

Seattle Chapter



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello IIA Seattle Members,

As we move into the Spring, our chapter continues to build momentum with exciting events, meaningful opportunities to get involved, and ways for you to help shape the future of IIA Seattle.

Annual Fraud Conference – Registration Coming Soon

A quick reminder that our Annual Fraud Conference is just around the corner! We're looking forward to another impactful event bringing together professionals from across our community. Registration will be opening soon, so keep an eye out for the link and additional details in the coming week—you won't want to miss it.

Thank You to Our Future Leaders

We'd like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who has expressed interest in serving on our 2026–2027 Officer team and Board of Governors. We are currently reviewing applications and truly appreciate the enthusiasm and commitment to supporting our chapter's continued success.

Now Recruiting: VP of Programming

We are still seeking a Vice President of Programming to lead our outstanding Programming Committee for the upcoming chapter year. This is a fantastic opportunity to shape the educational experience of our members and make a lasting impact. If you're interested, please reach out to our chapter email to learn more.

Get Involved – Flexible Volunteer Opportunities

Not ready to take on a formal leadership role but still want to contribute? We have a variety of flexible volunteer opportunities throughout the year—from supporting student nights at local universities, to helping develop a membership survey, to assisting with chapter events. However you'd like to get involved, we'd love your support. Reach out to our chapter email to explore options.

We Want Your Ideas

Have a topic you're passionate about or a type of training you'd like to see offered? Your input helps us build better programming for our members. Share your ideas with us via the chapter email—we're always looking for ways to improve and grow.

Thank you for being an engaged and valued part of the IIA Seattle community. We look forward to connecting with you in the months ahead.

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 BE ASKED TO VOTE ON KEY CHAPTER MATTERS, INCLUDING:

**RATIFICATION OF OUR NEWLY UPDATED CHAPTER BYLAWS, RECENTLY REVAMPED BY IIA HEADQUARTERS AND ADOPTED BY THE IIA SEATTLE CHAPTER
APPROVAL OF THE 2026–2027 CHAPTER SLATE OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS
A “STATE OF THE CHAPTER” UPDATE FROM OUR PRESIDENT AND OFFICER TEAM**

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS COMING SOON VIA EMAIL, INCLUDING INFORMATION ON ADVANCE ONLINE VOTING FOR THE 2026–2027 CHAPTER LEADERSHIP SLATE.

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

STUDENTS

Scholarships:

If you recently submitted an application for the 2025-26 scholarship program, applications are currently being reviewed.

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](#)

IIA Virtual Conference Series

Analytics, Automation & AI

Data into Direction



Mark Your Calendar for AAAI 2026

April 7, 2026 | 10:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. ET | Virtual | Earn up to 9.6 CPEs

The future of internal audit is here, and it's powered by analytics, automation, and AI.

Join peers and experts on April 7, 2026 for the AAAI 2026 Virtual Conference, a one-day program designed to help audit professionals stay ahead of emerging technologies, strengthen oversight, and modernize assurance practices. Mark your calendar now and be among the first to explore the strategies and tools shaping the next era of internal audit.

Register here: <https://www.theiia.org/en/events/conference/virtual-conferences/analytics-and-automation-virtual-conference/#register>

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

Congratulations to the following members who recently earned certifications:

CIA: Daniel Barron Pitts; Aaron Quitugua; Teija Bielas; Darcey Axon; Nicole Uy; Alexander Schlicht



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>

The updated CIA exams, aligned with the 2025 syllabi, will be available starting May 28. To ensure you're prepared, visit theiia.org/CIA2025 for detailed information on the changes and to plan your studies. For further questions, please submit a case via the Help tab in your CCMS account. Prepare early to stay ahead in your certification journey!

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](#).