesco	Ruichen Zhang - Invesco
Geetha Lakshmi Gandepalli - Invesco	Daniel Pritchett	
Juana Guillen - Quanex Building Products	Tashi Rabbani - Truist Audit Services	

Academic Relations

We look forward to IIA members helping students realize their potential and succeed by making presentations to students about internal audit career, communication, and leadership skills; being guest lectures; participating in career fairs; being a panel judge in student courses, case analysis and other competitions; and helping students with their communication skills. To volunteer send an email to Jose Quintana, Houston IIA VP Academic Relations, at: academic-relations@houstoniia.org

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/>

Register for the Upcoming IIA Conferences and Trainings

[Tools for New Auditors](#) | In-person & Virtual

[Tools for Lead Auditors](#) | In-person & Virtual

[Tools for Audit Managers](#) | In-person & Virtual

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/CPRequirements.

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](#).

IIA Houston Communications & CPE

All communications from the Houston Chapter will come from chapter23@theiia.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 administration@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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