



The Institute of
Internal Auditors
Houston



Chapter Newsletter

May 2026



President’s Message

Wow! What a fantastic conference! My hat is off to Deanna and the entire conference committee, who once again organized a fantastic event with a huge turnout and high-quality speakers. I continue to be impressed with the strength of the Internal Audit community in Houston and am honored to work with such a great group of individuals. As I wrap up my tenure as Chapter President, I’d like to reiterate the importance of people, relationships, and in-person engagement. It doesn’t have to be every day, but it will continue to be important (arguably more important) as AI continues to evolve. But don’t sleep on technology, as we are at the beginning of series of game-changing advancements and will need to adapt quicker than ever. Anthropic’s Claude Mythos capabilities are jaw dropping and just an appetizer of what’s to come. Thank you all for your contributions to IIA Houston – you are a fantastic group.



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Chapter News

Upcoming Events

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.

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

Demystifying Assessing Compliance to Topical Requirements – 1 CPE Hour

Webinar | June 17, 2026 | 12 pm – 1 pm

This webinar demystifies how to evaluate conformance with the IIA's Topical Requirements and applicable Standards and how these requirements fit within the Quality Assessment (QA) framework. Participants will gain practical insights drawn from IIA Quality Services' extensive internal audit experience, deep knowledge of the Standards, and vast assessment experience—including common conformance gaps, leading practices, and actionable techniques to strengthen their audit methodology and performance.

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

Upcoming IIA Conference

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

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.

Call for Disbursements Chair

The Chapter is looking for a Disbursements Chair. The responsibilities of the Disbursements Chair include:

- Paying all Chapter invoices. The Chapter pays approximately 70 invoices per year.
- Responsible for the Chapter's Debit Card and Checkbook which are used to make payments.
- Responsible for maintaining payment records including invoices, invoice support, and documentation of approval.

If you are interested in this role or have additional questions about the role, please reach out to Wilson Van Tine (VP-Finance and Treasurer) by Friday, May 15 at wilson.vantine@p66.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!

Job Posting

Arcelor Mittal – Internal Audit Intern – [Apply here](#)

We Are Recharged and Ready!!!

Closing Out the 2026 IIA Houston Annual Conference

The 2026 IIA Houston Annual Conference left us exactly where our theme promised: *Recharged and Ready*. Across a full day of learning, candid dialogue, and meaningful connection, our internal audit community leaned into what’s next—sharpening our perspectives on emerging risk, strengthening our leadership toolkit, and renewing our commitment to create, protect, and sustain value.

- **Keynotes that energized the room:** Elizabeth Sullivan opened with “Risk, Reimagined – Internal Audit’s Evolving Role in a World of Interconnected Threats,” setting a bold, future-focused tone. At lunch, Allison Shapira’s “AI for the Authentic Auditor” challenged us to use technology to amplify clarity and credibility—without losing our humanity. We closed strong with Linda Miller’s “AI and the Next Frontier of Fraud: What Internal Auditors Must Master by 2030,” a timely call to build the capabilities that will define the next decade.
- **Breakout sessions with practical takeaways:** Attendees tailored their learning across hot topics, fraud, leadership, technology, and core skills—bringing home ideas on everything from deepfakes and cybersecurity to aligned assurance, smarter audits with AI, and leading with influence and agility.
- **Networking that built momentum:** From sponsor exhibits and hallway conversations to the reception, the conference delivered what our profession thrives on—shared insights, new relationships, and real-world stories that keep us connected and moving forward together.

Thank you to our speakers, volunteers, sponsors, and every attendee who showed up ready to engage and grow. As we head back to our organizations, may we carry forward the same energy we felt in the room—curious, courageous, and *Recharged and Ready* to elevate internal audit’s impact. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming chapter events and next year’s conference.

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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/>

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- 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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