



The Audit Voice
Co-Presidents' Message

Dear Members & Friends,

The holidays have come and gone, and our chapter year continues to roll along with some exciting programming coming your way!

Thank you to everyone who joined us in-person and virtually for our annual Fraud Day event! A big thank you to all of our presenters! The event included presentations from Craig Stanland (Author of "Blank Canvas, How I Reinvented My Life After Prison"), Michael Gerfin (Federal Bureau of Investigation), Glenn Richmond (Protiviti), Richard Bowen (Citigroup Whistleblower), and Meric Bloch (Winter Investigations)!

Looking ahead, we are happy to announce that we will be hosting, in conjunction with the Northeast Ohio Financial Executives International, another joint event at Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse. Please join us for 4 hours of engaging learning featuring the topics of successful ERP implementations and understanding and navigating trade and tariffs in the Trump administration presented by Grant Thornton and Plante Moran respectively. The training will be immediately followed by an industry networking dinner and attendees will enjoy great seats to watch the 1st place Cleveland Cavaliers take on the Brooklyn Nets on March 11th.

In April, we will once again be offering an Ethics training presented by the Ohio Society of CPAs, which will satisfy the professional standards and responsibilities requirement for CPAs, to our members. This event will include 3 CPE's for Ethics and 1 additional CPE topic presented by the Institute of Internal Auditors national office for a total of 4 CPE hours. We are happy to announce this training will be a co-sponsored event with the Northwest Ohio IIA Chapter as we join forces to bring virtual programming to both regions during this very busy month.

Looking forward to May, we will be partnering with KPMG and local Chief Audit Executives (CAEs) to bring you our 7th Annual CAE Roundtable on May 16. This year the event will be held in conjunction with the Meonske Professional Development Conference on the campus of Kent State University in Kent, OH. Northeast Ohio IIA and other local professional organizations have been invited to participate in the conference and make it one of the largest CPE events in Northeast Ohio in 2025!

Thank you for your continued support of the Northeast Ohio Chapter. Please refer to pg. 8 for additional training opportunities offered by other local organizations. We can't wait to see you again soon!

Best regards,

[Nick Jorz](#) and [Jonathan Sanfilippo](#), Co-Presidents

Events Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Location	CPE
3/11/25	1:45pm – 5:30pm	IIA/FEI Joint Meeting w/ dinner and Cavs game immediately following at 7:00 pm	Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse	4
4/23/25	12:45pm – 4:30pm	NW Ohio & NE Ohio IIA Joint Meeting featuring Ethics presented by Ohio Society of CPAs	Virtual (Zoom)	5
5/15/25	11:30pm – 4:45pm	CAE Roundtable	Kent State University – Meonske Professional Development Conference	5
6/13/25	8:00am – 4:30pm	New Auditor Training	Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District	8
June 2025	Registration begins at 7:30am	Annual Golf Outing	Coppertop Golf Club	--

Note: If you have an audit, ethics, business improvement or human resources topic and are interested in presenting at a future NEO IIA event, please contact [Marvin Tarry](#) or [Chasey Rotondo](#).

Chapter Achievement Program (CAP)

Members can contribute to the chapter's success through completion of the following activities:

- Conducting unpaid speaking engagements related to Internal Audit topics – including presenting at local universities to inspire the next generation of internal auditors!
- Hosting an Internal Audit event at work (i.e., lunch and learn)
- Publishing articles in professional journals, including the Internal Auditor magazine
- Obtaining an IIA certification (i.e., CIA, CRMA, etc.)

Should you accomplish/complete any of the above items, please provide this information to [Nick Jorz](#) for inclusion in the CAP Report.

Tuesday, March 11th
NEO IIA/FEI Joint Meeting Preview – Mark Your Calendar!

IIA Members: \$130/in-person only (Dinner & Cavs ticket included)
NEO FEI Members or Strategic Partners: \$130/in-person only (Dinner & Cavs ticket included)
Non-Members: \$140/in-person only (Dinner & Cavs ticket included)
Friends & Family Tickets: \$140 (Dinner & Cavs ticket included)

Register Online at: [NEO IIA / NEO FEI Joint Meeting](#)

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Training Agenda:

1:45 – 1:50	Opening Announcements
1:50 – 3:20	Alan Demir, Ron Gothelf & Jeff Mueller (Grant Thornton) <i>Topic: Successful ERP Implementations Providing Efficiency, Risk Management and Controls Automation</i>
3:20 – 3:40	Break
3:40 – 5:10	Dave Andrea & Lou Longo (Plante Moran) <i>Topic: Understanding and Navigating Trade and Tariffs in the Trump Administration</i>
5:10 – 5:15	Closing Announcements
5:15 – 7:00	Dinner/Networking
7:00	Cleveland Cavaliers vs. Brooklyn Nets

The NEO IIA/NEO FEI Joint Meeting will be held in-person at Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse (1 Center Court, Cleveland, OH 44115). Tickets will be distributed virtually via Seat Geek. Please be sure to register with the email linked to your Seat Geek account or an email you can access via your smart phone the day of the event. Attendees may enter through the Cleveland Cliffs Entrance located on the corner of East 6th and Huron Road. The meeting will be followed by dinner/networking and include a ticket to see the Cleveland Cavaliers vs. Brooklyn Nets. Tip-off for the game is scheduled for 7:00 PM EST.



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Employment Opportunities

The chapter's Employment Coordinator serves as a clearinghouse for members seeking positions and organizations seeking personnel by maintaining a current listing of local internal audit employment opportunities. All inquiries are confidential. If you are interested in viewing the most up-to-date opportunities list, visit our [Institute of Internal Auditors \(IIA\) - Northeast Ohio Chapter](#) page on LinkedIn.

Company	Opportunity
Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority	Internal Audit Manager
Ohio Turnpike Commission	Internal Audit Manager

If you are an employer trying to fill a position, please forward the job description to [Patrick Brogan](#).

Important Updates & News for Members

Ensure your [National IIA](#) profile is up-to-date, particularly your e-mail address.

News from the IIA

Access the IIA website for important information related to [news releases](#), [certifications](#), [scholarships](#), and the IIA's [Learning Conferences](#) – including GAM, International Conference, GRC, Financial Services, and All-Star. Also make sure to take advantage of The IIA's Chapter Partnership program! New [online courses](#) are updated regularly.

Join the Northeast Ohio LinkedIn Group

Request access to the group [here](#).

Academic Relations News

- IIA Student Membership is free of charge for eligible students. To be eligible, an undergraduate student must be enrolled in at least 12 semester hours or equivalent and a graduate student must be enrolled in at least 9 semester hours or equivalent. Although student membership is free, each student will need to complete an application through the IIA's website and submit an official transcript for the current semester.
- The Northeast Ohio IIA Academic Relations Team encourages you to give back to your alma maters by volunteering your time to speak with current students regarding careers in internal auditing. If you'd like to make a presentation, please contact one of our Academic Relations Co-Chairs: [Scott Miller](#) or [Dan Schrag](#). They can provide you with a PowerPoint template that you can modify to your liking for your presentation. But ultimately the students just love to hear about the career experiences of someone who has worked in the field!



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Internal Auditors

IIA Quality Services

IIA Quality Services helps validate and strengthen your internal audit activity and enhances your effectiveness, efficiency, and successful practice implementation.

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Want to learn more? Please visit the IIA Quality Services web page for more information and a Request for Proposal link. [IIA Quality Services web page](#)

GET INVOLVED!

Please reach out to any NEO IIA representative via email to get involved! The chart on the last page of this newsletter contains their e-mail addresses.

Committee	Objectives
Professional Development	Deliver programming to members that supports maintaining professional certifications and continuous learning designed to enhance internal audit professionals' value to stakeholders. This committee also handles all meeting arrangements, registrations, CPE, etc.
Knowledge-Sharing	Structure opportunities for members to connect, share knowledge, promote the internal audit profession, and advance thinking on matters of local importance.
Leadership	Create opportunities for members to enhance their leadership capabilities while providing effective chapter governance.
Audit	Act on behalf of the Board of Governors in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities for the financial reporting process, certain internal control processes, the independent audit/review process, and the chapter's process for filing IRS Form 990 and other relevant IRS information.
Nominating	Identify and submit to the Board and/or chapter members the formal nominations for all member-elected Board and officer positions, as required in chapter by-laws. It also identifies and appoints members to other officer and committee chair positions that do not require election by the chapter members on behalf of the Board of Governors.
Strategic Planning	Assess current and future chapter member needs and to recommend long-range objectives for the chapter to maximize chapter member benefits.
Academic Relations	Develop and support relationships through educational programs among practitioners, educators, students, educational institution administrators, and business/government communities, which enhance knowledge, skills, understanding and value of internal auditing as a profession in the marketplace.
Technology	Connect members through social media presence and maintain chapter website; Evaluate technology options as the chapter navigates the ever-changing climate.

Officers, Committee Leaders, and Governors

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Should anyone want to contact any of our Officers, Committee Leaders, or Chapter Governors, please do so via e-mail by clicking on a name listed below:

Officers	Title
Nick Jorz	Co-President
Jonathan Sanfilippo	Co-President
Brad DeBusk	1 st Vice President
Bill Allen	2 nd Vice President
Margo Cejer	Treasurer
Stephy Gao	Assistant Treasurer
Marvin Tarry	Secretary

Leaders/Committee Chairs	Role
Scott Miller & Dan Schrag	Academic Relations Committee Co-Chairs
Ed Vargo	Audit Committee Chair
Nick Jorz	Chapter Achievement Program Lead
Chris Millen	Chapter Administrator
Jonathan Sanfilippo	Hospitality Coordinator
Melissa Banfield & Nick Jorz	Nominating Committee Co-Chairs
Marvin Tarry & Chasey Rotondo	Professional Development Committee Co-Chairs
Patrick Brogan & Johanna Davison	Knowledge Sharing Committee
Bill Quinn	Specialty Centers Liaison
Scott Miller & Laurence Talley	Strategic Planning Committee Co-Chairs
Laurence Talley & Andrew Scott	Technology Committee

Board of Governors	
Christy Gardner	Dan Schrag
Melissa Banfield (A)	Randal Slifer
John Krueger	Amanda Sterling (A)
Scott Miller	Laurence Talley
Bill Mitchell	Ed Vargo (A)
Richard Molina	David Golias
Bill Quinn	Patrick Brogan
Joseph Nejman	

Note: "(A)" designates a member of the Audit Committee.

Additional Training Opportunities

Please note the following includes additional training opportunities offered by regional IIA chapters and other local organizations. We encourage you to support, not only our chapter, but other local organizations throughout the year.

- Please “Save the Date” for the Northwest Ohio February 2025 Chapter meeting! David Cutri, Chapter Vice President and Chief Audit Executive at the University of Toledo, will be presenting on the topic of Lean Six Sigma for Planning and Execution. As a Lean Six Sigma Master Black Belt practitioner for over 15 years, David will be sharing many of the tools and techniques that will allow you to be successful in root cause analysis and process engineering/redesign.

The meeting will be held in hybrid modality, with in-person activities hosted by CliftonLarsonAllen in Maumee. Lunch will be provided to in-person attendees. This Chapter meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and will quality for 1.5 CPE.

Last day to register is February 21st.

Register Here: [IIA Northwest Ohio February 2025 Chapter Meeting - Choose Registration](#)

- Please “Save the Date” for the Financial Executives Networking Group meeting featuring the topic ‘The Future of Cleveland's West Side Market’.

Our presenter will be [Rosemary Mudry](#) , Executive Director at [Cleveland Public Market Corporation](#). The topic will be the West Side Market and the direction it is heading.

No charge. Guests are always welcome. [Please RSVP Here](#)

Location:

Sandler Sales Training Center
[6060 Rockside Woods Blvd. N. Suite 105](#)
Independence, OH 44131

To learn more about FENG, or apply for membership in the national organization, click the following link. Membership is free. Register here: <https://www.thefeng.org/>