

Seattle Chapter



The Institute of
**Internal
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello IIA Seattle Members,

Registration for our Annual Fraud Conference is now open and filling quickly—space is limited, so be sure to reserve your spot soon: [Register Here](#).

We've also launched voting for our 2026–2027 Officers and Board of Governors. Thank you to everyone who applied—we truly appreciate your interest. Cast your vote here: [Vote Here](#), and if you're still looking to get involved, we welcome volunteers across our committees.

Finally, we're excited to invite you to a members-only virtual event on May 13 (12:00–1:15 PM PST) featuring Elizabeth Sullivan, IIA North American Board Chair, who will share insights on the future of internal audit, including evolving standards, emerging risks, and the role of AI. Registration link [here](#)—watch our LinkedIn page and email for details once it opens.

Warm regards,

Caroline

President, IIA Seattle Chapter

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

IIA SEATTLE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

WE'RE EXCITED TO SHARE THAT DURING THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL FRAUD CONFERENCE, WE WILL ALSO HOST THE IIA SEATTLE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING—AN IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR MEMBERS TO STAY INFORMED.

DURING THE MEETING, MEMBERS WILL VOTE ON KEY CHAPTER MATTERS, INCLUDING:

RATIFICATION OF OUR UPDATED CHAPTER BYLAWS, RECENTLY REVAMPED BY IIA HEADQUARTERS AND ADOPTED BY THE IIA SEATTLE CHAPTER

WE WILL ALSO SHARE A "STATE OF THE CHAPTER" UPDATE FROM OUR PRESIDENT AND OFFICER TEAM

WE ENCOURAGE ALL MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE—YOUR ENGAGEMENT HELPS SHAPE THE FUTURE OF IIA SEATTLE. STAY TUNED!

VOLUNTEERING

We are looking for volunteers to help with Chapter programming. There are several different roles that we are looking to fill:

- Event organization:
 - Determining topic
 - Finding and securing speaker(s) or panelist(s)
 - Drafting communications to advertise the event (to be advertised in our newsletter, linkedin and by email)
 - Answering questions about event logistics
- During the event:
 - Hosting the meeting - welcoming and introducing speaker(s) / panelist(s), providing announcements, closing the meeting
 - Monitoring Q&A
 - Taking attendance and reporting attendance for CPE purposes
- Post-event:
 - Monitor results of post-event survey
 - Reconcile attendance for issuing CPE certificates
 - Drafting an event recap for our newsletter and LinkedIn
- Governance:
 - Maintaining a programming calendar throughout the year to ensure we are offering a variety of topics to our membership
 - Running a membership survey to determine needs of our members
 - Tracking total CPE issued by category

STUDENTS

Membership discounts:

As students complete their academic studies and want to convert to being an individual member, the IIA offers a 50% discount for students transitioning to individual membership. If you are interested in taking advantage of this promotion offer, please reach out to our student team at the IIA (Student@theiia.org).

Upcoming Events!!

The IIA Seattle Chapter
invites you to join us for our

2026 Fraud Conference: The Power of IA in the Age of AI

University of Washington Campus, Seattle
Denny Room at Oak Hall

Thursday, May 7th, 2026
8:15 am - 5 pm
8 CPE

Join us for this one-day, in-person conference to learn from industry experts and enhance your skills in understanding, identifying, and protecting against fraud. Engage with internal audit leaders, network with your local peers, earn CPE, and enjoy a catered lunch on the beautiful University of Washington campus! Don't wait to register — Early Bird pricing ends Friday, April 10th. Detailed agenda & speakers to follow.



Thurs May 7

8:15 AM - 5 PM



Join us in-person for a day of expert speakers, networking, & insights

Earn 8 CPE Credits



Catered Lunch,
Snacks, and
Beverages

Included

* Early Bird Pricing

Available through April 10th

\$175 + tax

Standard Pricing

In place after April 10th

\$200 + tax



Above pricing for IIA Seattle Members only; non-member rates are \$250 (Early Bird) & \$275 (Standard). Not including applicable taxes.



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* Gold

\$3,000



- Highest tier Name/Brand recognition in conference materials and promotion
- 1 CPE presentation slot (up to 2 **Presenter Passes** included)
- Exhibitor table (up to 2 **additional Exhibitor Passes** included)
- Option to sponsor and present a Giveaway (subject to review & approval) to a randomly selected Attendee

Silver

\$2,000



- 2nd Highest tier Name/Brand recognition in conference materials and promotion
- 0.5 CPE presentation slot (1 **Presenter Pass** included)
- Exhibitor table (up to 2 **additional Exhibitor Passes** included)

Bronze

\$1,000



- Name/Brand recognition in conference materials and promotion
- **Option to participate in Lunch Panel Q&A** (1 **Presenter Pass** included)
- Option to either: a) sponsor and present a Giveaway (subject to review & approval) to a randomly selected Attendee, or b) sponsor Lunch with promotional signage



Upcoming Conferences

2026 Global Student Conference

April 19-21, 2026 | Orlando, FL

Be a part of the momentum and consider sponsoring your local students and educators to attend! Learn more about sponsorship opportunities or contributing to the Foundation's GSC Travel Grants and [Talent Pipeline Campaign](#).

Check back soon for registration details. We can't wait to welcome you to Orlando this April!

2026 International Conference

June 22-24, 2026, Singapore

This year at The Marina Bay Sands in Singapore: if you've never been you should go experience the wonders of South East Asia, especially the local food.

Information and registration [here](#).

2026 RISE Virtual Conference

July 10, 2026 | Virtual | Earn up to 7.2 CPEs

[Lead the Future of Internal Audit](#)

The IIA's RISE Virtual Conference is the premier online event designed for internal audit leadership. Whether you head an internal audit function, manage a team, or are preparing for a senior role, you'll gain advanced strategies in Resilience, Innovation, Strategy, and Ethics to strengthen operational resilience and navigate emerging risks like cybersecurity.

Register [here](#)

Governance, Risk & Controls Conference

August 17-19, 2026 | San Diego, CA & Virtual | Up to 28 CPEs

For the 13th year, The IIA and ISACA will bring together leading minds in governance, risk management and control (GRC) to deliver world-class content, innovative ideas, and practical guidance for today's risk environment. From emerging risks to evolving regulations, GRC 2026 equips professionals with actionable insights they can apply immediately.

Empower yourself to excel in today's dynamic GRC environment. Join us for the GRC 2026 Conference, 17-19 August in San Diego, California or virtually.

Register [here](#)

Please also look out for the following event to close our Chapter year:

Event Title: The Future of Internal Audit: A Keynote with the IIA NAB Chair

Virtual or In Person: Virtual

Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2026

Event Time: 12-1:15pm PST

Event Description: Discover what's next for the internal audit profession! In this dynamic keynote, The IIA's North American Board Chair will share insights on:
Evolving Standards – What the new global framework means for you
Topical Requirements & Guidance – Staying ahead of emerging risks
AI in Internal Audit – Harnessing technology for smarter audits

Gain a strategic perspective on how internal audit can lead with innovation and integrity in a rapidly changing world.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn, connect, and prepare for the future!

Register for the event [here](#).

Speaker Details

Elizabeth Sullivan is the 2025-26 Chair of the North American Board and a 2025-26 Director of the Global Board of Directors of The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA).

Elizabeth is the Vice President, Chief Risk and Audit Officer at the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) and heads its Audit and Compliance department. With over 28 years of audit, risk management, financial industry, and public sector experience, she leads the internal audit function in providing assurance and advisory services that enable change for strong organizational governance and effective risk management and internal control systems.

Quality Services

IIA Quality Services helps validate and strengthen your internal audit activity and enhances your effectiveness, efficiency, and successful practice implementation.

As a trusted source in the profession, we have helped hundreds of organizations in various industries and around the world by providing qualified audit professionals, a global benchmarking database, and a repository of successful practices. We assist CAEs in gaining support from the audit committee, enhance understanding of why an external assessment is necessary and valuable, and describe the different approaches.

For questions about our services, please contact IIA Quality Services at quality@theiia.org or read more [here](#).

Certifications

We know folks are working hard to qualify as CIA - so best wishes to you all!

Boost Your Audit Career with the IAP Designation

Looking to stand out in the audit profession? The Internal Audit Practitioner (IAP) designation is a cost-effective way to build credibility, gain recognition, and advance your career. If you've passed Part 1 of the CIA exam, you're already eligible. Get started today at the link below.

https://lnkd.in/g7NN_3gJ

Earn Your CRMA- Certification in Risk Management Assurance

Showcase your expertise in risk assurance with the CRMA designation.

At a Glance:

125 questions | 150-minute exam administered at test centers

No CIA required to apply

2 years to complete after application approval

[Learn more: https://lnkd.in/gA7JGRc8](https://lnkd.in/gA7JGRc8)

Key updates to the CIA Challenge Exam program include the relaunch of the updated exam and a new experience-based pathway. Below are the highlights:

1. Updated, Unified Exam for All Eligible Candidates

Effective 6/1/26, the CIA Challenge Exam will be relaunched to align with the Global Internal Audit Standards. All eligible candidates, regardless of their credential, will take the same exam.

The updated syllabus is available and accessibility is expanding to include recognition of 17 additional accounting bodies.

2. New Experience-Based Pathway (6 month Pilot)

A new pilot pathway is being introduced for professionals with 10+ years of internal audit or related experience. It complements existing routes for credentialed accountants and CISA holders and targets chief audit executives and experienced internal auditors without the CIA. The 6 month pilot will include testing windows in June, September and November.

3. Testing Windows

From 4/1/26, applications will be accepted year-round instead of set windows. The Challenge Exam will have 4 testing windows a year: February, June, September, and November 2026. The June 2026 sitting will support data collection to set a reliable passing standard. Results for June candidates will be issued within 8 weeks.

4. Study Materials

Study materials are now sold separately, through The IIA's exam partner Becker.

Effective May 28, 2025, IIA Certifications testing has transitioned back to test center-only delivery. Online proctoring will be permanently discontinued. The last day to register for online proctored exams is May 1. For further questions, please submit a case in CCMS.

The new Global Internal Audit Standards are effective. It's a great time to refresh your knowledge by visiting the IIA's resources at Global Internal Audit Standards.

IIA Partners With Becker Professional Education. The CIA Exam Review platform is transitioning to Becker's new CIA Exam Review course, which features updated content aligned with the new CIA syllabi and upcoming exams. For additional details, visit <https://lnkd.in/gSxQ-dCB>

- Cybersecurity Topical Requirement Effective February 2026

The IIA's mandatory IPPF requirement provides a consistent, comprehensive approach to assessing the design and implementation of cybersecurity governance, risk management, and controls. A companion user guide is available [Here](https://www.theiia.org/en/standards/2024-standards/topical-requirements/cybersecurity/) to assist with its application. <https://www.theiia.org/en/standards/2024-standards/topical-requirements/cybersecurity/>

- Lead with Strategy

Discover how to create a vision, set objectives, and implement initiatives for audit excellence. The IIA's new practice guide provides practical tools, examples for every audit leader, and a strategic plan template [here](#).

Finally we wanted to honor our long term members.

Celebrating 20+ Years of IIA Membership

The IIA Seattle Chapter proudly recognizes and appreciates our members whose long-standing commitment to The Institute of Internal Auditors has helped advance the internal audit profession and strengthen our chapter community.

Reaching 20 or more years of membership reflects sustained professionalism, service, and dedication to continuous learning and ethical leadership.

We are pleased to honor the following members for their remarkable tenure and enduring support of the IIA and the Seattle Chapter.

50+ Years of Membership

·James T. Hall (52 years)

30–49 Years of Membership

·James R. Ehnborn (47 years)

·Otto F. Crumroy (44 years)

·Maria E. Mendes (39 years)

·Lisa A. Battaglia (34 years)

·Mathew Babick (33 years)

·Jack Champlain (33 years)

·Anne Etter (30 years)

·Steve Mar (30 years)

20–29 Years of Membership

- Dennis B. Applegate (28 years)
- Scot Studebaker (27 years)
- Aaron John Suoja (27 years)
- Franklin Judd Hesselroth (26 years)
- Kristy G. Kennedy (26 years)
- Kimberly Philip Moulton (25 years)
- Wayne Purves (25 years)
- Heidi Jo Sexton (25 years)
- Darren Stephenson (25 years)
 - Shelley Kolar (24 years)
- Nobuhiko Konno (24 years)
- Roxanne Rodin (24 years)
 - Ben Steiner (24 years)
- Julie Ann Tonnon (24 years)
- Steve Whitman (24 years)
 - Laura Young (24 years)
- Caroline B. Allen (23 years)
 - Ani Belokapov (23 years)
 - Susan McEver (23 years)
 - Vinesh Naidoo (23 years)
- Scott S. Newman (23 years)
- Rebecca Sterrett (23 years)
 - Jill Sylwester (23 years)
- Stephanie Thurman (23 years)
 - James Urey (23 years)
 - John Wong (23 years)
- Richard Cordova (22 years)
 - Dave Dawson (22 years)
- Joel G. Hammer (22 years)
- Melissa Hawkins (22 years)
- Andrew Medina (22 years)
 - David Niess (22 years)
 - Alpa Parikh (22 years)
 - Philip Turner (22 years)
 - Brian Blank (21 years)
- Casandra Blocker (21 years)
 - Deanna Christensen (21 years)
- Jennifer Fletcher (21 years)
- Michelle L Graham (21 years)
- Heather Hamilton (21 years)
 - Justin Hendrickson (21 years)
- Stephen Hodges (21 years)
 - Jason Kidd (21 years)
- Brian D. Macleod (21 years)
 - Manu Mankad (21 years)
 - Elena Sergieva (21 years)
 - Vijayant Sitani (21 years)
 - Susan Taylor (21 years)
 - Tom Taylor (21 years)
- Sarah Brown (20 years)
 - Yohan Lee (20 years)
- Daniel Litzenberg (20 years)
 - Haiyan Liu (20 years)
 - Heather Lopez (20 years)
- Matthew Reinke (20 years)
 - Yung Wang (20 years)

Thank you to each of our long-tenured members for your commitment to excellence, your contributions to the profession, and your ongoing engagement with the IIA Seattle Chapter. Your dedication inspires the next generation of internal auditors and helps ensure a strong, vibrant professional community.