



The Institute of
Internal Auditors
Houston



Chapter Newsletter

April 2026



IIA-Houston December 2025 SOX Roundtable.

Excellent knowledge sharing session with Houston colleagues on all things SOX!

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

President’s Message

Welcome to spring, everyone! We could not be more excited about our upcoming Annual Conference on Monday, April 13th. With just a few in-person registrations available, we expect in-person spots to be sold out in the next few days. If you miss that cutoff, we will accept registration for virtual attendance through Friday, April 10th. I dare say in the world of Houston Internal Audit, “everyone” will be there. The Annual Conference is one of my favorite days of the year due to the great speaker lineup, wonderful networking, and once a year opportunity to catch up with long-time former colleagues and friends we don’t see very often. I’ve also come to appreciate the tremendous support we receive from our sponsors, who are showing up in force. Last, none of this happens without 1) our volunteers, who are the best in business and 2) our members, who have made this conference the most revered local conference in the US.



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Chapter News

Upcoming Events

2026 IIA Houston Annual Conference – 8 CPE Hours

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

Recharged and Ready!

Powerful day of insight, innovation, connection, and inspiration with thought-provoking sessions and meaningful networking opportunities.

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

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

Webinar | May 18, 2026 | 12 pm – 1 pm

The session explores how the fraud and regulatory landscape is evolving, and highlights shifting risk patterns, regulatory scrutiny, and influence of technology on how organizations detect and respond to fraud.

Registration link will be sent out later this month.

Upcoming IIA Conference

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

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

2026 Singapore IIA International Conference - [For more info.](#)

June 22-24, 2026 | Marina Bay Sands, Singapore | Up to 39CPEs

2026 Enterprise Risk Management Virtual Conference - [For more info.](#)

September 8, 2026 | Virtual | 7.2 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@renew.com.

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!

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.



IIA members Alicia Duran, Ashwin Khiantani, and Chris Odom with University of St. Thomas Accounting program students.

Houston IIA Annual Conference Energizes the Lineup with

⚡ 🔋 ⚡ **Jake Kearney & Philip Archer!** ⚡ 🔋 ⚡

The time is upon us!! The IIA Houston Annual Conference is finally here!! In-person registration is closing in a few days and virtual registration is still open until April 12th. Either format will be sure to recharge your audit batteries. Don't delay!

IIA Houston is excited to announce Jake Kearney and Phillip Archer as featured speakers at our "Recharged and Ready" Annual Conference! Get ready for an event designed to energize and inspire internal audit professionals. 🚀

Jake's session, "Leading Internal Audit into the Future: Influence, Agility, and High-Performance Leadership," explores how leaders drive impact amid emerging technologies and evolving risks. Learn how to build high-performing teams, communicate strategically, and develop future-ready skills—plus take home lessons inspired by golf, fitness, and music, as well as a "Par 3 Challenge" to boost your leadership! 🏌️ 🎵

Phillip's "Leadership When the System Fails: Decision-Making Under Uncertainty" dives into critical decision-making when information is incomplete or systems falter. Discover how to recognize institutional inertia and lead confidently when risks arise from within. 🧠

Registration for our in-person conference is closing very soon—don't wait to secure your spot! If in-person registration sells out, you'll still have the opportunity to join us virtually, as virtual registration will remain open. We encourage you to act quickly to reserve your place at this exciting event. Get ready to recharge, reconnect, and elevate your excellence! ⚡

THANK YOU TO OUR 2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCE SPONSORS!

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Welcome New Members!!

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Ana Cadena Trevino - Lone Star National Bank	Tri Le - Western Midstream Partners, LP	
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Isimeme Emafor - First Horizon National Corporation	Jay Ong - Westlake Chemical Corporation	

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 [theiaa.org/CPRequirements](#).

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.theiaa.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.theiaa.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.theiaa.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://myia.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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