

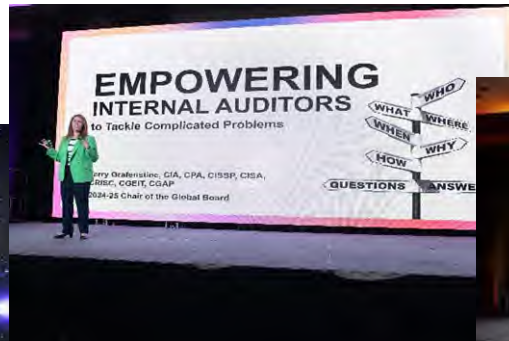


The Institute of
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Houston



Chapter Newsletter

September 2025



President's Message

Welcome to fall! September is upon us and hopefully we will see some cooler weather as school kicks into full gear. It seems geopolitical and economic uncertainty may be the new normal as markets work to adjust to the latest tariff development, US government ownership in public companies, and evolving regulatory environment. I feel like we are seeing companies decide to move forward with capital projects that have been on hold, particularly those focused on technology modernization. We have an exciting speaker in Dr. Toby Groves in town to present Audit Lab: The Science of Better Auditing on September 17th and look forward to providing a fantastic CPE opportunity for our membership.



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Social Media

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Chapter News

Upcoming Events

Small Internal Audit Department Chief Audit Executive Roundtable – 4 CPE Hours

In Person @ SEACOR Marine | September 12, 2025 | 8:30am-1:00pm

Come join us for an engaging roundtable of Chief Audit Executives of Internal Audit Departments of less than 5 people. Registration and information on the event can be found at the following link:

[Register Here](#) (Register by Wednesday, September 10 at noon)

Full-Day Immersive Seminar (Audit Lab: The Science of Better Auditing) – 8 CPE Hours

In Person @ Petroleum Club | September 17, 2025 | 7:30am-5:00pm

Audit Lab is a full-day immersive training that transforms the way auditors think and perform. Grounded in cutting-edge research on auditor reasoning, this workshop goes beyond theory—it engages you into realistic audit simulations and exercises that reveal how to leverage the human mind for better audit outcomes.

Registration and information on the event can be found at the following link: [Register Here](#)

2026 IIA Houston Annual Conference – 8 CPE Hours

In Person @ NRG Center and Virtual | April 13, 2026 | 7:30am-5:00pm

Registration and information on the event will be announced in January 2026.

Volunteer Spotlight

Jose Quintana, is the Global BU Internal Control Manager at Hitachi Energy. Jose is a CIA and CFE with an undergraduate degree from LSU and MBA from the University of Houston. Jose has over fifteen years of internal audit experience in various industries (i.e., construction, manufacturing, energy, O&G, waste management, and insurance). Jose has been an active member of the IIA since his undergraduate studies at LSU in 2003 and has been an Academic Relations Volunteer for the IIA Houston chapter since January 2022. He is the current Academic Relations Officer and hopes to increase awareness of the internal audit profession as an alternative to the External Audit and Tax career paths that many colleges are geared towards promoting, as well as trying to connect college students with mentors to guide them early in their career. Jose wishes to give back what he is so grateful for to the IIA in the form of guidance, mentoring opportunities, time, coaching, and growth. Jose enjoys outdoor activities, traveling, and trying new recipes with his wife and three children.

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Thank you, **Jose**, 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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Danielle Abdullahi	Yousuf Jamal	Hue Nguyen
Stephanie Baggett - Poarch Band of Creek Indians Tribal Gaming Commission	Turischeva Johnson - Poarch Band of Creek Indians Tribal Gaming Commission	Maricela Pallares
Alexandra Butler - Phillips 66	Nimisha Khiantani	Mary Phipps
Althea Edwards - Houston-Galveston Area Council	Alyssa Le	Hannah Rowland - Randolph-Brooks Federal
Molly Elliot - WECC	Mariia Lisova	Samyah Sealy - Phillips 66
Terry R. Espinola	Emma Mangus	Micah Smith - Randolph-Brooks Federal
Annette Gibbs - Poarch Band of Creek Indians Tribal Gaming Commission	David Marks - AltaGas Ltd.	Khai Tran
Laura Hooks - Poarch Band of Creek Indians Tribal Gaming Commission	Anna Mihova - LyondellBasell Industries Audit Group	Andrew Veit - Phillips 66

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



Collaborated with the UHD IA Class of Fall 2025 on Governance & Risk Management. A heartfelt thank you to our volunteer from Deloitte and to the UHD Accounting Program

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](#)

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.

Learn More About the IIA PAC

On Tuesday, September 9th at 1:00 pm ET, The IIA's U.S. Advocacy team will host a webinar - Beyond the Acronym: Understanding the Important Role of IIA PAC. This session will outline what a political action committee is, how IIA PAC supports The IIA's advocacy efforts and why member participation is important to its success.

This is more than an overview. It's an opportunity to get clarity, ask questions, and understand how we can be a part of this effort. I hope you will join me on September 9th for what will be an insightful discussion.

[\[Click Here to Register\]](#)

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.

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](#)
Motiva – Internal Auditor – [Apply here](#)

Register for the Upcoming IIA Conferences and Trainings

[IT General Controls Certificate Program](#) | In-person
[Data Literacy Certificate: A Journey to Data Analytics](#) | In-person
[Fraud Analytics for Internal Auditors Certificate](#) | In-person

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