

# Seattle Chapter



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

I'm excited to step into the role of President for the Seattle Chapter this year. My journey with internal audit began during a student internship, and I've been passionate about the profession ever since. Over the years, I've had the privilege of serving in three IIA chapters—Ottawa, Vancouver, and now Seattle. Most recently, I served as Secretary for the Seattle Chapter since 2022, which gave me a great opportunity to see the Chapter operations from many angles.

As I begin this term, I'll be on maternity leave for the first couple of months. During that time, Kristina Wilson—our 2025–26 VP Secretary and President Elect—will be stepping in to support the chapter. I'm excited to work alongside Kristina and the rest of our incredible leadership team this year. We have an engaging year ahead, with regular CPE events and our annual Fraud Conference already in the works. We'll also be reintroducing our local membership survey to better understand what matters most to you and how we can tailor our programs accordingly. I'm also happy to share that we will continue offering our scholarship program to support university students pursuing internal audit.

A huge thank you goes to our new and returning Officers, Board members, and volunteers who help make this chapter great! If you're interested in getting involved, we'd love to hear from you—just reach out to us at the chapter email address ([chapter34@iiachaptercommunications.org](mailto:chapter34@iiachaptercommunications.org)). Looking forward to a great year ahead!

Warm regards,

Caroline Pietrowski  
President, IIA Seattle Chapter



# IIA Seattle 2025 Fraud Conference Recap

Thank you for coming to the 2025 IIA Seattle Chapter Fraud Conference, we hope to see you next year! We had over 110 attendees with us on the UW campus





Our conference was in the lovely setting of Denny Room, Oak Hall on the University of Washington campus, and our excellent guest speakers included:

Elizabeth McDowell, CPA, CIA (Audit Forward) – “Fraud Uncovered: Spot the Signs, Assess the Risk”

□ James Vogt, CFE, MS (SDSU, Fraud Protection Institute) – “Ethical Integrity: How Organizational Culture & Leadership Drive Fraud Prevention and Detection”

□ Eric Chance, Maryellen Sebold (RSM) – “Investigating Fraud in the Age of Innovation”

□ Ramiel Mansour (PwC) – “Understanding & Managing Insider Risk”

□ Grant Ostler (Workiva) – “Building an Effective Anti-Fraud Program”

□ Amazon Panel: Nitin Nigam & Alexis Henry – Internal Audit & Investigations Collaboration

If you missed the event this year, you missed a fantastic event and you should be sure to look out for the 2026 event at the end of our 2025 / 26 IIA year



# IIA Volunteering

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## 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)

# Upcoming Events!!

The IIA Seattle Chapter is kicking off our new fiscal year with many trainings to inform, inspire, and elevate your internal audit game.

Join our neighbors with IIA Canada for an in-person training later this month!

Session Title: Tools for Audit Managers

Date: September 23-25, 2025 (24 CPE!)

Location: Vancouver, BC

Register here: IIA Canada - Tools for Audit Managers

*A special group rate is available for purchases of 10 or more.*

Demystify “Agile” techniques in Internal Audit with our first Zoom webinar of the year.

Session Title: Adopting an Agile Mindset in Internal Auditing

Date: October 8, 2025, 11am – 12:30pm PT (1.5 CPE)

Location: Zoom Webinar (Provided after registration)

Register here: <https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/index.php?eventid=856478&>

Cost: \$25 (Members), \$35 (Non-members)

Join risk, assurance, and compliance professionals, educators, and students at Seattle University for a forum on the power of AI.

Session Title: Internal Audit and Data Analytics Conference [AI in Action: Transforming Risk and Compliance Through Intelligent Automation]

Date: October 23, 2025, 8am – 12pm PT (4 CPE)

Location: Zoom Webinar (Link will be sent on October 22nd to all registered attendees via email.)

Register here: [AI In Action: Transforming Risk and Compliance Through Intelligent Automation - Seattle University](#)

Cost: \$125 / Free for students

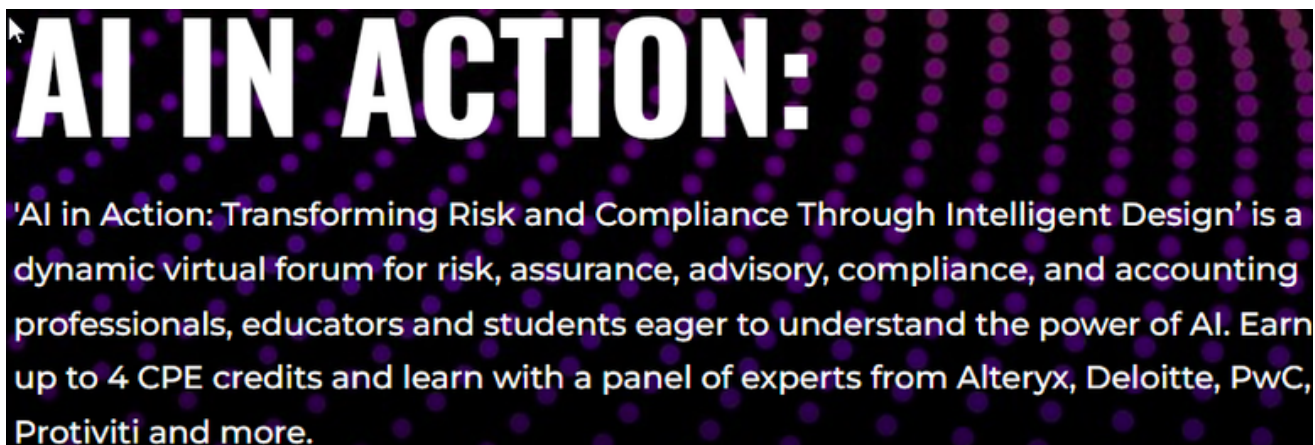
*IIA Seattle members will receive a 20% discount!*

# Seattle University 2025 Fall RSKA Forum



We warmly invite you and your colleagues to the 2025 Fall RSKA Forum, hosted virtually by Seattle University on Thursday, October 23, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. PT. IIA Seattle members register with a discount HERE using the Promo Code iia20

'AI in Action: Transforming Risk and Compliance Through Intelligent Design' is a dynamic virtual forum for risk, assurance, advisory, compliance, and accounting professionals, educators and students eager to understand the power of AI. Earn up to 4 CPE credits and learn with a panel of experts from Alteryx, Deloitte, PwC, Protiviti and more.



# Registration is Open!

## Your 2025 IGNITE Conference

The IGNITE conference will deliver an interactive experience for emerging leaders and auditors who are interested in gaining hands-on tools that are necessary for the future of internal audit. The conference will include deeper networking & engagement opportunities, dynamic keynote speakers, and deep dives into new and emerging topics. Oct 06 - 08, 2025 | Las Vegas, Nevada

Register here: IGNITE

2025 Financial Services Exchange 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. Nov 03 - 04, 2025 | Washington, D.C

Register here: FINANCE

## 2025 RISE Virtual Conference

The IIA's RISE Virtual Conference is the premier online internal audit leadership event, designed for current and emerging leaders. Dec 05, 2025 | Virtual, Only.

Register here: RISE

## GAM: Great Audit Minds

March 9—11, 2026 | Las Vegas, NV

GAM delivers an advanced learning experience designed exclusively for senior audit leaders. Through strategy-driven sessions and candid, solution-focused conversations, attendees gain the tools to strengthen audit plans, elevate teams, and lead with impact. Leaders will be equipped to embrace innovation, navigate cybersecurity and fraud challenges, align with global internal audit standards, and thrive as trusted advisors shaping the future of the profession.

Register here: <https://www.theiia.org/en/events/conference/hybrid-conferences/general-audit-management-conference/#registration>



# 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](mailto:quality@theiia.org) or [read more here](#).

# Certifications

**Congratulations to the following members who earned IIA certifications**

CIA: Andrew Scoggin, Madison Barnwell, Ann Maria Jimmy, Stephanie Murphy, Conor McCracken

CRMA: Melissa Allman, Ibukunoluwa Osuntoki

IAP: Mitchell Hansen, Mirirai Midzi, Tracey Ramirez

Stay on track with your 2025 CPEs

With 2025 halfway through, now is the perfect time to stay current on your CPE requirements. IIA members have access to free and discounted CPE opportunities, including ethics credits. Don't wait- explore [CPE Resources today](#) to stay ahead.

The updated CIA exams, aligned with the 2025 syllabi, will be available starting May 28. To ensure you're prepared, visit [theiia.org/CIA2025](https://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>