

Seattle Chapter



The Institute of
Internal Auditors

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VP Certifications

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Caroline Black (PwC)

VP Data Intelligence

Viktor Mu





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear IIA Seattle Chapter Members,

As it is officially May, I want to wish you a very **happy International Internal Audit Awareness (IIA) Month!** Let me start by saying thank you for all that you do! IIA Awareness Month is celebrated each May with events and activities around the world. Whether you are an active IIA member or new to internal auditing, there are many things you can do to raise awareness of the internal audit profession among audit customers, executive management, and boards of directors, students and others in the business community. The IIA encourages individuals and Institutes around the world to celebrate and promote awareness as an ambassador of the internal audit profession to our stakeholders. Please make sure you take time with your teams to celebrate and a huge thank you for all you do!

Next, I want to highlight our successes over the last year:

- We co-hosted our first in-person event with ISACA since the start of the pandemic
- We hosted our annual Fraud Conference event in person for the first time in over three years
- We brought a number of memorable guest speakers and co-hosted a number of luncheons with other chapters and organizations within the Pacific Northwest
- We maintained our academic outreach program, including offering annual scholarships and supporting the IAEP (Internal Auditing Education Partnership) program at Seattle University
- We offered quality CPE to our members and community
- We continued to offer a mentorship program for our students and early career professionals that allowed them to develop lifelong friendships and relationships to enrich our personal networks

As this year comes to a close I want to thank all the current Officers and Board of Governors and all volunteers for an amazing year and I want to give a very special congratulations to all the incoming Officers and Board of Governors for the next chapter year! I also want to personally thank those stepping down from their roles including Lee Herbert, VP of Programming and the following Board of Governors: Randa Saleh, Elizabeth Masnari, Terri Schwan, and Meghan Schumacher. All have served this Chapter for multiple years and have provided tremendous support and value to this chapter. Thank you so much for everything you have do and it has been a pleasure working with you all!

Dear IIA Seattle Members, as I transition out of this role I am looking not just at the last two years as your President, but the last decade as a volunteer, and am proud of what we have accomplished together as a chapter. I continue to be inspired by you, our volunteers, our members and our community. It has been an honor to work alongside you and have served as your President.

Your Seattle Chapter IIA President (FY22/23)

BreAnn Berry
IIA President

Member News

Please take the IIA Seattle Membership [survey](#)

See the 2023 pulse survey results [here!](#)

CAE Corner

- [Audit Executive Center -See essential resource for CAEs](#)
- [Note: There is a specific CAE Track for the International Conference](#)

"IPPF Evolution: Ride the Wave of Change"

The IIA's International Professional Practices Framework and Standards are changing soon. Find out more about the project, proposed changes, and the public comment period. Visit the [IPPF Evolution webpage](#) for a free webinar and more.

May is Your Month Internal Audit Awareness Month!

Inside
you make an impact

May is Internal Audit Awareness Month, and it's time for the people inside every successful organization to stand out. The IIA has the tools and resources to help you show the world that it's who's on the inside that counts.
www.theiia.org/Awareness



The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, internal auditing is a vital part of strengthening organizations and protecting stakeholders of both the public and private sectors; and

WHEREAS, internal auditing helps identify and manage the organization's risks and ensure policies, procedures, and controls are in place and working appropriately; and

WHEREAS, internal auditing is an increasingly sophisticated and complex activity requiring specialized knowledge, training, and education; and

WHEREAS, internal auditing is an established profession, with a globally recognized code of ethics and International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing; and

WHEREAS, historically, the global internal audit profession promotes awareness about its value during the month of May each year; and

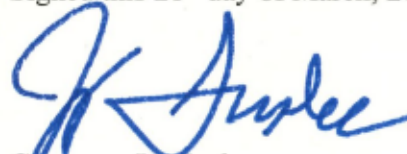
WHEREAS, the contribution of internal auditors to the success of organizations and the global economy at large deserves our recognition and commendations;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim May 2023 as

Internal Audit Awareness Month

in Washington, and I encourage all people in Washington to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 21st day of March, 2023


Governor Jay Inslee



Meet your FY23/24 Chapter Officers!



President – Cynthia Behnen-Gillison



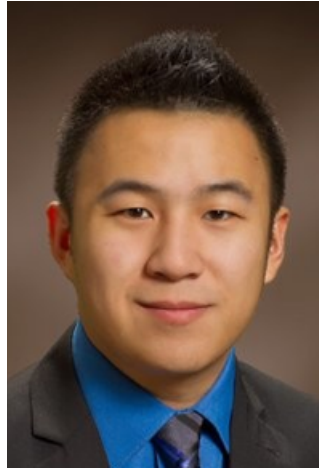
1st VP Membership – Kayla Schoonhoven



2nd VP Treasurer – Keila Tugwell-Core



VP Secretary– Caroline Black



VP Data Intelligence Officer – Viktor Mu



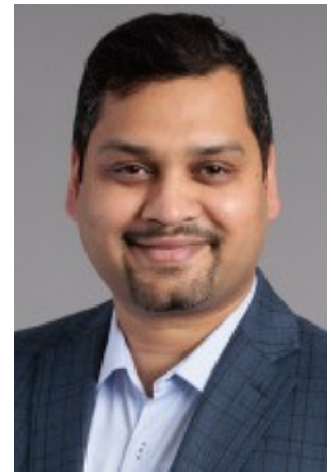
VP Programming – Veronica "Ronnie" Bains



VP Certification – Nira Kohli



VP Academic Relations – Austin Bailey



VP Communications - Nitin Nigam

Board of Governors

Vijayant Sitani - PACCAR
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Tom Moon - Protiviti

Michelle Quisenberry - KPMG
Hilda Quinones - Microsoft
Richard Cordova - UW

Darren Stephenson - Symetra
Patrick Zanin - Avalara
Matt Reinke - T-Mobile

IIA Member Spotlight: BreAnn Berry IIA President

What do you love most about your time and roll with the IIA?

Over the past decade, I have really loved building strong personal connections and relationships with all my fellow volunteers which have turned into true friendships. I also truly love the sense of community that the IIA fosters as it provides us the unique ability to connect and collaborate with so many in our profession and there is so much value through knowledge sharing.



What is the best advice you have been given about the profession?

It's okay to not have all the answers, don't be afraid to ask questions and reach out to ask for help.

What is your favorite activity?

For IIA I have so many! Leadership Academy is an amazing experience where we get to meet other IIA volunteers and leaders across the country and collaborate on new and exciting ideas to bring back to our chapters. However, within our own chapter my favorite activity is definitely our in-person luncheons and of course the Fraud Conference!! While these are my favorite activities they are also the ones I will miss the most since I transitioned to a new state. Our annual Fraud Conference is an amazing way to spend your day learning new information and networking with amazing colleagues "in person" and just getting to have fun!

If you are looking for a personal favorite activity – I love spending time with my family and now that I am back in CA, I love being able to go to Disneyland!

IIA Spotlight: BreAnn Berry IIA President

All of us at the IIA Seattle Chapter would like to thank BreAnn for her leadership and dedication to the Seattle Chapter of the IIA.

Over the last 10 years she made a huge impact to our chapter serving in many roles, most recently as our Chapter President. We have appreciated her support and partnership in fostering the IIA community.

Earlier this year BreAnn had the opportunity to move back to her hometown of Laguna Beach, CA to be closer to family. Thank you for all of your help supporting the chapter from a distance this year, we will miss your presence here in Seattle. We wish you all the best on your next adventure and look forward to keeping in touch.

Best wishes,

Cynthia Behnen Gillison, Incoming IIA Seattle President,
IIA Seattle Chapter Officers, Board Members, and Volunteers

Thank you

IIA HQ and Chapter Events

May Happy Hour

Join us for our IIA Seattle Chapter Member Appreciation Happy Hour

May 18, 2023 - in person
[Register Here](#)

May Luncheon

*Portland Chapter
Model Risk Lessons from Silicon Valley Bank's Failure – For the Internal Audit Professional
May 18 @ 12:30pm - 1pm
Zoom*

[Register Here](#)

May CIA Review

*IIA CIA Review Course
May 24 - 26, 2023 - Virtual*

[Register Here](#)

CHATGPT – WHAT'S NEXT FOR INTERNAL AUDIT?

OpenAI's ChatGPT language platform is generating tremendous buzz for its ability to generate human-like responses. It could free internal auditors from performing mundane tasks, allow them to provide real-time assurance, and even help their writing.

Internal auditing is among the many professions that are realizing how ChatGPT could shape their future. Join us for a one hour webinar and discussion on use cases for ChatGPT, risks and limitations, and next steps!

[Date to be announced: Register here](#)

Volunteers and Local Chapter Opportunities:

We are 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.

- Social Media Content Manager
- Our Chapter EMT tool – help us manage membership and communication to all members!
- Programming volunteers to help coordinate monthly luncheons, identify speakers and help manage the events (approximately 5 hours each month between August – May)
- Fraud Conference volunteers to help coordinate and plan the event (approximately 5 hours each month between August – March)
- 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)

ChatGPT and Generative AI - Risks and Ethical Concerns

May 31 | 12:00-1:30 p.m. ET | 1.5 CPE
Free for Members and Nonmembers



Join us for an important free webinar on risks and ethical concerns around ChatGPT and generative AI.

In this webinar, our panel of industry experts will discuss the recent explosion of ChatGPT and similar technologies. The panel will provide insights regarding potential risks and ethical considerations related to ChatGPT and other generative AI applications along with practical ideas on how organizations design controls and build governance around the use of such technologies.

Learning Objectives:

- Explore ethical considerations associated with ChatGPT.
- Identify potential risks to organizations using ChatGPT and how to mitigate them.
- Discover appropriate controls and governance structures to manage the risks associated with this technology use.

[Register here!](#)



**THE IIA's
CIA LEARNING SYSTEM®**

Get Unparalleled CIA Exam Prep with the Seattle IIA Chapter. Enroll in Our Online, Instructor-led 3-day course.

Seattle IIA Chapter will be offering 3-day online CIA® review classes May 24-26, 2023 using The IIA's CIA Learning System. An expert instructor will lead you through an overview of the 3-part CIA exam helping to maximize your score

- Take advantage of the knowledge, experience and advice of our expert instructor, Laura De Luca, MBA, CPA, CIA, CISA
- Every attendee receives the IIA's full kit 3-part CIA Learning System Software
- Stay motivated and on track to achieving your CIA goal

Course Details

Dates/Times:

- Part 1: May 24, 2023, 1pm- 4pm PST
- Part 2: May 25, 2023, 1pm- 4pm PST
- Part 3: May 26, 2023, 11am- 4pm PST

Delivery Method: Online instructor-led classroom

Fee: \$799

Registration: <https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=751561&>

Registration closes: May 20, 2023

Overall minimum enrollment of 4 required to hold the course

Course Materials

You will receive access to The IIA's CIA Learning System®, Version 7.0 for all 3 parts. Enjoy online reading materials with direct links to IIA resources, quizzes, flashcards, practice exam, and more. Get complete details about the software at www.LearnCIA.com.

Register now! <https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=751561&>

Classes fill quickly and space is limited.



Registration: <https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=751561&>

Get complete details about the software at www.LearnCIA.com.

Registration is open!

International Conference

The IIA's 2023 International Conference will set the stage to share new and forward-looking information and leading practices in pursuing excellence in internal audit. As internal auditors increasingly become trusted advisors and an integral part of their organizations, they are compelled to broaden their arsenal of skills. This conference will prepare audit professionals to embrace and learn new technologies and implement new tools and techniques to effectively respond to shifting business and risk landscapes.

- Where: RAI Amsterdam, Netherlands and Virtually
- When: July 10-12

GRC

Explore innovative ideas. Connect with the brightest minds. Forge new relationships. Sharpen your skills in governance, risk and control. Earn CPE credits. Celebrate ten years of partnership between The IIA and ISACA® at GRC 2023 in Las Vegas, Nevada on 21-23 August.

We are hard at work designing this year's conference program. check back for the latest updates and we'll see you in Las Vegas!

Register by 23 June and save US\$300!

- Where: Las Vegas, NV
- When: August 21-23

Financial Services

Participation in the Exchange affords auditors in banking, credit unions, insurance, asset management, and more, the opportunity to network, discuss key issues with policymakers, and gain unprecedented access to industry insights.

In the current environment of regulatory reform, this conference provides an ideal forum for dynamic discussion and input from all angles on what the regulatory landscape of the future might look like and how to prepare for it.

- Where: Washington, DC
- When: September 11- 12

Ignite

The IGNITE Conference, "Where Internal Audit Leaders Emerge," is a new offering that will deliver an interactive experience for emerging leaders and auditors interested in gaining hands-on tools necessary for the future of internal audit.

- Where: Las Vegas, NV
- When: October 24-26

IIA Seattle scholarship awardees

Congratulations!



Aaqil Ahmed



Kaylee Florek



Reine Albite



Ben Nelson

Quality Corner

This is it folks!

Time to submit your comments on the proposed Global Internal Audit Standards
COUNTDOWN TO THE CLOSE OF THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

30 May deadline for the English survey is fast approaching.



Your comments matter. Complete the survey now!

As I'm writing this, the countdown clock says 26 days, 12 hours, 6 minutes, and 56 seconds remaining to submit your comments on the proposed standards. There are important proposed changes and you have the right to contribute to the standard setting process and how the profession will be governed in the future.

Here is the link to the exposure draft page – <https://www.theiia.org/en/standards/Standards-Public-Comment/>

Here is the link to preview the survey questions –

<https://www.theiia.org/globalassets/site/standards/ippf/survey/iia-global-internal-audit-standards-survey-preview-english.pdf>

As one option, I'm using the following simple framework to gather my comments as I read through the standards and prepare to respond to the survey. I jot down the principle under the relevant section or domain and note any implementation challenges or areas I feel are particularly supportive of the profession.

Organization Name: _____

Overall thoughts: _____

Introduction: _____

Glossary: _____

Domain I – Purpose of Internal Auditing: _____

Domain II – Ethics and Professionalism: _____

Domain III – Governing the Internal Audit Function: _____

Domain IV – Managing the Internal Audit Function: _____

Domain V – Performing Internal Audit Services: _____

Considerations for Implementation and Evidence of Confirmation: _____

Topical Requirements: _____

If you are pressed for time, divide and conquer with your team. For Chief Auditors, focus on Domains III and IV. If you're a supervisor, lead or staff level, take a look at Domain V and the section Considerations for Implementation and Evidence of Conformance.

Remember, if you indicate you follow the standards in your internal audit work, you'll want to see what is new and be prepared to update your practices and prepare your governing body to comply.

Other useful links:

A mapping of the 2017 version to proposed standards –

<https://www.theiia.org/globalassets/site/standards/ippf/standards-mapping.pdf>

IIA Quality Services - <https://www.theiia.org/en/group-services/quality-assurance/quality-services/>

Have a great summer and don't forget to submit your comments!

Anne Etter

IIA Quality Services Assessor

Certification Center



"I chose to pursue the CIA certification because after spending several years working various roles throughout Finance, Accounting, and Audit, I was ready to deepen my understanding of Auditing and pursue a focused career in that area. Although I had a working understanding of Internal Audit, studying for the certification exams helped me "round out" my Audit knowledge - for example, learning the correct terms for the methods I had already been using in audits, and understanding the role of a Chief Internal Auditor. I am very glad to have gone through the certification process, as I am more confident in my Internal Audit role and feel like I have a better understanding of what my driving purpose is throughout audits." - Mariah Spannbauer.



"I chose to become a CIA because it is a globally recognized designation that doesn't limit me to one country or region. Becoming a CIA has increased my credibility as a professional internal auditor and given me a strong foundation with which to perform a thorough internal audit." - Caroline Black.

Members can click [Here](#) to learn more about the CIA.

IIA members can receive a 20% discount on new application and exam registration fees for the CIA or CRMA throughout May. Learn more [Here](#).

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](#)