



*The Audit Voice*  
Co-Presidents' Message

Dear Members & Friends,

Thank you to everyone who joined us in-person for our joint event with the Northeast Ohio Financial Executives International chapter at Rocket Arena this past month. Thank you to Alan Demir, Ron Gothelf, Jeff Mueller, and Jared Sheena from Grant Thornton and Dave Andrea and Lou Longo from Plante Moran for presenting on the topics of Successful ERP Implementations Providing Efficiency, Risk Management and Controls Automation and Understanding and Navigating Trade and Tariffs in the Trump Administration respectively. The training included an industry networking dinner and attendees enjoyed great seats to watch a comeback victory by the 1<sup>st</sup> place Cleveland Cavaliers over the Brooklyn Nets.

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 1.5 additional CPE topic presented by the Institute of Internal Auditors national office for a total of 4.5 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 15<sup>th</sup>. 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!

Our annual New Auditor Training will be held on Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District. An event announcement will go out in the coming weeks.

Additionally, our annual Northeast Ohio IIA Member Appreciation Golf Outing will be held on Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at StoneWater Golf Club in Highland Heights, OH, with registration and doughnuts and coffee beginning at 7:30 a.m. You can obtain balls and tees from the clubhouse at that time. We are in the process of seeking sponsorships for this eagerly awaited event!

Thank you for your continued support of the Northeast Ohio Chapter. 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 |
|---------|-------------------------------|--|---|-----|
| 4/23/25 | 12:45pm – 5:00pm              | NW Ohio & NE Ohio IIA Joint Meeting featuring Ethics presented by Ohio Society of CPAs | Virtual (Zoom)  | 4.5 |
| 5/15/25 | 12:30pm – 5:00pm              | CAE Roundtable   | Kent State University – Meonske Professional Development Conference | 4.5 |
| 6/13/25 | 8:00am – 4:30pm               | New Auditor Training   | Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District                              | 8   |
| 6/16/25 | Registration begins at 7:30am | Annual Golf Outing   | StoneWater 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.

**Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**NEO IIA & NWO IIA Joint Meeting Preview – Mark Your Calendar!**

**IIA Members: \$65 (Virtual only)**  
**Non-Members: \$100 (Virtual only)**

**Register Online at:**  
**NEO IIA April Meeting – OSCP Ethics & Quality Assessments**

The Northeast Ohio IIA is happy to announce that we are hosting, in conjunction with the Northwest Ohio IIA chapter, a joint event featuring an ethics session presented by the Ohio Society of CPAs that will fulfill the 3-credit Professional Standards & Responsibilities (PSR) requirement for CPAs in Ohio!

Additionally, as we all know in 2024 the IIA introduced an updated International Professional Practices Framework (IPPF), including the newly established Global Internal Audit Standards. Continuing with our focus on providing training related to the New Standards, we would also like to welcome Warren Hersh from the Institute of Internal Auditors and Keith Kahl as they present a one-of-a-kind panel session focused on the requirements for internal audit functions to demonstrate not just conformance but also measurable performance, underscoring the importance of enhancing their contribution to their organizations. This session will equip you with practical strategies and techniques to strengthen your department's effectiveness, improve audit quality, and exceed stakeholder expectations.

**Note: This meeting will be held via the Zoom platform. A Zoom meeting link will be sent shortly after registration. There will also be an email sent a few days prior to the event with the Zoom link. Polling questions are required for CPE credit. Polling questions may not work with tablets or cellphones; please use a computer to ensure you can answer polling questions. If you have any questions or technical issues the day of the meeting, please email [Marvin Tarry](#) or [Nick Jorz](#).**

**Training Agenda (Virtual only):**

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| <b>12:45 – 12:50</b> | <b>Opening Announcements</b>   |
| <b>12:50 – 3:20</b>  | <b>Tiffany Crosby (Ohio Society of CPAs)</b><br>Topic: Avoiding the Slippery Slope – Establishing Ethical Guardrails (PSR3)              |
| <b>3:20 – 3:35</b>   | <b>Break</b>   |
| <b>3:35 – 4:55</b>   | <b>Warren Hersh (Institute of Internal Auditors) &amp; Keith Kahl</b><br>Topic: Maximizing Internal Audit Quality, Performance and Value |
| <b>4:55 – 5:00</b>   | <b>Closing Announcements</b>   |

# 2025 Chief Audit Executive Roundtable & ESG Update @ The Meonske Conference in Kent, OH

May 15, 2025

11:15 a.m. – 4:50 p.m. (4.5 CPEs)

**\$125: Includes lunch, CPE, and an evening reception!**

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The Meonske conference spans both May 15th and 16th, with opportunities to earn up to **16 CPE**. Please see the Meonske Conference [website](#) for information about the conference, including the full schedule and presenter bios. This year the conference will be held at Crawford Hall – Kent State's brand-new business building!

To register for just the internal-audit specific training at a rate of \$125, please go [here](#).  
To register for one or both days of the full conference at the standard rate, please go [here](#).

**The event will be in-person only. Crawford Hall is located at 100 Midway Dr, Kent, OH 44242. A parking map will be sent to participants a week before the event.**

## Session Summary for the NEO IIA half day training on May 15th (In-person only)\*:

11:30 am – 12:30 pm: Lunch

12:30 – 1:45 pm: Chief Audit Executive (CAE) Roundtable *presented by KPMG*

1:45 – 2:00 pm: Break

2:00 – 3:15 pm: Changes in Sustainability Reporting: What's Next? *Ted Christy & Luke Wilson, KPMG*

3:15 – 3:30 pm: Break

3:30 – 4:45 pm: Audit Technology – Client Successes Panel

4:50 – 5:00 pm: Closing Remarks & Door Prizes

5:00 pm: Networking Reception hosted by Kent State University

*\*Note there are other sessions at 2pm and 3:30pm that participants can select in place of these recommendations if desired. All sessions offered are listed on the conference's website.*

Members with questions about registration or the Meonske Conference should contact Jonathan Sanfilippo or Scott Miller. If you are a CAE / Internal Audit Director in the local area and would like to participate in the CAE Roundtable, please reach out to Stephy Gao.

## 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  |
|---------|--|
| KeyBank | <a href="#">Senior Lead Auditor – Information Security Audit</a> |

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

### 2025 Intercollegiate Ethics Case Competition

On February 28, 2025, The Northeast Ohio Chapter of the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) sponsored the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Intercollegiate Ethics Case Competition (IECC) hosted by Cleveland State University. The annual competition features accounting majors from universities across Ohio competing to solve real-world

ethical dilemmas. This year's case was the original work of CSU Accounting Department Faculty Dr. Craig Foltin. It challenged students to think critically about the implementation of QC 1000 – the new quality control standard for public accounting firms adopted by the PCAOB.

Each of the eight competing teams showcased their talent by submitting a paper in response to the case and making a presentation in front of judges. **Baldwin Wallace University** took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the competition and **Kent State University** finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Both teams presented in the final round showcase in the main auditorium after winning their opening round brackets. The runners-up in each opening round bracket, **Case Western Reserve University** and **John Carroll University**, were awarded a share of 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Each team received a cash prize.

Judges for the event included Northeast Ohio IIA Co-President Nick Jorz (Medical Mutual), Northeast Ohio IIA Past President Melissa Banfield (AmTrust), Michelle Buckley (Meaden & Moore), Gino Scipione (Cohen & Co), Tim Porter (Pease Bell CPAs), Steven Siemborski (Deloitte), Sam Strano (Deloitte), and Janis Thiedemann (Parker Hannifin).



*Northeast Ohio IIA has sponsored this competition every year dating back to 2019*



*Baldwin Wallace University students Ted DeMarco, Natalie Moscarino, and Dennis Ritlinger-Nirider with advisor Jacqueline Wukich*



*Kent State University students Kayla Nagle, Anna Siesel, and Drew DeGeorge with advisor Scott Miller*



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## IIA 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.

IIA Quality Services can help move your Quality Assurance and Improvement Program (QAIP) to the next level with a range of services and expert practitioners.

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   |
|---------------------------------|--|
| <b>Professional Development</b> | 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.   |
| <b>Knowledge-Sharing</b>        | Structure opportunities for members to connect, share knowledge, promote the internal audit profession, and advance thinking on matters of local importance.   |
| <b>Leadership</b>               | Create opportunities for members to enhance their leadership capabilities while providing effective chapter governance.  |
| <b>Audit</b>                    | 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.  |
| <b>Nominating</b>               | 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. |
| <b>Strategic Planning</b>       | Assess current and future chapter member needs and to recommend long-range objectives for the chapter to maximize chapter member benefits.   |
| <b>Academic Relations</b>       | 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.  |
| <b>Technology</b>               | 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 2024 - 2025

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                          |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <a href="#">Nick Jorz</a>           | Co-President                   |
| <a href="#">Jonathan Sanfilippo</a> | Co-President                   |
| <a href="#">Brad DeBusk</a>         | 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President |
| <a href="#">Bill Allen</a>          | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President |
| <a href="#">Margo Cejer</a>         | Treasurer                      |
| <a href="#">Stephy Gao</a>          | Assistant Treasurer            |
| <a href="#">Marvin Tarry</a>        | Secretary                      |

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

| Board of Governors                   |                                     |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <a href="#">Christy Gardner</a>      | <a href="#">Dan Schrag</a>          |
| <a href="#">Melissa Banfield (A)</a> | <a href="#">Randal Slifer</a>       |
| <a href="#">John Krueger</a>         | <a href="#">Amanda Sterling (A)</a> |
| <a href="#">Scott Miller</a>         | <a href="#">Laurence Talley</a>     |
| <a href="#">Bill Mitchell</a>        | <a href="#">Ed Vargo (A)</a>        |
| <a href="#">Richard Molina</a>       | <a href="#">David Golias</a>        |
| <a href="#">Bill Quinn</a>           | <a href="#">Patrick Brogan</a>      |
| <a href="#">Joseph Nejman</a>        |                                     |

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