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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I write this message I am reflecting back on the past year, which for me was a little bit of the same and a ton of change! And while change can at times be uncertain and bring new challenges, it is also something that has pushed me to try new things. Over the last year the chapter has continued to brainstorm new and exciting ways to bring value to our members in a virtual world, but also thinking how to evolve into a more hybrid environment. As I look forward to 2023, it is exciting to think of all the new opportunities that we want to bring to our chapter and members. I am thankful to be a part of this community, for the opportunity to serve you and for your continued support. On behalf of your Board of Governors, Officers and Volunteers, we hope you have a wonderful holiday season and look forward to seeing you in 2023!

See below for some of the details for our upcoming luncheons in 2023 which will include a co-hosted virtual event with our local ISACA chapter. Also, please save the date for our **Annual Fraud Conference in-person March 22, 2023 at Seattle University**. The team is underway with planning this event and have some fantastic speakers lined up and are looking forward to celebrating with each of you back in person! We will be going live with registration in the new year.

Volunteers and Local Chapter Opportunities:

A huge thank you to all the volunteers, officers and Board members working behind the scenes to provide value to all our members and make this Chapter successful. We are always actively looking to add volunteers to the team. With that said, do you love numbers? Do you love event planning? Do you have skills in marketing or content creation? Do you enjoy membership and academic outreach? We would love to have you join the team as a volunteer.

Or there are many other ways you can indirectly support the chapter. Are you interested in publishing your writing, do you have a topic that is relevant to our chapter and would like to be considered as a speaker for a luncheon? Please let us know!

We are also actively looking for volunteers for the following roles. **You can earn up to 12 CPE for your support as a volunteer**. Please contact us for more information. Or if you have any other areas of interest, we are always looking for more volunteers.

- Fraud Conference volunteers to help coordinate and plan the event (approximately 5 hours each month between August – March)
- Programming volunteers to help coordinate monthly luncheons, identify speakers and help manage the events (approximately 5 hours each month between August – May)
- Content for newsletters (approximately 2 hours a month)
- Support the Treasury function (approximately 1-2 hours a month); this could include performing an annual financial audit
- Academic Relations (supporting with academic outreach and increasing our presence on campuses)
- Our Chapter EMT tool – help us manage membership and communication to all members!

BreAnn Berry
IIA President

IIA Member and Volunteer Spotlight

Keila Tugwell-Core

Keila is the IIA VP (Treasurer) and one of our chapter's valued volunteers, she is always the first to raise her hand and step in to help. She's dedicated to profession and the success of our IIA chapter, leading by example for all of us. We are so happy to have Keila on our team, thank you for everything you do!!!

- **What do you love most about your time and roll with the IIA?**
- I have really enjoyed my time with the IIA from beginning as a fraud conference volunteer to now the treasurer. I enjoy connecting with the community and see this as my opportunity to give back to a professional organization that is at the forefront of a career I love. I have also truly enjoyed being a mentor for those just entering the profession. It has allowed me to share my passion and all the joy this career has brought me.
- **What is the best advice you have been given about the profession?**
- Don't take notes on your work personally! I remember being 19 and getting the first notes on a work paper I wrote and almost breaking down in tears. They weren't mean or malicious in any form but having notes on your work when you tried is hard is jarring. My supervisor took me aside and explained the reasoning for them and that they weren't personal. I try to share this with anyone coming into auditing so they aren't crushed when they have notes as well.
- **What is your favorite activity?**
- This is hard! I really enjoy spending time with my family and we always make sure to take time Sunday afternoon to just connect and watch a movie together. But my favorite individual hobby by far is reading! I love a good psychological or sci-fi thriller but also round it out with historical fiction and lighter rom-com's.



Do you have someone you think should be highlighted as an outstanding member or volunteer of the IIA community or think you should be highlighted? Please send us a short [email](#) and explain why this person should be the highlighted as the next IIA member of the month.

IIA HQ and Chapter Events

January Webinar

Defeating Money Laundering and Financial Crime Through Digitalization
January 25 @ 12p- 1p & 7-8p
Zoom
[Register here](#)

February Webinar

Exploring the New GTAG: Auditing Network and Communications Management
February 8, 2023
[Register here](#)

March Conference

Save the date for our Annual Fraud Conference in-person
March 22, 2023 at Seattle University.

Save the Date!

The Seattle IIA January Luncheon will be held
Thursday January 19th 11:30am-1pm PST

2023 GAM Conference

Monday, March 13-15, 2023/ Grapevine, TX & Virtual

35+ Sessions

Offering the latest trends and best practices in Internal Audit.

16.8 CPEs

To stay up to date on your accreditations.

1000+ attendees

Network with peers and leaders in the internal audit profession.

5 Educational Tracks

To choose your topic of interest.

Register Early to Save!

IIA members register by Jan. 31 & save. Groups of ten or more save more.

A great way to gain exposure for your internal audit products and services is to be a sponsor or exhibitor at the 2023 GAM Conference. There are many opportunities to network and engage with audit leaders and key decision-makers across a variety of industries. Exhibit Hall hours are both convenient and conducive to capturing attention and conducting demos or consultations. Sponsorship provides another opportunity to promote your offerings with industry leaders. Contact The IIA Conference Sales Team for details.

For information about sponsor and exhibitor opportunities, please contact sponsorships@theiia.org.

[Register Here!](#)

Volunteer

The IIA Seattle chapter is looking for volunteers throughout the year. Opportunities range from small event specific roles (e.g., check-in, photographer, social media) to assisting or leading an officer role.

Below are a few great reasons to volunteer with your local IIA chapter:

- Opportunity to network with local internal audit leaders across various companies and industries
- Demonstration of leadership skills
- Chance to learn more about the internal audit profession

If you are interested in volunteering or learning more, let us know [here](#).

Volunteer Your Time

Member News

Certified professionals are awesome... and so is maintaining certifications!

Reminder - don't forget you must earn and report 2022 CPEs by **December 31** to maintain Active status,

[Keep in mind the following Key Changes to the CPE Policy:](#)

- Any surplus of CPE acquired during a calendar year may be used for the following calendar year reporting cycle (a maximum of 20 hours for CIA and 10 hours for other IIA designations can be rolled over).
- Grace period increased from 1 year to 2 years.
- A certification will be revoked if the holder goes 3 years without reporting CPE.
- A certification in Revoked status cannot be reinstated; an individual with revoked certifications will need to retake the exams.

Congratulations on your new certifications !

**-Mona-Lisa Petreanu -
Certified Internal Auditor**

**Lynda Dougan -
Internal Audit Practitioner**

**Tod Krumenacker -
Certification in Risk Management Assurance**

Leadership Academy 2023!

As we prepare to welcome in 2023 – it's time to come together for Leadership Academy! Save the date for LA 2023 will return to Disney's Yacht Club Resort on April 16-18, 2023. More information coming soon. Don't miss out!

Job opportunities!

Rover

Director of Internal Audit

REMOTE

[Apply Here!](#)

Want to add a job to the next IIA newsletter? Email us the posing [here](#).

Ring In the New Year with Certifications

Certifications has multiple end-of year promotions! Please share this information with individuals working towards their CIA or CRMA.

- Now through December 31, **take 50% off** CIA Practice Questions! Visit [here](#) for more info!
- December 12-31, all CIA and CRMA applications are 20% off with code DECSAVE20! Visit [here](#) for more info.
- The IIA's CIA Learning System is also 20% off from December 12-31! Visit [LearnCIA](#) and checkout with code DECSAVE20 to receive discount.

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.

Certification Online Testing Available Now

To support the continued professional development of certification candidates around the world and in response to mass Pearson VUE test center closures due to COVID-19, The IIA has adopted online testing to enable candidates to take the Certified Internal Auditor® (CIA®), Certification in Risk Management Assurance® (CRMA®), and CIA Challenge exams from home. This flexible testing option will be available for a limited time..

[IIA Certification Information](#)