

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SLATE
NOMINEES FOR THE IIA’S 2026–27 NORTH AMERICAN BOARD, DISTRICT ADVISORS,
DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES, AND CANADA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The North American Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the nominees for North American Board officers and members, District Advisor and District Representative positions, and Canada Advisory Committee members.

These candidates have agreed to serve, subject to election at the North American Membership Meeting on April 19, 2026, at Disney’s Yacht and Beach Club Resorts in Lake Buena Vista, Florida. The new District Advisors, District Representatives, Canada Advisory Committee members, and NA Board members will take office upon election. IIA members in the United States, Canada, Caribbean, and Bermuda may vote in person or [by proxy](#). All North American members are invited to attend.

The North American Nominating Committee:

Chair: Mike Varney, CIA

Members: David Helberg, CIA, CRMA; Jayson Kwasnik, CIA; Waseem Samaan, CIA; Laura Soileau, CIA, CRMA; Elizabeth Sullivan, CIA, CCSA, CRMA; Ofelia Tamayo, CIA, CRMA; Anthony Pugliese, CIA (ex-officio)

THE INSTITUTE OF INTERNAL AUDITORS
***Nominees, 2026–27 North American Board**

Position	Name	Title, Organization (Chapter)
<i>Chair</i>	*David Helberg, CIA, CRMA	Chief, Internal Audit Services and Corporate Ethics Cameco Corporation (Saskatchewan)
<i>Senior Vice Chair</i>	*Yulia Gurman, CIA	Vice President, Internal Audit and Corporate Security Packaging Corporation of America (Chicago)
<i>Vice Chair-Finance</i>	*Todd Freeman, CIA	Vice President, Internal Audit Vulcan Materials Company (Birmingham)
<i>Past Chair of the Board</i>	Elizabeth Sullivan, CIA, CCSA, CRMA	Vice President, Chief Risk and Audit Officer Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (Baltimore)
<i>Member / CRC Representative</i>	Warren W. Stippich, Jr., CIA, CRMA	National Managing Principal Grant Thornton Advisors LLC (Chicago)
<i>Member</i>	*Jessica Rodgers, CIA	Partner Global Internal Audit Leader EY (Long Island)
<i>Member</i>	*Andrew Struthers-Kennedy	Global Leader, Internal Audit and CAE Solutions Protiviti, Inc. (Baltimore)
<i>Member / CA Representative</i>	*Janet Hnytka, CIA, CRMA	Vice President, Compliance and Risk Assiniboine Credit Union (Winnipeg)
<i>Member</i>	Adnan Rahim, CIA	Director, Internal Audit – Corporate Functions Meta (San Francisco)
<i>Member</i>	Valentina Sabet, CIA	Global Operational Audit and Risk Management (Construction) Intel Corporation (Portland (OR))
<i>Ex-Officio Member</i>	Anthony Pugliese, CIA	President and Chief Executive Officer The Institute of Internal Auditors, Inc. (USA)

Nominees, 2026–28 District Advisors (North America)

Position	Name	Title, Organization (Chapter)
Chair (<i>appointed annually</i>)	Nicholas Geffers, CIA, CRMA	Director, Audit Thrivent (Miami)
District Advisor	Yvette Adams, CIA, CRMA	Senior Audit Manager Zions Bancorporation (Salt Lake City)
District Advisor	Patricia Howard, CIA, CRMA	Consultant Self-Employed (Vancouver)
District Advisor	William (Brandon) Tanous, CIA, CGAP, CRMA	Partner Weaver and Tidwell, LLP (Houston)

The following District Advisors were elected for two-year terms in 2025 and will continue in their position until 2027.

Position	Name	Title, Organization (Chapter)
District Advisor	Jenna Caprara, CIA	Senior Internal Audit Manager AARP (Washington DC)
District Advisor	Justin Gwin, CIA, CRMA	Vice President, Internal Audit Bayview Asset Management (Miami)

Nominees, 2026-28 District Representatives (North America)

District Representative Region	Name	Title, Organization (Chapter)
Canada West	Kymberley Shwaluke, CIA	Senior Manager, Internal Audit Air Canada (Winnipeg)
Caribbean	Sunil Babooram, CIA, CRMA	Chief Audit Executive Trinidad & Tobago National Petroleum Marketing Company Ltd. (Trinidad & Tobago)
Central District #2	Nicholas Jortz, CIA	Manager, Financial Investigations Medical Mutual of Ohio (Northeast Ohio)
Central District #3	Ashanti Clark, CIA	Executive Advisor FedEx Express Corporation (Memphis)
Northeast District #1	Sue Mortensen, CIA	Director Scotiabank (New York)
Northeast District #2	Shalim Matos, CIA, CRMA	Senior Director/Head, Internal Audit Serta Simmons Bedding LLC (Atlanta)
South District #1	Jake Kearney, CIA	Senior Director, Chief Audit Executive GE Appliances (Louisville)
South District #2	Stacey Linch, CIA, CRMA	Deputy City Auditor City of Phoenix (Phoenix)
West District #1	Michelle Creek-Tatom, CIA	Internal Audit Manager Savers Value Village (Boise)
West District #3	Ryan Santacruz, CIA	Audit Manager Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation (Inland Empire)

The following District Representatives were elected to two-year terms in 2025 and will continue in their positions until 2027.

District Representative Region	Name	Title, Organization (Chapter)
Canada East	Jaime Rudolph, CIA, CRMA	Director, Internal Audit High Liner Foods, Inc. (Maritime -Canada)
Central District #1	Eulonda Whitmore, CIA, CRMA	Associate Vice President/Chief Audit Executive Wayne State University (Detroit)
Mid-Atlantic District #1	Melissa Musser, CIA	Partner, Risk and Advisory Services GRF CPAs & Advisors (Northeast OH)
Mid-Atlantic District #2	Rebecca Nilson, CIA, CRMA	Director, Internal Audit SCAN Health Plan (Nashville)
Midwest District #1	Jodell Renn, CIA, CRMA	Assurance Services Associate Director Dean Dorton (Louisville)
Midwest District #2	Jennifer Stromsdorfer, CIA	Director, Internal Audit Washington State Department of Labor & Industries (Nisqually)
Midwest District #3	Julia Hann, CIA, CRMA	Chief Audit Executive University of North Florida (Jacksonville)
Southeast District #1	Sarah Curry, CIA	IT Audit Manager Amgen (New Orleans)
Southeast District #2	Meghan Boyd, CIA	Senior Manager Carrier (Palm Beach County)
Southeast District #3	Chad D. Bourque, CIA	Director, ERM, GBS Gallagher Benefit Services (Baton Rouge)
West District #2	Hilary Cabodi, CIA	Managing Director Riveron (Sacramento)

Nominees, Canada Advisory Committee (Canada)

Position	Name	Title, Organization (Chapter)
Chair	Leah White, CIA, CRMA	Partner, Internal Audit, Risk Services Doane Grant Thornton LLP (Maritime)
Member	Edward Olson, CIA	Partner, Internal Audit, ESG Leader MNP (Vancouver)
Member	Brenda Youle, CIA, CRMA	Director, Internal Audit SaskPower (Saskatchewan)