

Seattle Chapter



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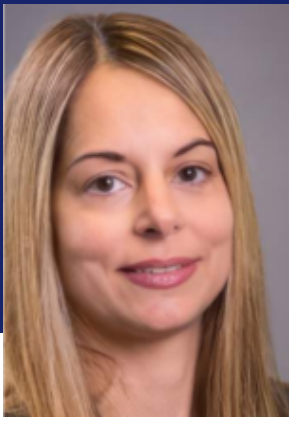
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- VP Conferences**
Nick Meyer (Workiva)





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear IIA Seattle Chapter Members,

Happy New Year!! I hope everyone was able to enjoy a restful holiday break. We are very excited about 2025 and look forward to providing many opportunities for us to connect as a community through our monthly CPE sessions and in person events. Thank you to everyone who joined our West District December event on the topic of Ethical Decision Making, presented by Cynthia Cooper. We had such a great turnout and hope you found the session informative and helpful. A special thanks to all of the Ronnie Bains who helped coordinate the event with our programming team, collaborating with our partner chapters in the district.

Please join us on January 16th for an insightful discussion on the topic of Communicating with the Executive Tier, where Todd Weinman from the Weinman Group, where he will share a perspective on the skills required to effectively communicate with the Executive Leadership team and will present results from a survey that interviewed Risk and Audit Leaders. [Registration Link](#)

Our 2024 – 2025 scholarship application deadline is closed on December 27, 2024, we increased the number of scholarships to five and look forward to sharing the list of people who were selected to receive a scholarship award. We've had a lot of success in previous years and look forward to awarding the five scholarships in 2025. Please refer to the updates in this newsletter and our LinkedIn site for further information.

We have several volunteer positions we are looking to fill, if you are passionate about academic relations, programming, member engagement, communications or want to volunteer your financial skills to support our treasurer we'd love to hear from you at chapter34@iiachaptercommunications.org.

Have a wonderful month!!!

Your Seattle Chapter IIA President
Cynthia Behnen Gillison

Meet your FY24/25 Chapter Officers!



President – Cynthia Behnen-Gillison



1st VP Secretary – Caroline Pietrowski



2nd VP Programing – Veronica "Ronnie" Bains



VP Certification – Nira Kohli



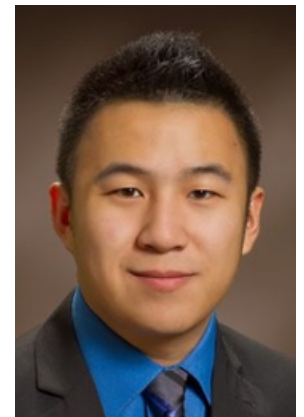
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Chapter News & Events

FY 2024-25 SAVE THE DATES!

Date/Location	Pillar	Topic	Presenter(s)
January 16, 2025 (Virtual)	Luncheon	Communicating with the Executive Tier	Todd Weinman, President and Founder of The Weinman Group
February 2025 (TBD)	CAE Roundtable	TBD	TBD
February 2025 (Virtual)	Luncheon – partnering with Nisqually Chapter or Audit Board	TBD	TBD
March 11, 2025 (In-Person)	Luncheon – partnering with ISACA	TBD	TBD
April 2025 (TBD)	DEI Luncheon	TBD	TBD
Thursday, April 24, 2025 (Virtual)	CAE Roundtable	TBD	Trent Russell
May 1, 2025 (In-Person)	Fraud Conference	16 th Annual Fraud Conference	TBD
May 15, 2025 (In-Person)	CAE Roundtable	AI Governance	Protiviti
May 29, 2025 (In-Person)	Member Appreciation Luncheon or Happy Hour	TBD	TBD

SAVE THE DATE!!

IIA Seattle's Annual Fraud Conference

When: *Thursday, May 1st, 2025*

Where: *University of Washington - Seattle, WA*

What to Expect: *Engaging presentations and panels with industry leaders and fraud professionals, networking with your peers, lunch, and more! Registration will be open soon.*

Interested in getting involved with Programming? Contact Veronica Bains (VP Programming) at Chapter34@iiachaptercommunications.org

Call for Chapter Officers & Volunteers !

Interested in volunteering with the IIA Seattle Chapter in 2025? We are currently looking for candidates to nominate themselves to join our Officer team for the next Chapter year from June 1, 2025 to May 31, 2026.

The positions available and time requirements vary, and we'd be happy to review available options with you to find a right fit for your interests and time commitments.

If you are interested in learning more or to nominate yourself to join the Officer team, please email us at chapter34@iiachaptercommunications.org.

Thanks for your interest!

Global Internal Audit Standards

The day is here – one year after the release of the Global Internal Audit Standards, they are now effective. Many of you have proactively incorporated the new Standards into your work. Your commitment to quality and continuous improvement is inspiring. This significant day also serves as a reminder that it is always a great time to refresh our knowledge and deepen our understanding of the Standards.

Explore The IIA's many resources here: [Global Internal Audit Standards](#)

Within the [January 9, 2025, Promotional Toolkit](#) you'll find:

- A video graphic that can be used with the social media post or a What's App message.
- Graphics that can be used on webpages or in email newsletters.

At www.theiia.org/newstandards, please find the publication of the Global Internal Audit Standards, complete and condensed versions, along with 25 translations of the complete version.

Also find the following:

- Conformance Readiness Assessment Tool.
- Two-way Mapping: 2017 IPPF Mandatory Elements to 2024 Global Internal Audit Standards and a Glossary Comparison.
- Report on the Standard-setting and Public Comment Processes.
- Frequently Asked Questions.
- A link to the Standards Knowledge Center, which houses additional resources to support practitioners implementing the Standards.
- IIA Global HQ has also produced the 2024 edition of the Quality Assessment Manual and has been updating Global Guidance to align with the new Standards.

If you have any further questions about the Standards, please email standards-guidance@theiia.org or your Chapter Engagement contact chapter34@iiachaptercommunications.org.



CIA Challenge Exam

The more focused path to Certification

The CIA Challenge Exam is your chance to join the more than 185,000 CIAs who have achieved this highly respected global certification.

As a CISA™ holder or an active CPA or CA holder, you can take advantage of this limited opportunity to earn the Certified Internal Auditor® (CIA®) designation through an expedited process called the CIA Challenge Exam. This expedited process allows you to obtain the CIA designation after successfully passing the one-part examination.

The CIA Challenge Exam only includes content not covered on your CISA™, CPA or CA exam, saving you time and money.

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IIA Seattle Events - Students

Are you interfacing with students? We encourage you to have them sign up for a FREE student membership! They will get access to:

- Internal Auditor Magazine
- Member only discounts
- Scholarship opportunity

Students can use the code: IIA Student. They likely do not want to go by themselves. However, a group of students from a class or as a guest with a professor can be a great learning/networking opportunity.

Reach out to chapter34@iiachaptercommunications.org with any questions!

*Austin Bailey, Seattle
VP Academic Relations*



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1 Create an IIA Account.
<https://register.theiia.org/>

2 Log into the site below and submit a student application.
<https://myiia.theiia.org/Student/Index>

IIA Seattle Events - Students

Scholarship program 2024-25

The Institute of Internal Auditors Seattle Chapter is pleased to offer up to five scholarships to students attending an accredited college or university in the state Washington for the 2024-2025 school year.

The application deadline has been extended to March 21, 2025!

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Be an undergraduate entering their junior year or higher in fall 2024, fifth year, masters, or PhD candidate. Community college transfers are also encouraged to apply. Students must attend a college or university that is accredited in Washington State.
2. Be actively pursuing a career in Internal Audit
3. Have an active IIA Membership (IIA Membership is free for students)

Amount and Duration of Scholarships:

- Scholarship award is up to \$2,500 to be applied towards tuition or other expenses from the college or university.
- Scholarship monies are paid directly to the accredited college or university listed on application and cannot be paid directly to the student.
- Scholarships are non-renewable.

Certification

CONGRATS

Members Achieving CIA Certifications



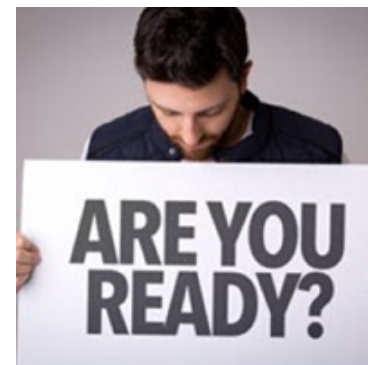
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Members Achieving CRMA Certifications

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CIA Syllabi Changes

Changes are coming to the CIA exams in 2025. The FINAL version of updated CIA syllabi will be posted to www.theiia.org/CIA2025 on 9/30 along with a list of candidate scenarios, FAQs, and additional details.



The Global Internal Audit Standards become effective January 9, 2025. Early adoption is encouraged. Download resources [here](#), free to members, to help your internal audit function implement the new standards.



Registration is open!

2025 Fraud Virtual Conference

The Fraud Virtual Conference is part of a series of one day conferences designed to help internal auditors stay ahead of critical issues and be more responsive in their work.

Feb 20, 2025 | Virtual, Only

2025 GAM Conference

Join the most esteemed gathering of internal audit innovators, leaders, and trailblazers at 2025 GAM: Great Audit Minds. Immerse yourself in a dynamic learning environment where you can collaborate and tackle today's pressing business and audit challenges while pioneering the frontiers of tomorrow. By participating, you will gain invaluable insights, forge meaningful connections, and acquire the tools and knowledge necessary to bring true value to your organization. Embrace the future of internal audit and revolutionize your impact today.

Mar 10 - 12, 2025 | Kissimmee, Florida

2025 Analytics, Automation and AI Virtual Conference

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.

Apr 10, 2025 | Virtual, Only

2025 Global Student Conference

Connect with fellow students and educators, learn key competencies for becoming an effective internal auditor, and gain strategies to help exceed both current educators' and future employers' expectations.

Apr 13 - 15, 2025 | Orlando, Florida

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 or read more here.

Certification Online Testing Available Now

To support the continued professional development of certification candidates around the world and in response to mass Pearson VUE test center closures due to COVID-19, The IIA has adopted online testing to enable candidates to take the Certified Internal Auditor® (CIA®), Certification in Risk Management Assurance® (CRMA®), and CIA Challenge exams from home. This flexible testing option will be available for a limited time..

[IIA Certification Information](#)