



# Springfield Audit Trails

## February 2025

### Message from the President

Kayla Routh

February is the month of love. There are so many ways to show your love for your profession as an Internal Auditor. Some of those ways are:

- Put your best foot forward in audits and in all your interactions with your auditees
- Work hard to complete all tasks in an efficient manner and with attention to detail
- Become involved in the local IIA chapter. More information on [Page 3](#) 😊
- Attend trainings for professional development, like the ones put on by this Chapter!
- Consider gaining a professional certification, such as the Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) credential. More information at: [Certified Internal Auditor | Global Certification in Internal Audit | The IIA](#)

If you are interested in being a part of the local chapter, elections will be here next month. Please consider nominating yourself or discussing the possibility with your coworkers for our open positions, listed below.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Programming Chair
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – Academic Relations
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Treasurer
- 1 to 3 Governor Positions
- Financial Statement Reviewer (Volunteer Position, not a Board member)

Please reach out if you are interested or have questions. All nominations need to be submitted to [Kayla.Routh@illinois.gov](mailto:Kayla.Routh@illinois.gov) by no later than February 24, 2025. The email needs to include a small bio, and if you are willing, a headshot would be preferred as well!

Continue showing your profession some love and being the bright lights for the State.

Kayla Routh  
President

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The Institute of  
**Internal Auditors**  
Springfield

# Training

## February Training

Alex McDowell

Thank you to those of you that joined us last month for our two days of training provided by Elizabeth McDowell! I, for one, got a lot out of both days, particularly the Excel day.

## February 27: Fraud in the Government Sector

Please join us for our next training session on February 27<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:30am where we will hear from Francine McKenna on various fraud topics. Francine McKenna is a Lecturer at The Wharton School, The University of Pennsylvania. McKenna is also an award-winning writer and teacher who migrated to investigative journalism after a career in the public accounting industry. She now teaches full-time, writes, and comments on accounting, audit, internal audit, and corporate governance issues and challenges at public and pre-IPO private companies. Her work has been cited in testimony before the U.S. Congress and in comment letters to regulators, as well as cited in other academic research with respect to these topics. She authors the newsletter, *The Dig*.

Francine will be discussing current fraud cases around the US that she is tracking and writing about including the recent fraud and whistleblower problems occurring at Macy's, Boeing and ComEd. Francine's speaking style is energetic, full of examples and anecdotes, irreverent and no-holds barred. I have heard Francine speak before and guarantee you this will not be a training you will want to miss. She is a *fantastic* speaker.



Cancellations should be made prior to the start of training.

**NOTE: CPE Certificates will not be issued until payment is received**

Questions? Email - Chapter Secretary [Chapter145support@iiachaptercommunications.org](mailto:Chapter145support@iiachaptercommunications.org)

## Register for the training here

Virtual Training

Fraud in the Government Sector

February 27

8:30 AM – 11:30 AM

You may pay with a credit card.

Make Checks Payable to: The Institute of Internal Auditors–Springfield (FEIN 37-1088763)

Mail Checks to: Springfield Chapter Institute of Internal Auditors  
P.O. Box 332, Rochester, IL 62563

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## Become an IIA Volunteer

Volunteers help to maintain the Chapter and keep services available for members. There are many ways you can get involved with the IIA. Whether you are an experienced leader or just entering the field of internal auditing, there is a place for you at the IIA. If you are interested in volunteering on a large or small scale, please email the Springfield IIA at [Chapter145@iiachaptercommunications.org](mailto:Chapter145@iiachaptercommunications.org). We would love to get you any information you could want on Officer or Governor roles. Nominations are due to [Kayla.Routh@illinois.gov](mailto:Kayla.Routh@illinois.gov) by February 24, 2025 and the Election will be held in March 2025.



(Source: Google Images)

# HQ News & Events

You can find out events and news from the IIA by going to [www.theiia.org](http://www.theiia.org). Additionally, as part of your membership you can access exclusive webinars and articles on the site. See below for exciting training opportunities that Headquarters is offering:

## **2025 Fraud Virtual Conference (February 20, 2025, online)**

Through decades of fighting fraud, Internal Auditors and The IIA have learned that the only way to stop fraud is to stay ahead of the criminals. This year's conference is titled "Digital Detectives: Investigating Fraud in the Age of Technology". For more information, visit the website at: [IIA Fraud Conference | Virtual Conference Investigating Fraud in the Age of Technology](#)

## **GAM: Great Audit Minds Conference (March 10-12, 2025, Orlando, Florida)**

Leverage the power of innovation and thought leadership with the largest gathering of chief audit executives at the 2025 GAM: Great Audit Minds Conference. GAM offers a dynamic in-person learning environment, where senior audit leaders can collaborate and discuss the pressing business and audit challenges of today while pioneering the frontiers of tomorrow. Designed to meet the needs of senior audit professionals leading audit functions, GAM will allow you to embrace the future of internal audit and revolutionize your impact. Plus, members save on early registration. Ensure you're signed in and save your spot at the members-only price. Early registration offer ends January 12, 2025. For more information, visit the website at: [Great Audit Minds](#)

## **2025 Analytics, Automation and AI Virtual Conference (April 24, 2025, online)**

This one-day virtual conference will focus on how organizations and government agencies are using data literacy, data analytics, automation, and AI. Attendees will gain the latest insight on how to approach internal audit activities related to the assessments of analytics, automation, and AI. For more information, visit the website at: [2025 Analytics and Automation and AI Virtual Conference](#)

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## From the Editor

Dani Berrien  
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Hello Springfield Audit Trails!

I hope everyone is enjoying the weather slowly warming up. I've been noticing daylight lasting longer and longer every week. I honestly cannot believe we are already in February. I'm still not used to writing 2025 when I write the date.

This month the Chapter is hosting a training on various fraud topics. Considering this training topic, and considering February is the month of love, I thought I'd share some information. The FBI Springfield Office did a press release to notify us to the dangers of online dating scams. They have reported that in 2023, Illinoisians alone have lost almost \$19 million in romance scams. This is due to the tactics that romance scammers use when connecting with someone via social media or a dating app.

Some of the red flags the FBI Springfield Office listed are if the scammer sends you a photo that is a magazine worthy glamour shot, the scammer professes their love for you very quickly, the scammer tries to isolate you from friends and family, and that scheduled plans to visit each other are always cancelled because of an emergency. If you have been victimized by this fraud, or unsuccessfully targeted, contact the FBI Springfield at 217-522-9675. I encourage everyone to stay safe and alert when navigating online relationships!

View the full press release here: [FBI Springfield Advises Caution in Online Relationships](#)

# This Month in Chapter History - February

**2020** Chapter President: **Nikki Lanier**, CPA

- **Training.** The Chapter held a half day training event titled “*Fraud Litigation & Prevention*,” presented by Tom Hilton.

**2015** Chapter President: **Tracy Allen**, CPA, CISA

- **Training.** The Chapter held a half day training session titled “*Auditing a Modern Cyber Program*,” presented by Brennan Warren and Randy Armknecht. This training was held at the Northfield Center.

**2010** Chapter President: **Larry Stone**, CISA, CCP, CRPC

- **Training.** This month’s meeting was hosted with the Central IIA Chapter and ISACA on “*Psychology for Ethics*” by Dr. Christopher Bauer, a licensed psychologist.

**2005** Chapter President: **Stephen Kirk**, CIA, CGAP

- **Training.** This month’s seminar was “*Legal Issues and Computer Security*,” by Ben Wright, Attorney.
- **Prize Winners.** **David Boyd** (Illinois Office of Internal Audit) won a \$10 gift certificate to Sport Mart and **Barbara Minton** (Illinois Office of Internal Audit) won a football tin of snickers.

**2000** Chapter President: **Rusti Cummings**, CPA

- **Training.** This month’s seminar was the “*Bosses Luncheon*” at the Hilton. The luncheon speaker was Rick Larison of the Office of Statewide Performance Review, created by Executive Order #7, which was responsible for reviewing state programs.
- **Member News.**
  - **Ray Piiparinen**, CIA, CPA, CISA, and **Tina Neely**, CIA, joined internal auditing at the Department of Children and Family Services.
  - **Barb Minton**, CIA, CISA, CISSP joined the Illinois State Police as an EDP auditor.
  - **Merlyn Hepperly**, CIA, CPA left the Comptroller’s Office after 22 years to join internal audit at DCFS.
  - **Mary K. Fritz**, CIA left internal audit at the Department of Public Aid after 23 years to do federal cost reporting at the Department of Human Services.
- **CIA Exam.** **Phil Donaho** of the Department of Natural Resources passed the CIA Exam.
- **Prize Winners.** **Dan Bedell** won the attendance prize, a \$15 gift certificate to Barnes & Noble.

**1995** Chapter President: **Nancy Hilger**, CPA

- **Training.** This month’s meeting was held at the Best Western Springfield East. The after-dinner speaker was Robert McCabe, Senior Vice President of Professional Resources International. Bob discussed “*Writing in an Internal Audit Environment*” and “*Outsourcing: Threat or an Opportunity*.”
- **Prize Winners.** **Debra Miller** won the attendance award, which was a free dinner at a future meeting.
- **Gold Status.** The Springfield Chapter achieved Gold status. Only 5 of 155 Chapters throughout the world were able to achieve this status. Not only were we the 1<sup>st</sup> Gold chapter in our District, but also in our Region.
- **Membership News.**
  - The Chapter Recognized membership anniversaries: **Frank Phillips** (25 years), **Ben Zemaitis** (25 years), **Juanita Adams** (10 years), **Debra Miller** (10 years), **James Reid** (10 years), **Edward Schofield** (10 years), **Patricia Zak** (10 years).
  - New members to the Chapter were: **Jack Amoruso**, Dept. of Mental Health, **Froilan Casequin**, Dept. of Mental Health, **Herbert Dennis**, Dept. of Com & Com Affairs, **Ellen Jennings**, Dept. of Revenue, **Lisa Ludlum**, Student at Western Illinois Univ., **Michael Mathias**, Supreme Court, **Daniel Olson**, Dept. of Mental Health, **Paul Reyes**, Dept. of Mental Health, and **Abid Siddique**, Dept. of Mental Health.

# 2024-2025 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Springfield Chapter of the Institute of Internal Auditors

|  |  |                               |                                    |
|--|--|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>February 27</b><br>8:30 AM – 11:30 AM | Francine McKenna<br><b>Fraud in the Government Sector (3 hours)</b>    | <a href="#">Register here</a> | Members \$45<br>Non-Members \$90   |
| <b>March (TBD)</b><br>TBD                | Springfield FBI Office<br><b>Body Language/Interviewing Techniques</b> |                               | Members \$TBD<br>Non-Members \$TBD |
| <b>April 16</b><br>8:30 AM – 12:30 PM    | Jan Beckmann<br><b>Know Your Why (4 hours)</b>                         |                               | Members \$60<br>Non-Members \$120  |
| <b>April 17</b><br>8:30 AM – 12:30 PM    | Jan Beckmann<br><b>Conflict Management (4 hours)</b>                   |                               | Members \$60<br>Non-Members \$120  |
| <b>May 28</b><br>8:30 AM – 12:30 PM      | Raven Catlin<br><b>Extreme Risk Based Auditing (4 hours)</b>           |                               | Members \$60<br>Non-Members \$120  |
| <b>May 29</b><br>8:30 AM – 12:30 PM      | Raven Catlin<br><b>Extreme Risk Based Auditing (4 hours)</b>           |                               | Members \$60<br>Non-Members \$120  |

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Meetings are currently being held remotely for the 2024-2025 Program Year unless otherwise noted.

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Certifications Program  
Nominating Committee

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Financial Statements Reviewer

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